

Technical Appendix

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

English Nature has established SSSIs and National Nature Reserves under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 within the Borough. These are areas of special interest by reason of their flora, fauna, geological or physiographical features. Designation is by statutory notification of the local authority, landowners and occupiers, and the Secretary of State. In general the SSSIs are privately owned and not accessible to the general public. A full list of currently designated SSSIs with their additional status, if applicable as National Nature reserves (NNR), Nature Conservation Review Sites (NCR), Candidate Special Area for Conservation (cSAC), and Ramsar sites designated under the Ramsar convention, is provided below. Local Nature Reserves are designated under the same powers by Local Authorities to protect important and interesting habitats, and provide opportunities for the public to learn about and enjoy wildlife.

Location	Parish	OS Grid Ref.	Date Notified	Area (ha)	Additional Status
Allimore Green Common	Haughton	SJ858193	1986	2.7	
Aqualate Mere	Forton	SJ770205		192	Ramsar
Baswich Meadows	Stafford	SJ950227	1991	12.92	
Burntwood	Eccleshall	SJ742336	1986		
				40.5*	
Cannock Chase	Colwich	SJ990180	1987		NCR
				1264.3*	
Chartley Moss	Stowe	SK027283	1987	105.8	Ramsar, NCR, NNR, cSAC
Cop Mere	Eccleshall	SJ802297	1986	37.8	Ramsar
Doley Common	Gnosall	SJ816217	1986	15.4	
Doxey and Tillington Marshes	Stafford	SJ906245	1989	123.9	
Kings & Hargreaves Wood	Swynnerton	SJ860402	1987	57	
Loynton Moss	Norbury	SJ788244	1986	13.8	
Milford Quarry	Brocton	SJ977191	1993	6.48	
Mottey Meadows	Church Eaton	SJ840134	1989	44.6	NNR, NCR, cSAC
Newport Canal	Forton	SJ734192	1986	6.47	
Pasturefields Salt Marsh	Stowe	SJ992248	1986	7.7	
Rawbones Meadow	Tixall	SJ985225	1989	20.4	

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Stafford Brook	Colwich	SK023194	1987	7.2
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Local Nature Reserves

Brocton Nature Reserve		SJ967187		105
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* This is the total area of the SSSI and includes an area outside the Borough Council boundary.