

Extracted from  
**CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES**  
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25. STAFFORDSHIRE

A. County Council Roads and Bridges Department

In 1972 reported that there was no local contact with the Nature Conservancy but that there was some liaison with the Naturalists' Trust. No verges had been scheduled at headquarters level, but some had been notified to Area Surveyors.

B. Nature Conservancy

In 1973 reported that there had been some degree of contact with the Roads Department in the form of an annual correspondence. However, it was felt that a closer contact with the Department was developing, both between the Nature Conservancy and the Naturalists' Trust.

C. Staffordshire Nature Conservation Trust (formerly the Staffordshire Branch of the West Midlands Naturalists' Trust)

There were no sites of conservation importance scheduled in the County. A provisional list had been submitted to the Roads and Bridges Department in 1971, but no action had been taken. A further list was submitted by the Trust in March 1974, following a meeting of the County's Standing Conference on Countryside Organisations attended by the Trust and the Highway Department. At the time of writing (April, 1974) the Trust has not yet had a reply from the Department but assurances were given at the meeting in March that the proposals would be considered\*. There has been a rather unhappy relationship between the Trust and the Department, aggravated by the Department's widescale use of growth-regulator and growth-retarder sprays. However, in April 1974, the County Surveyor submitted a report to the New County Council's Highway Committee that placed increasing emphasis on conservation interests on rural roads, and specifically suggested a considerable reduction in the use of chemical sprays of all kinds. This report was accepted by the Highways Committee and its implementation will be welcomed by conservation organisations.

Author's note (entered in proof) - in a letter dated 16th May 1974 the County Surveyor wrote to say that he had received details of eleven sites of conservation importance from the Conservation Trust, and that he was hoping to be able to meet its requirements. Also that it was his intention to co-operate in every way with local Conservation Organisation in the preservation of flora and fauna.

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STAFFORDSHIRE - all notified to Highways Department									
39	SK 120298		Stock Lane						Primula vulgaris, P. veris, Viola odorata
39	SK 100290		Gorsty Wood						Ranunculus auricomus, Daphne laureola, Viola sp.
39	SK 133290		Marchington Cliff						Galium odoratum, Galeobdolon luteum. Woodland flora
39	SK 155284		Greaves Wood						Rich hedges. Rare moths
39	SK 136233		Hoar Cross						Daphne laureola
39	SK 125460		Stanton to Dale Abbey Farm						(Botanically interesting verges
39	SK 125460		Stanton to Mayfield						(endangered by hapazard spraying
39	SK 090590	B 5054	Warslow to Hartington						Cirsium heterophyllum
39	SK 021516		Ipstones Edge to Upper Cadlow Cross Roads						Parnassia palustris, Coeloglossum viride, Listera ovata and other plants of interest.
39	SJ 781239	A 519	Loynton Cross Roads to High Bridge						
			to Moss Cottage Lane past Loynton Farm		N				Ringlet Butterfly site.
39	SJ 809279		Horsley Lane						Pimpinella major
39	-	B 5405	Junction to Ellenhall Church						Fumaria sp.
39	-		Bishton Lane near Wolseley Bridge						Corydalis solida
39	-		Coley Lane, Little Haywood						Arum maculatum, Geranium lucidum
39	-		Hamstall Ridware						Malva neglecta, M. sylvestris, M. moschata
39	SK 120284		Woodroffes Cliff						Daphne laureola, Orchis mascula, Primula veris, Woodland flora

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