

Extracted from
CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
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13. KENT

A. County Council Roads Department

In 1972 reported that liaison with the Nature Conservancy was through the Naturalists' Trust. There was active liaison with the Trust at Departmental headquarters level but the Roads Department would also have liked to have had more contact at Divisional Surveyor level. This had been discussed but did not seem to have materialised. Many sites of special interest had been scheduled, and marked on the ground, with specific arrangements about the management of a number of individual sites. In March 1969 the County Surveyor issued an internal circular on grass cutting to his staff that set out instructions for marking and standards of maintenance for (*inter alia*) verges of botanical interest. Copies of this circular were sent to the Nature Conservancy and to the Naturalists' Trust. The circular also called for the co-operation of the Roads Department in the conservation of wild plants and animals on roadsides generally.

B. Nature Conservancy

Had provided the Roads Department with the original list of sites of importance in 1968. This was up-dated in March 1969 by the Naturalists' Trust. Contact in 1973 with the Roads Department was through the Trust.

C. Kent Trust for Nature Conservation

In December 1973 the Trust was considering improving its liaison with the Roads Department and reviewing the list of scheduled sites. There had not been any further review of this list since 1969 and it was thought that many of the marker posts put up at that time might have disappeared in addition to any changes that might have happened to the vegetation. There had been some work by a post-graduate student (Miss C. Brewster) at Wye College in 1972 to identify sites of conservation potential in the Stour Valley. She had described eight new sites and details of these had been sent by her to the Trust and to the County Surveyor. However, they do not appear in the list of scheduled sites available at the time of writing this report.

In April 1974 the Trust reported that the Kent Field Club had been carrying out a survey of the flora of the County, and that this was being collated and checked with reference to the list of roadside verge sites. It was intended that the Trust's Conservation Officer should visit the County Surveyor and Divisional Surveyors (following the changes arising from the Local Government reorganisation) to discuss arrangements for the conservation of important sites.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
KENT - all scheduled with the Highway Department									
15	TQ 759283	A 229	South of Hawkhurst	50	W		P		Cardamine bulbifera
15	TQ 703480	B 2162	Benover	50	W		V	RDW	
15	TQ 714465	B 2162	Collier Street	900			V	RDW	
15	TQ 770471	A 229	Bogden	50			VP	RDE	Carex vulpina
15	TQ 784455	A 229	Sweetlands Corner	100			VP	RDE	Carex vulpina
15	TQ 706534	A 26	Teston	50			P		Equisetum telmateia
15	TQ 718524	B 2163	W. Farleigh	300			P		Tragopogon pratensis
15	TQ 710532	B 2163	W. Farleigh	300			P		Agropyron caninum
15	TQ 733576	A 2020	Aylesford	100	N		P		Lactuca virosa
15	TQ 738580	A 20(M)	Maidstone by-pass	800					
15	TQ 754580	A 229	Sandling	100	W		P		Astragalus glycyphyllos
15	TQ 763582	A 20(M)	Maidstone by-pass		N		V		
15	TQ 772577	A 20(M)	Maidstone by-pass		N		V		
15	TQ 786507	B 2163	Cock Street	1600			P		Pimpinella major
15	TQ 798585	A 249	Detling Hill Banks	800			V		
15	TQ 707712	A 226	Court Wood	50			VP	FDM	Lathyrus sylvestris
15	TQ 843432	A 274	S.E. of Headcorn	100			P		Rumex alpinus
15	TQ 825543	A 2020	Eyborne Street	800			P		Orobancha elatior
15	TQ 842532	A 20	Warren Wood	600	N		VP	FDM	Vulpia ambigua
15	TQ 849558	B 2163	Hollingbourne Hill	1000			V	GBD	
15	TQ 849580	A 20	Chegworth	600	B		P		Verbasicum lychnites Carex muricata
15	TQ 868636	A 249	Chestnut Street	250	S		V		
15	TQ 874638	A 249	Chestnut Street	200	E		V		
15	TQ 879641	A 249	Key Street/Chestnut Street	300	E		V		
15	TQ 883647	A 249	Bobbing	300	S		P		Calamintha nepeta
15	TQ 991358	B 2070	Bitchett Wood	300			VP	FDM	Carex vulpina
15	TQ 970467	A 20	Hothfield Common	400	W		V		
15	TQ 995445	A 20	Potters Corner	700			V	GAD	
15	TR 076259	A 259	Romney Warren	700	N		V		
15	TR 078261	A 259	Warren House	100	S		V		
15	TR 072354	B 2067	Postling Green	1200			P		Cirsium eriophorum Astragalus glycyphyllos Vicia sylvatica

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15	TR 025483	A 251	Boughton Court	50			P		Hieracium spp.
15	TR 041414	A 20	E. of Willesborough	400	N		P		Silene nutans, Linum bienne
15	TR 089492	C	Winchcombe Farm	100			P		Aceras anthropophorum
15	TR 041523	A 252	Park Wood, Molash	50			P		Mentha rotundifolia Astragalus glycyphyllos
15	TR 134431	B 2068	Westwood Lyminge	600	E		P		Convallaria majalis Hieracium spp.
15	TR 132534	C	S.W. of Iffin Wood				P		Thesium humifusum
15	TR 186537	A 2	Bridge Hill	400			P		Atropa belladonna
15	TR 190579	A 257	Oldridge Wood	800	B		V		
15	TR 197576	A 257	Pine Wood, Littlebourne	800	N		V		
15	TR 294436	A 2	River	100	N				Orobanche caryophyllacea
15	TR 226517	B 2046	S.W. of Adisham	600	E		P		Rosa spp.
16	TQ 565561	A 25	Seal Chart	1000			P		Vaccinium myrtillus
16	TQ 618592	A 20	Wrotham by-pass	300	N		P		Lathyrus aphaca
16	TQ 637686	A 227	Nurstead		E		P		Astragalus glycyphyllos
- recorded in 1972. Not scheduled									
15	TR 107554	A 28					N		Sison amomum
15	TR 078538	A 28					S		Lathyrus nissolia
15	TR 063424	U	Hackliott Wood				S		Lathyrus nissolia
15	TR 074488	U					E		Aceras anthropophorum Anacamptis pyramidalis Gymnadenia conopsea
15	TR 084489	U					E		Anacamptis pyramidalis Gymnadenia conopsea
15	TR 072486	U					W		Aquilegia vulgaris
15	TR 088473	U					E		Epipactis helleborine
15	TR 087538	U					E		Thalictrum flavum

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