

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: MARSH WOOD QUARRY

DISTRICT: South Shropshire

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

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

National Grid Reference: SO 444890

Area: 0.65 (ha.) 1.6 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 137

1:10,000: SO 48 NW

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:

This locality provides the best exposures of the Upper Cheney Longville Flags in the classic geological area of South Shropshire. It is of outstanding geological importance as the standard or type-locality for the Marshbrookian Stage of the Ordovician Period; the base of the overlying Actonian stage is also seen here. These sandstones and siltstones were originally deposited in a shallow sea and are rich in fossil remains. A number of species of trilobites and brachiopods were first defined from material collected at this locality.