

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: GRINSHILL QUARRIES

DISTRICT: North Shropshire

SITE REF: 15WB3

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

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, North Shropshire District Council

National Grid Reference: SJ 525238

Area: 10.11 (ha.) 25 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 126

1:10,000: SJ 52 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

New site.

Reasons for Notification:

Grinshill Quarries have yielded excellent fossil remains of the small Middle Triassic reptile *Rhynchosaurus*, including specimens used to define the species. This genus is only known from Britain although closely related forms come from Tanzania. The fossil bones from Grinshill are associated with beds of footprints, probably produced by the same animal. These finds came from currently disused pits, but footprints have been recovered recently (1978) from a new working and the site has good potential for more discoveries. This is the best locality for *Rhynchosaurus*.