

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: FARLEY DINGLE

DISTRICT: Bridgnorth

SITE REF: 15WB2

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended.

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Bridgnorth District Council

National Grid Reference: SJ 637026      Area: 0.23 (ha.) 0.57 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 172      1:10,000: SJ 60 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –      Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985      Date of Last Revision: 31 March 1993

Other Information:

Boundary amendments (extension and deletion).

Description of Notification:

This site provides the best exposures of the Farley Member of the Wenlock Series, composed of alternating layers of shale and nodular limestone. The Farley Member represents the transition between the Coalbrookdale Formation (Wenlock Shale) and the overlying Wenlock Limestone. Farley Dingle shows the typical development of this transitional rock unit, which is thus named after it. This is the characteristic area for the Wenlock Series of rocks and this section is of outstanding importance because of the international significance of the standard sequence of Wenlock rocks which occurs here.