

Extracted from
CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
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11. WILTSHIRE

A. County Council Roads and Bridges Department

Reported in 1972 that there was good contact with the Regional Office of the Nature Conservancy by whom a schedule of confidential conservation sites had been prepared in 1970. These had been accepted by the Department and special arrangements had been made with the Divisional Surveyors for their protection and management. There was no formal contact with the Naturalists' Trust but a good informal one. In 1969 the County Surveyor (Chadwick, 1969) considered that amenity (including wild plants and animals) should be given a heavy weighting in the design of systems of management of roadsides, where appropriate and where this did not interfere with engineering and traffic considerations. This thinking is reflected in the general management policy for roadside management for the County (Way, 1973) in which only the first swath of the verge is cut and the back verges are left, except where sightlines and safety considerations are over-riding.

B. Nature Conservancy

Reported in 1973 on liaison with the Roads Department on behalf of the Naturalists' Trust, in the absence of a Conservation Officer in the Trust itself. When a full time officer of the Trust had been appointed it was expected that he would take over liaison matters on roadsides from the Conservancy. Particular interest had been taken by the Regional Office, with the co-operation of the Department, in the developing flora on the M4 Motorway in the County (Horton, 1972, and in press).

C. Wiltshire Trust for Nature Conservation

There were no formal arrangements with the Roads and Bridges Department, except that the list of scheduled sites of Conservation interest had been submitted to the Department in the name of the Trust.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
WILTSHIRE - all scheduled									
7	SU 2--8--								Viola odorata, Picris hieracioides
7	SU 2--8--								Lathyrus aphaca, Centaurea scabiosa (White flowered)
7	SU 2--9--								Sambucus ebulus
7	ST 9--9--								Vinca minor
7	SU 0--8--								Saponaria officinalis, Coronilla varia
7	SU 2--7--								Mentha rotundifolia
7	SU 1--6--								Geranium pratense (White flowered)
7	SU 1--6--								Melampyrum arvense
7	ST 9--6--								Turritis glabra
7	ST 9--6--								Sedum telephium
7	SU 0--6--								Lathyrus sylvestris, Euphorbia virgata
7	ST 8--7--								Saponaria officinalis Sambucus ebulus
7	ST 8--7--								Helleborus viridis
7	ST 8--7--								Anacamptis pyramidalis, Orchidaceae
7	ST 8--6--								Ornithogalum pyrenaicum
7	ST 8--6--								Sambucus ebulus
8	ST 9--3--								Lathyrus aphaca
8	SU 1--2--								Asarum europaeum
8	SU 2--3--								Juniperus communis and mixed flora
8	SU 1--2--								Ornithogalum umbellatum
8	ST 9--2--								Orchidaceae and mixed flora.
8	SU 2--3--								Ornithogalum pyrenaicum