

Extracted from
CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
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20. LEICESTERSHIRE

A. County Council Highways Department

Reported in 1972 that there was direct contact with the Regional and Research branches of the Nature Conservancy, and also contact with the Conservancy through the Naturalists' Trust, with whom there was active liaison. From 1964 to 1971 ten sites had been scheduled; as the result of a meeting with the Trust in 1971 it was agreed that the list should be revised and extended, this work is still in progress (April 1974). At an Area Surveyors' Conference in September 1971, under an agenda item to consider verge cutting, emphasis was placed on the preservation of the flora and a recommendation made that the Naturalists' Trust should be asked to provide details of verges of conservation interest for special consideration. This recommendation would have led to the meeting with the Trust referred to above.

B. Nature Conservancy

Reported in 1973 that direct contact with the County Surveyor about roadside verges had been made on a number of occasions.

C. Leicestershire and Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation

Meetings had been held with the present County Surveyor and his predecessor regarding roadside management. The meetings had been very satisfactory and it was considered that the County Council treated the verges sympathetically. There had been general agreement that verges of conservation importance should be managed as Nature Reserves but the Trust had yet to produce a definitive list of suitable sites. Seventy possible sites were under consideration at the time of writing in April 1974. The previous list of ten sites (shown below and included in the sites under consideration) were not at this time the subject of an agreement.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

LEICESTERSHIRE - Sites previously scheduled but under reconsideration and no longer the subject of an agreement in April 1974

55	SP 370019	C	Wellsborough	3300						
55	SP 386965	C	Higham	1800						
55	SP 380970	C	Higham	2000						
55	SP 575910	C	Willoughby Waterless	4000						
55	SK 610180	C	Seagrave	1200						
55	SK 630235	B 5324	Wymeswold	4000						
55	SK 782040	C	Oxey Farm	1300						
55	SK 805055	C	Withcote	2300						
55	SK 875270	C	Sproxton						Driftway	
55	SK 886210	C	Sewstern Green Lanes	1000						