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8. HAMPSHIRE

A. County Council Surveyors' Department

Reported in 1972 that there was no liaison with the Nature Conservancy on the subject of the management of roadside verges. There was some liaison with the Naturalists' Trust and 32 sites of interest had been scheduled, although they were not marked on the ground, nor was there any management agreement for them. In 1969 the then County Surveyor had complained of a lack of information from the Naturalists' Trust about species and sites for conservation (Way, 1969).

A County Council verge management policy to meet conservation requirements was approved at a meeting of Divisional Surveyors in September 1972. This document formed the basis of a recommendation to the County Roads and Bridges Committee to amend their previous Verge Maintenance Policy dated April 1972, in the interests of the conservation of the countryside. In March 1973 a meeting was held in the Highways Department between the officer concerned with roadside maintenance for the County, representatives from the Nature Conservancy, the Naturalists' Trust and the National Farmers Union. Later in the year the Nature Conservancy and the Naturalists' Trust received letters from the Highways Department describing complaints that had been made by the public about the untidy effect of the verge maintenance policy, and seeding noxious (injurious) weeds. The Department was hoping for comments from the conservation organisations about benefits to wildlife from the policy to set against the criticisms that they had received.

B. Nature Conservancy

Reported in 1973 that there had been intermittent contact with the County Surveyor over road verge management for several years but did not feel that this had been very successful.

C. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists' Trust

In 1973 the conservation committee of the Trust expressed satisfaction at the state of the road verges during the summer. A proposal had been made to re-convene the Trust's Verges Sub-Committee in 1974 with the object of checking and revising the list of scheduled sites. The list had originally been compiled during the period 1967-1971 (except for one site in 1973) by individual members of the Trust and information on site location presented to the Highway Department in the form of half-inch circles on a one inch map, with the centre of the circle at the map reference given. It is now felt that this may be insufficiently precise to help the tractor driver avoid plants of interest at the actual time of mowing, particularly as there are no posts or other indications on the ground to help him. In one case a site has been marked by a post, in this case put up by the RDC's Assistant Surveyor. In a very few instances management proposals had been noted at the time of the compilation of the lists of sites.

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HAMPSHIRE - Not all of these sites have been scheduled with the Highways Department									
11	SU 104159	U	Damerham						
11	SU 109160	B 3708	Damerham						Ranunculus auricomus, Melica uniflora
11	SU 10-16-	C 222	Damerham			SE			
11	SZ 128971	C 137	Hurn			N			Teesdalia nudicaulis
11	SZ 14-97-	C 137	Hurn			S			Ditch flora. Hydrocharis morsus-ranae
11	SZ 149979	123	Sopley	80	E				Campanula sp.
11	SZ 149981	A 338	Avon Valley Road	100	E				Campanula rapunculus, Rumex pulcher
11	SU 156076	120	Blashford				SE		Chenopodium bonus-henricus
11	SU 159179	A 338				E			Polygonum dumetorum
11	SU 164084	106	Moyles Court			S			Companula rapunculus
11	SU 164107	119		30	SE				Teesdalia nudicaulis
11	SU 241109	A 31			S				Pulicaria vulgaris
									Polygonatum odoratum,
									Convallaria majalis
									Botrychium lunaria
12	SU 244447	C 77							Mixed hedge and representative chalk flora
12	SU 269364	84				W			Cirsium eriophorum
12	SU 292455	A 303		200	S				Symphytum x uplandicum
									Geranium pratense
12	SU 293481	C 3	Little Shoddesden			S			Cicerbita macrophylla
12	SU 293482	C 3	Little Shoddesden			N			Lotus tenuis
11	SU 313336	C 172	Broughton	200	S				Campanula rapunculoides
11	SU 317290	B 3084	Broughton	100	E				Platanthera chlorantha
									Genista tinctoria
									Carex otrubae
									Marsh and meadow flora

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12	SU 335376		Danebury Hill						Astragalus danicus Senecio integrifolius Orobanche elatior
		80/89/C91							
12	SU 345415	C 65	Redrice House						Galanthus nivalis Polygonatum multiflorum Geum rivale Galeobdolon luteum Endymion non-scriptus and other woodland and marsh flora
11	SU 35-25-	67	Michelmersh	200					
11	SU 354333	41	Marsh Court	200	W				Sambucus ebulus Symphytum x uplandicum Chalk flora
11	SU 355337	41	Stockbridge		B				
12	SU 372592	C 33							Aconites from adjoining garden
12	SU 373375	A 3057							Cirsium eriophorum, Ononis spinosa, Anacamptis pyramidalis, Gymnadenia conopsea, Erigeron acer and other downland plants
12	SU 376409	A 3057	Red Hill	300	E				
12	SU 380393	A 3057	Fullerton junction						Sambucus ebulus Rubia peregrina, Viola hirta, Pulmonaria longifolia
	SZ 384792	135	Lodge Farm						
11	SU 395295	79	Farley Mount						Geranium pratense Anacamptis pyramidalis Gymnadenia conopsea and Chalk flora
11	SU 410331	U	Upper Somborne	60	E				
11	SU 417292	171	Sarum Road						Platanthera chlorantha Frunella laciniata Epipactis helleborine Galega officinalis Sedum telephium and mixed flora Mixed flora
11	SU 420292	171							
11	SU 425293	171	Sarum Road						
11	SU 429271	C 174	Standen		S				
11	SU 431253	170	Hursley						
11	SU 435255	170	Bunstead						
HAMPSHIRE - contd.									
12	SU 431463	U	Hurstbourne Priors	100	S				Symphytum x uplandicum Mixed flora Hyoscyamus niger Monotropa sp. and other orchids Mixed flora Orobanche sp. and mixed flora
11	SU 435297	C 174	Sparsholt Road						
11	SU 451269	170	Port Lane						
12	SU 460340	B 3240							
12	SU 463557	A 34			E				
12	SU 475593	18	Ecchinswell	1 mile	B				
12	SU 483500	26							Orobanche sp. and mixed flora Large white helleborine Geranium pratense Geranium pyrenaicum Orobanche elatior
12	SU 492570	2			W				
12	SU 505291	A 272	Winchester						
12	SU 50-31-	C 238	Winchester						
12	SU 508590	C 155	Nothing Hill		S				Chalk flora Orobanche elatior, Knautia arvensis, Reseda lutea, Hypericum sp.
12	SU 51-51-	B 3051	Overton						
12	SU 518437	A 30	Micheldever Tunnel						Cerastium arvense Potentilla tabernaemontani
12	SU 525281	A 272	Telegraph Hill		W				Aceras anthropophorum, Gymnadenia conopsea, Anacamptis pyramidalis, Ophrys apifera, Listera ovata, Juniperus communis, Polygala calcarea
11	SU 543064	C 375	Titchfield Abbey						Cardamine amara Chalk flora and mixed hedges Aceras anthropophorum, Anacamptis pyramidalis Chalk flora Orobanche elatior
12	SU 546509	19							
11	SU 550218	197	Hedgerows and Verges near Upham						
11	SU 558213	C 9							
11	SU 558216	C 9							
12	SU 559331	179	Itchen Stoke		W				Campanula rapunculoides Galanthus nivalis
12	SU 577390	258							

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11	SU 592136	C 178	West Walk						Sedum telephium
11	SU 6 2				B	P			Orchidaceae
11	SU 626104	195	Beckford Lane						Geranium pyrenaicum
11	SU 630109	195	Beckford Lane						Geranium pyrenaicum
11	SU 653156	C 50	Whitedale House						Geranium pyrenaicum
11	SU 6 2				E				Cephalanthera longifolia
12	SU 677310	C 18	Monkwood		N				Epipactis purpurata
11	SU 683066	C 423	Crookhorn Lane						Geranium pratense
									Orchidaceae
12	SU 710257	U	Broadhanger House		S				Geranium pratense
12	SU 741310	213	Vann Farm		N				Helleborus viridis
					B				Arum neglectum
12	SU 746274	212	Wheatham Hill		B				Arum neglectum
									Arum neglectum ssp. italicum
12	SU 77-35-	C 70	Oakhanger						Ornithogalum nutans
12	SU 794384	B 3304	Kingsley Common		N				Potentilla argentea, Claytonia
									(Montia) perfoliata, Turritis
									glabra
12	SU 812315	B 2131	Longmoor Road		S				Pyrola minor