

Extracted from
CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
J.M.Way (1974)
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15. EAST SUSSEX

A. County Council Highways and Transportation Department

Reported in 1972 that contact with the Nature Conservancy on the subject of roadsides was through the Naturalists' Trust. There was a close and effective liaison with the Naturalists' Trust originating some 10 years previously. Road verge sites of special conservation interest had been scheduled and inconspicuously marked; there were management agreements regarding these sites either not to mow in the flowering season or, in some cases, not to mow at all and strict instructions had been given to maintenance foremen regarding this. There was also liaison with the Naturalists' Trust on roadwidening and improvement schemes, dumping and other matters to do with conservation and highways.

B. Nature Conservancy

Liaison with the Highways Department through the Naturalists' Trust.

C. Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation

The Trust's original list of sites of special interest was drawn up in 1966, and, with two additions (the *Ononis spinosa* site at Berwick and the *Jasione montana* site at Witherenden) remained the same for the BRC report in 1969. There had been no subsequent additions or deletions.

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EAST SUSSEX - all scheduled									
14	TV 507994	A 259	Exceat Bridge	20	N		P		Lathyrus aphaca
14	TQ 247114	C	Fulking	20	N		P		Ceterach officinarum
14	TQ 372131	B 2116	Offham	20	S		P		Geranium pratense
14	TQ 30-24-	B	Cuckfield	30	E		P		Orchis mascula, Viola spp., Vicia sp.
14	TQ 385211	A 272	Chailey Common	800	N		P		Viola lactea, Carex montana
14	TQ 426054	C	Southease	800	B		P		Tragopogon porrifolius
14	TQ 495051	C	Firle	20	S		P		Dianthus plumarius, Phyteuma spicatum, Phyteuma tenerum
14	TQ 439294	A 22	Nutley	1200	W		V	GAF	
14	TQ 410334	C	Forest Row	1200	S		P		Pyrola rotundifolia
14	TQ 461321	C	Coleman's Hatch	1200	N		V	GAD	
14	TQ 524055	B 2108	Berwick		E		P		Ononis spinosa
14	TQ 559082	C	Abbots Wood	20	N		P		Phyteuma spicatum
14	TQ 514136	C	Stone Cross	2400	B		P		Dactylorhiza fuchsii, Lychnis flos-cuculi, Cardamine pratensis
14	TQ 576147	? C	Gun Hill, Chiddingly	20	W		P		Geranium versicolor
14	TQ 508208	C	Framfield	40	B		P		Phyteuma spicatum
14	TQ 539223	C	Hadlow Down	20	S		P		Phyteuma spicatum
14	TQ 551205	C	Cross-in-Hand	15	W		P		Phyteuma spicatum
14	TQ 585269	A 267	Mayfield	20	N		P		Aristolochia clematitis
14	TQ 587269	C	Mayfield	20	N		P		Potentilla recta
14	TQ 576328	C	Saxonbury Hill	800	N		V	GAD	
14	TQ 645103	C	Herstmonceux	40	B		P		Geranium phaeum
14	TQ 685139	C	Ashburnham	800	E		P		Solidago virgaurea
14	TQ 606233	C	Broad Oak	20	B		P		Phyteuma spicatum
14	TQ 602280	C	Mayfield				P		Cardamine bulbifera

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EAST SUSSEX - contd									
14	TQ 64-26-	B 2181	Witherenden				P		Jasione montana
14	TQ 737189	C	Netherfield	30	S		P		Ophioglossum vulgatum
14	TQ 768141	C	Telham Hill	50	S		P		Polygonum bistorta
14	TQ 764189	B 2095	Whatlington	100	E		VP	GAD	Linum bienne
14	TQ 767208	B 2089	Cripps Corner	20	N		VP	FDM	Epipactis helleborine
14	TQ 764266	A 229	Hawkhurst	20	W		P	ENH	Cardamine bulbifera
14	TQ 826173	A 28	Westfield	50	W		P		Orchis morio
14	TQ 878185	C	Udimore	20	N		P		Inula helenium
14	TQ 855211	C	Beckley	20	E		P		Platanthera chlorantha
14	TQ 956189	C	Camber	100	S		P		Poa bulbosa
14	TQ 933202	C	Camber	2500	S		VP	OAJ	Salvia horminoides

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16. WEST SUSSEX

A. County Council Surveyors' Department

No direct contact with the Nature Conservancy. Close and effective liaison with the Naturalists' Trust. Roadverge sites of special conservation interest were scheduled and marked on the ground. Early in 1973 the County Surveyor issued a document on 'County Verge Management Policy - Grass Cutting' that paid considerable attention to conservation interests. This resulted in experimental treatment of one third of the mileage of rural road verges, involving a programme of very much less cutting than hitherto.

B. Nature Conservancy

Liaison with the Surveyors' Department was through the Naturalists' Trust.

C. Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation

The Trust drew up a detailed list of sites of special conservation interest in 1966 with suggestions for their management. This list with minor alterations was reproduced by the Biological Records Centre in 1969. There have been no subsequent additions or deletions. The Trust's recent policy has been to press both East and West Sussex County Councils for an overall strategy of roadside maintenance, rather than to increase the number of special sites, except where a verge of exceptional interest had been discovered. The 1973 change in the maintenance policy of the West Sussex Surveyors' Department had been welcomed by the Trust and it was hoped, in view of the reported success of the reduced management programme on a proportion of the County roads, that it would be possible to apply these changes to all the verges in the County for the next season.

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WEST SUSSEX - all scheduled									
13	SZ 850998	B 2145	Sidlesham Green	600	B		P		Tragopogon porrifolius
13	SU 795193	C	E. Harting Village	20	N		P		Sambucus ebulus
13	SU 842192	C	Didling	10	W		P		Inula helenium
13	SU 896187	C	Heyshott Green	20	E		P		Geranium lucidum
13	SU 906053	C	Woodhorn Lane	50	E		P		Ophrys apifera
13	SU 939069	A 27	Fontwell	20	N		P		Arum italicum
13	SU 908116	C	Goodwood	20	N		P		Coeloglossum viride
13	SU 955156	A 285	Duncton	440	E		VP	GBD	Gymnadenia conopsea Coeloglossum viride
13	SU 983166	C	Sutton End	20	E		P		Sedum telephium
13	TQ 019077	C	Arundel	20	E		P		Epipactis phyllanthes
13	TQ 021082	C	Arundel	400	N		VP	EBH	Arum italicum, Epipactis phyllanthes, Rubia peregrina
13	TQ 000160	C	West Burton	30	N		P		Orchis mascula
13	TQ 027186	A 283	Stopham	20	N		P		Jasione montana
13	TQ 034125	C	Amberley Mount	800	B		VP	EBH	Lathyrus aphaca
13	TQ 03-13-	C	Amberley Village		B		V	ONQ	
13	TQ 045183	A 29	Pulborough	20	E		P		Cuscuta europaea
13	TQ 054186	A 283	Pulborough Marshill	20	N		VP		Ceterach officinarum
13	TQ 065171	A 283	Pulborough Wiggonhalt	20	W		P		Stellaria neglecta
13	TQ 015203	C	Little Bognor	880	W		P		Hieracium exotericum, Luzula pilosa, L. forsteri, L.x borrieri
13	TQ 04-25-	A 272	Wisborough Green	30	N		P		Orchis mascula
13	TQ 154184	A 24	Dial Post	120	W		P		Lathyrus nissolia
13	TQ 113301	C	Hayes Lane, Slinfold	2640	B		P		Ranunculus auricomus Geranium lucidum
13	TQ 21-15-	A 2037	Barrow Hill, Henfield		E		P		Allium paradoxum, Hypericum montanum, Allium triquetrum, Veronica crista-galli, Aremonia agrimonoides

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WEST SUSSEX - contd									
13	TQ 224157	C	Henfield Common	400	S		P		Potentilla palustris, Myrica gale
13	TQ 235115	C	Poynings	20	S		P		Sambucus ebulus
13	TQ 206298	C	Ashfold	20	S		P		Lathraea clandestina
13	TQ 222277	A 281	Lower Beeding	25	E		P		Melittis melissophyllum
13	TQ 209325	C	Colgate	10	E		P		Neottia nidus-avis
13	TQ 242321	C	Colgate Village	40	B		P		Orchis morio

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