

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: CROFTS MILL PASTURE

DISTRICT: Oswestry

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified (Under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act) 1981

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Oswestry Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SJ 305246

Area: 2.83 (ha.) 7 (ac.)

Ordinance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 126

1:10,000: SJ 32 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984

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Other information:

New site.

Reasons for Notification:

A particularly rich example of damp peaty pasture, situated between the Montgomery Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal and the River Morda.

Most of the site consists of damp grassland in which rushes are locally dominant. Perennial rye-grass *Lolium perenne*, common bent *Agrostis capillaris*, flote-grass *Glyceria fluitans*, purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea*, sharp-flowered rush *Juncus acutiflorus* and hard rush *J. inflexus* are the most abundant species. Tufted hair-grass *Deschampsia cespitosa*, lesser pond sedge *Carex acutiformis*, carnation sedge *C. panicea* and creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens* are also important components of the sward.

This site is notable for its uncommon species, which include globe flower *Trollius europaeus*, marsh hawk's-beard *Crepis paludosa*, pale sedge *Carex pallescens*, wood clubrush *Scirpus sylvatica* and bristle club-rush *Isolepis setacea*.