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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND METHODS

The well-received Woodland Lichen Working Party reports of 1982 have proved useful to many field workers and site managers. In particular, the classification of lichen-rich British woodland and the specially devised grading system broke new ground in lichen conservation. Approximately 1700 sites were assessed and evaluated during that 4-month project and 1400 were listed in the final report. The project also generated a substantial amount of new fieldwork. Finally, 166 references to mostly unpublished field survey reports were also listed.

In the period since 1982 many changes have taken place in the lichenology. We have been informed of a substantial number of new sites which need incorporating into the graded list. In addition, a number of sites have been resurveyed. Some of these sites have been found to be larger or more interesting than was previously thought while others have been found to have deteriorated. The recent explosion in taxonomic and distributional knowledge has made obsolete our information on many sites, some of which were last visited 30 years ago. Many new and rare species are now described, in the 1992 "Flora", which add greatly to the species lists of our more valuable sites. Finally, we have much more knowledge of the European distribution of lichens than hitherto.

With this in mind, an extensive proposal was submitted to the World Wildlife Fund in the hope that a substantial sum (around £5000) would be available to completely re-appraise all known woodland sites. Unfortunately this was not forthcoming. However, the JNCC generously made available the smaller sum of £500 which allowed us to complete the limited evaluation presented in this report.

As a brief conclusion, this is considered to be an interim achievement. This project has made us aware that even more data exists data exists for large parts of the UK which is not included in this report. However, we have listed many extra sites which need visiting or regrading. We have also accumulated lists of persons who have visited sites or are otherwise acquainted with them. It is highly likely that further projects of this kind will reveal several hundred undocumented sites of lichenological interest.

1.1 OBJECTIVES.

The current project was therefore a limited exercise intended to incorporate only newly communicated sites into the existing system. It was not intended to regrade previously graded sites. However, as some of this new information was available at little effort, some sites have been re-graded and are included in this report. The bulk of the report is concerned with collating data for over 300 new sites and incorporating them into the BLS site data files. Essential data for these sites was logged onto the Leicester Museums computer system. It is hoped that eventually, when funds become available, the computer files will be transferred onto the English Nature's "RECORDER" package and made available to the community at large.

The project results therefore have some limitations.

1) The methods and gradings, etc., of 1982 were not changed in any way. However, we were continually aware that many concepts need re-considering. In particular the grading system needs revision, especially the concepts of Grade 1 - International status, and Grade 2 - Backup sites. In addition, the concept of Grade 4 - Regional sites also needs revision as this has been vague from the start.

- 2) Many sites need regrading, best discussed at personal meetings.
- 3) Numerical comparisons of abundance and luxuriance have yet to be devised.
- 4) There is a marked bias towards certain counties, and many counties are not represented at all. This reflects the availability of data and intensity of survey. We are certain that data exists which we have been unable to obtain in the limited time available.
- 5) We have not been able to incorporate data from the RED DATA BOOK or SSSI Selection Guidelines, or from the recently compiled national lichen rarity scales
- 6) Finally, the majority of sites in the 1982 report have not been subjected to comparison using the various recently devised lichenological indices of ecological continuity.

1.2 METHODS

The project was completed in one month and a preliminary report was issued. But it took considerably longer to write up in the present form. A clerk was employed for 1 month to circulate data and enter summaries into the computer. The Working Party personnel met only once, and thereafter were circulated by post. This eliminated the possibility of discussion and accounts for the final chapter of this report where controversial site gradings are proposed but not yet acted upon, for various reasons. Some other BLS members, known to be active in various counties, were asked for information and to complete proformas for consideration.

For the convenience of readers the introduction to the 1982 report is included giving full details of the grading and classification systems.

Species are named according to the recent Flora and checklists of Purvis et.al. (1992,93).

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2.0 INTRODUCTION TO THE 1982 REPORT.

INTRODUCTION

This report presents the fullest evaluation of woodland sites ever to be carried out in the British Isles. It updates previous gradings of such sites carried out by the British Lichen Society in 1973 and 1978, which were, in any case, restricted to sites of international and national importance.

This revision and report has been prepared on behalf of the British Lichen Society by four experts in woodland lichens, through the BLS Conservation Officer who administered the scheme. All of the work was carried out in the members' own time on a voluntary basis. This constraint, together with a requirement to complete the report in four months (from 24th October 1981 to 21st February 1982), restricted the amount of new data which could be obtained.

This report is therefore a rapidly achieved assessment of all sites known to the working party (over 1700 were assessed), based mainly on existing data of variable completeness, much of which is compiled and appraised for the first time. Rigorous classification of habitats and communities was not possible during the short time of the project.

Nevertheless, this assessment of c.1400 sites will, together with our summary of the sources available, help future workers to categorise their sites more objectively and, of paramount importance, to take measures for their conservation.

SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT OF EPIPHYTIC LICHEN HABITATS

OBJECTIVES - As set out in Nature Conservancy Council contract HF3/03/208.

- 1. To devise a scale for the assessment of woodland sites in respect of their epiphytic lichen communities. This scale to have approximately six points.
- 2. To assess in terms of this scale (a) the sites in the published Nature Conservancy Review, (b) sites subsequently proposed for inclusion within the NCR, (c) any other sites which appear to be important for epiphytic lichens.

Notes leading to an agreed scale for assessment were provided by Dr Peterken, NCC Chief Scientist Team. This system agreed closely with that devised by the BLS Conservation Committee in 1973, except that the nationally important grade needed to be split into two. In addition, we felt it necessary to split Peterkin's grades 5 and 6 into three parts, to separate sites of county and of local but useful interest from sites of little or no interest, thus introducing a grade 7.

All sites containing epiphytic lichens in the published Nature Conservancy Review were assessed, and as many sites in item 2b (above) as we have information for. The timescale and funds available did not allow any significant new fieldwork to be carried out.

The following report summarises a) criteria for selecting sites, b) criteria used for grading sites, c) a summary of the grading system, d) summaries of sites graded 1,2 and 3, e) tables summarising grade 4 sites, f) reference list, g) an appendix summarising details about all sites

considered. It should be notes that sites graded 4 to 7 are merely summarised and not dealt with in detail.

SELECTION OF SITES

The programme followed the following course:

- 1. Formation of the "Woodland Lichens Working Party" (WLWP) as a group within the BLS Conservation Committee, who could apply assessments as a team at regular meetings within the timescale.
- 2. Listing of all sites of lichenological interest communicated to the BLS and WLWP, together with data relevant to their assessment.
- 3. Grading of all sites and elimination of sites of no epiphytic lichen interest in mainland Britain and inshore islands.

QUALITY OF THE DATA

The data were gathered from a variety of sources, especially the BLS library with its important collection of reports of surveys, the BLS Conservation Officer's files and data held by various individuals. Occasionally, published sources were used. Most of the information is held as Biological Records Centre Recording cards, supplemented by BLS site proformas.

The WLWP had no control over the quality of the information gathered. Most of the sites, especially those graded 1 to 4, have been visited by at least one and often all members of the working party. But a few sites have been assessed from written data and the species lists, bearing in mind the recorder's expertise, the length of time spent at the site, the area covered and weather conditions experienced when recording influence the data quality. The data available is almost entirely qualitative, except for species totals per unit area and RIEC values (ref 111), though sometimes brief written comments on luxuriance or scarcity of species have assisted with the site evaluation. Most of the information contained herein is, however, quite up to date; practically all sites have been visited since 1969 and the majority of grade 1-4 since 1977. Many sites need revisiting in the light of increased modern knowledge of lichen distribution and the factors affecting it.

The sources of information are held by the BLS Conservation Officer who should be consulted for any further details required by users of the report. The extent of the data available is indicated in appendix A, where the availability of a species list, map, proforma and reports / correspondence/ published references is indicated.

CRITERIA USED FOR GRADING SITES

1. Total number of species. This is perhaps the most important single criterion suggesting a site's importance, but it obviously varies with topography, geography, community types, area, etc. Generally, epiphytic lichen totals over 150 indicate an exceptionally interesting site, and over 100 an area worthy of serious consideration. Species are named according to the most modern checklist (ref 110).

- 2. Rarity. High species totals in themselves indicate that a considerable number of scarce species are present; however, some sites with low species totals have an unusually large number of rarities. Species can be rare nationally (fewer than 10 known sites) or rare in the region or county, perhaps being at the limits of their geographical range. Some rare crustose species maybe as yet undescribed in the literature. Presence of single rare species has not qualified the site for a high grade; only several rarities present will upgrade the site.
- 3. Extent. The size of the area containing the habitats of lichen interest is very important in determining the numbers of species present, the numbers of rarities, the potential for future lichen conservation and the minimum area capable of supporting a viable lichen population. In many cases, the given extent of the site is greater than the size of the lichen-rich area, in order to maintain a viable area ensuring the future of the population. Very occasionally, very small sites have been included, perhaps of only a few roadside trees, but these are graded at no more than county (grade 5) importance.
- 4. Indicator species. Old Forest Indicator species, the numbers of which are suggested by the RIEC value (ref 111), or other more regionally based scales, can increase the value of a site since they suggest a long-historic ecological continuity. Similarly, large numbers of species indicative of lichen community alliances and facies (ref 109) also increase the importance of a site. The concept is related to "naturalness" as used by the NCC, but "unnatural" or man-managed sites are also included here since many are of lichenological importance.
- 5. Luxuriance. Extensive populations of lichen species in fertile condition, or obviously expanding populations of rare or threatened species contribute to an important site.
- 6. Habitat type. In itself this is of no importance, but other grading criteria often result from the quality of it.

An attempt has been made to indicate the special woodland types from an appraisal of their floras, but as not all woodland types have interesting lichen floras, they are not all represented. Woodland types recognised by the WLWP are:

- a. Old Woodland: generally a good fungal ground flora and invertebrate fauna, but usually poor for vascular plants.
- b. Coppice Woodlands: generally a good vascular plant ground flora but usually very poor for lichens.
- c. Pasture Woodland or Ancient Parkland, including Old Royal Forests: generally a good fungal ground flora and invertebrate fauna, but usually poor for vascular plants because of grazing or poor soils. Normally having a long historical continuity giving good lichen floras of a type unique to Britain.
- d. Montane Oak-Birch woodland with Sorbus: having leached-acidic bark in open situations, probably a type unique to Britain.
- e. Post-Medieval Parkland, often with planted trees (Tilia, Ulmus, Juglans, Castanea, etc.): bearing a rich lichen flora of Xanthorion type but with few or no old woodland indicator species. Woodland types a and b may be found in the same park.
- f. Native Pinewoods: also represented in Scandinavia but of different epiphytic lichen composition.

g. Woodlands of all types affected by air pollution: lichen-poor, usually only in lowlands and southern Pennine uplands.

Tree species in itself does not affect the grading; only when a large or interesting population of lichens is associated with it does it become important. Occasionally, mixed woodland with lichens on rocks below is included where the rock communities depend on woodland conditions.

- 7. Geographical, geological, topographical features. These are important factors governing all grades. The only anomaly worth mentioning is the occurrence of say a "Scottish-type" woodland in southern England, say Devon. Such sites are provisionally graded as nationally important because of their unusual location. However, it could be argued that a regional designation could be more appropriate. Nomenclature for geographical distribution of lichens follows Coppins, 1974 (ref 142).
- 8. Age of Phorophyte. Old trees usually offer an increased species diversity in an area, but it is important that young specimens also be available for future colonisation by lichen epiphytes. Some sites, lacking regeneration but with good lichen floras, have been downgraded in view of this.
- 9. Community types. The nomenclature for describing lichen communities follows the "phytosociological" or "taxonomic" approach outlined by James et al (109). Communities on bark are arranged into 11 alliances, each containing up to about 12 associations. Since this approach is semi-quantitative it has not been possible to categorise sites precisely from the species lists available, but an indication of major interest is provided. It should be noted too that a number of associations and / or alliances are considered to be species-poor variants under extreme conditions of management or pollution, and we would not expect to give them any significant grading.
- 10. Fragility. Sites subject to threat which seems unavoidable are relatively downgraded; some sites which could be harmed by foreseeable events are indicated. Nearly all sites are, of course fragile in the face of increasing air pollution or industrial pressures.
- 11. Representativeness. This concept has been partially dealt-with under paragraphs 6 and 9, and we are unable, from the data available to us, to specify exactly the sites most representative of the lichen communities in Britain. Generally however, we feel that the sites graded as 1, 2 and 3 will encompass all of the alliances and associations known at present, with the emphasis placed on the rarer types. It seems likely that the stimulus for grading "representativeness" should come from a county-regional approach, depending much more on local knowledge, rather than from a committee covering the whole country.
- 12. Factors relating to history of lichenological study. These are considered to be of relatively little importance, but where a site is the type locality for a species or community still present, this fact is indicated.
- 13. Other criteria. Presence of exceptional ecological features, bryophyte floras, etc., with rather less exceptional lichen floras has occasionally led to upgrading of a site. Similarly, some very large sites with good species counts and with potentially rich or varied habitats, but which still remain largely unexplored, have been upgraded slightly on the basis of their potential interest.

OUTLINE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM

GRADE 1. International importance.

The best example of a particular community / assemblage in Europe. These grades are to be agreed by the IUCN Lichen Subcommittee.

GRADE 2. National importance.

The best example of a particular community / assemblage in Mainland Britain. A wider range of criteria is used in determining this grade than for grade 1, particularly ecology, habitat, geographical locations and site area.

GRADE 3. National importance - supplementary sites.

Sites similar to grade 2 in quality, but for various reasons of slightly less value. These are conceived as equivalent, back-up sites for grade 2, slightly damaged sites, of smaller area, or of slightly lesser species diversity or habitat range, etc.

GRADE 4. Regional importance.

Sites showing the best communities / assemblages, or with rare species or other features, in a context greater than county, but less than national. They may be impoverished variants of grade 2 or 3 sites, or could be almost equivalent to them but in a different geographical region or even duplicate them in the same region. The regional concept does not relate to any established classification.

GRADE 5. County importance.

The best epiphytic communities within the pre-1974 system of counties. At this point it becomes difficult for a small committee to be certain about the importance of a site, since small differences in species numbers or communities can up- or downgrade it. Generally, we have been conservative about the grade 4 designation so that a wide range of quality is represented in grade 5. A few counties have no grade 5 site since we could not segregate the best site from the existing grade 6 sites.

GRADE 6. Local importance.

Sites with common and widespread species for the region, useful for research and teaching purposes, but in no way outstanding.

THE CONCEPT OF BACK-UP SITES

One condition imposed by the NCC contract was that sites of national importance should be divided into two groups. The first group, grade 2, should be the prime site, while the grade 3 sites should be equivalent in type, but be less important with respect to lower species diversity, lesser species interest, smaller area or be damaged in some way. Wherever possible, this concept has been followed and indications are made to this effect in the site descriptions. It was found in practice, however, to be an over-simplified approach, and it has proved impossible to be fully consistent and to categorise sites from the back-up point of view. The reasons are itemised as follows;

1. A number of sites, especially within grades 1 and 2, are unique in species composition or ecological features, and there are no comparative sites elsewhere. Examples are Tresco Gardens and Slapton Ley.

- 2. Many or even perhaps most of the sites are mixed in quality, having lesser features in common with other sites. Consequently, large numbers of examples back up other sites in part.
- 3. Lichen quality, being a primary criterion for grading, does not in itself allow the back-up concept to be applied. Two sites may be of equal lichen quality, but include different species or communities. Only by applying a non-lichen criterion such as habitat type or geographical location, can the back-up concept be applied. Consequently, within our terms of reference, the back-up concept must be of secondary importance.
- 4. Back-up sites cannot be restricted to grade 3, but are found also in grade 2, backing up grade 1, or in grade 4 backing up grade 3 or even 1 and 2. Here, they have affinities with sites of higher grade, but are of notably lower lichenological interest.
- 5. Sites in geographically separated areas of Britain may apparently be similar to each other, but their distances apart diminishes their relevance as back up-sites. Examples are the high level, leached woodlands found in Cornwall, Wales and Western Scotland. Similarly, lowland parklands are found from southern England to mid-Scotland and may even have lichenological features in common, but their presence in greatly differing climatic regimes must keep them separate and distinct. Relative to this point, a site graded of merely county or local importance (grades 5 or 6) occurring in Argyll may be of such quality that they would have a nationally important significance if they occurred in S.England, and would be graded accordingly. But such sites in Argyll cannot be regarded as back-up sites for those in S England.
- 6. Many sites contain a variety of habitats and have different lichen associations in different parts.

We have, however, made an attempt to provide back-up sites to be re-graded if the prime site becomes degraded, by supplying the following classification of most of the sites graded 1 to 3. This is based primarily on ecological criteria, but lichen communities present are also taken into account.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION OF BRITISH WOODLANDS OF GRADES 1,2 AND 3.

A. Lowland parkland of medieval origin containing evidence of primary woodland historical continuity implied by the presence of old Oaks and lichen Lobarion communities. All are, or were, formerly managed as pasture woodland. (S) = Scottish variant.

Grade 1. Cornwall - Boconnoc Park
Dorset - Melbury Park
Hampshire - New Forest,

Argyll - Glen Shira, Inveraray Old Park segment.

Grade 2. Devon - Whiddon Woods
Sussex - Eridge Park
Wiltshire - Longleat Park

Merioneth - Dolmellyn Llyn Estate

Dumfries - Glen Kens complex, Glenlee Park segment (S)

Grade 3. Devon - Arlington Park
Devon - Brownsham-Peppercombe complex, Clovelly Park

segment

Devon - Dunsland Park
Hereford - Brampton Bryan
Sussex - East Dean Park
Sussex - Parham Park

Montgomery - Gregynog (more continental variant)

Ayrshire - Kilkerran Park (S)
Dumfries - Lochwood (S)

Dunbarton - Rossdhu House Park (S)
Perth - Drummond Park (in part)

Grade 4. Cornwall - Trelissick Park

Essex - Hatfield Forest Wiltshire - Savernake Forest

B. Lowland parkland of secondary origin from landscape-planting; often including Elms.

Grade 1. Cornwall - Boconnoc Park (in part)

Dorset/Wilts - Melbury Park (in part)

Grade 2. Wiltshire - Longleat Park (in part)

Grade 3. Ayrshire - Kilkerran Park (in part)

Devon - Arlington Park (in part)

Hereford - Brampton Bryan (in part)

Sussex - Firle Park

C. Oceanic valley woodlands with rich, western-type Lobarion.

Grade 2.

Grade 1. Cornwall - Boconnoc Park, valley areas

Argyll - Glasdrum

Argyll - Glen Shira, upper and middle parts

Argyll - Loch Sunart complex
Cumbria - Low Stile Wood

Pembroke - Tycanol - Gwaun Valley complex, Gwaun Valley part

Somerset - Barle Valley
Somerset - Horner Combe
Merioneth - Artro Valley

- Ellary Wood Argyll Inverness - Drimnin-Killundine Woods - Glen Barrisdale, western area Inverness - Glen Kens complex, Old Glenlee and Dunveoch Glens Kircudbright - Tokavaig Wood Skye - Loch a'Mhuillin Wood Sutherland Cornwall - Millook Woods Grade 3. Cumbria - Great Wood, Borrowdale - Arlington Park, valley area Devon Devon - Bovey Valley - Brownsham-Peppercombe Devon - Holne Chase Devon Devon - Walkham Valley - Bettws v Coed complex Caernarvon Carmarthen - Dynevor Wood Merioneth - Aber Gwynant Merioneth - Coed Maentwrog complex, lowland parts - Coed Ganllwydd Merioneth - Loch Riddon Complex Argyll - Glen Nant Argyll - Hells Glen (in part) Argyll Argyll - Loch Melfort Argyll - Ardtornish Colonsay - Coille Mhor Inverness - Lochan a'Chleirich - Coille a'Ghorra Ghortain Islay Ross - Coille Mhor

D. Woodlands under strong influence of wind and maritime salt spray, on cliffs or shorelines, with stunted Oaks and Lobarion additionally on shore rocks.

- Loch na Dal

- Peter's Wood

- Stowe Wood

- Dendles Wood

- Strathbeag birch wood (northernmost limit of this

woodland type, nearly all of Betula

a. Hazel-type with calcicole Lobarion communities.

Grade 1. Argyll - Ballachuan Wood
Argyll - Loch Sunart (in part)
Grade 2. Argyll - Ellary Woods (in part)
Eigg - Struidh Woods

b. Oak-type, more acidic in character.

Skye

Grade 4.

Sutherland

Cornwall

Cornwall

Devon

Grade 2. Cornwall - Dizzard
Scilly - Tresco (in part)
Pembroke - Tycanol

Pembroke - Gwaun Valley complex, Tycanol Tor part

Grade 3. Devon - Brownsham-Peppercombe, The Hobby and Peppercombe parts on cliffs

Pembroke - Llawrenny Wood

Argyll - Loch Riddon complex (in part)

Colonsay - Coille Mhor

Islay - Coille a'Ghorra Ghortein

c. Calcicole Elm-Ash type.

Grade 3. Argyll - Ardtornish

d. Saxicolous shoreline Lobarion type.

Grade 3. Argyll - Loch Riddon (in part)

Argyll - Ellary Woods (in part)
Kircudbright - Dirk Hatteraick's Cave

E. Upland oceanic Oak or Birch woods, often wind-trimmed and exposed with high rainfall. Calcifuge Pseudevernion and Parmelietum laevigatae communities found in only fragmentary form outside Britain in Norway.

Grade 1. Argyll - Glen Shira, upper part at treeline

Argyll/Inverness - Loch Sunart, upper part

Grade 2. Devon - Black Tor Copse, in entirity

Somerset - Horner Combe, upper areas

Merioneth - Artro Valley, upper areas

Dumfries - Glen Kens complex, Dunveoch Glen
Inverness - Glen Barrisdale, upper Alnus-Betula areas

Grade 3. Cumbria - Low Stile Wood, upper part

Devon - Holne Chase, limited development in upper parts

Devon - Walkham Valley, upper part

Merioneth - Coed y Rhygen and upper part of Cennant

Merioneth - Llanerch and Maentwrog Woods

Argyll/Inverness - Loch Riddon complex, exposed parts

Argyll - Hells Glen, most parts

Colonsay - Coille Mhor, Betula dominated parts

Dumfries - Lochwood, carr part

Inverness - Lochan a'Chleirich (in part)
Sutherland - Strathbeag Birchwood (in part)

Grade 4. Cumbria - Scales Wood, Buttermere

F. Continental-type woodlands with non-oceanic Lobarion of southern Scandinavian affinities.

Grade 1. Perth - Drummond Wood (not the parkland)

Grade 2. Dumfries - Glen Kens complex, Glenlee Park Woods (in part)

Perth - Milton Wood (some oceanic features in places)

Brecon/Radnor - Elan Valley Complex Cumbria - Yew Scar, Gowbarrow

Grade 3. Cumbria - Yew Scar, Gowbarrow
Durham - Great Wood and Shipley Woods, Teesdale

Montgomery - Gregynog Great Wood

Nairn - Cawdor Wood

Grade 4. Northumberland - Allendale Wooods

Northumberland - Monk Wood

Northumberland - Wark Burn and other Northumbrian woods

Moray - Darnaway Forest Gorge (in part)

G. Southern lowland woodlands on base-rich soils, with coppice-with-standards or high forest of Oak, Ash, Elm and Hazel

Grade 2.

Dorset/Wilts

- Cranborne Chase

Somerset

- Barle Valley (in part)

Somerset

- Horner Combe (in part)

Wiltshire

- Longleat Park, High Wood area

Grade 4.

Wiltshire

- Great Ridge Wood

Wiltshire

- Langley Wood

H. Northern birchwoods, overlapping with type C.

Grade 2.

Sutherland

- Loch a'Mhuillin

Sutherland

- Strathbeag

I. Native Pinewoods

Grade 1.

e 1. Inverness

- Glen Strathfarrar

Grade 2.

Inverness

- Glen Barrisdale, eastern part

Inverness

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- Glen Affric - Coulin Forest

Ross Ross

- Coille na Glas Leitire

Grade 3.

Inverness Inverness GuisachanRothiemurchus Forest

Inverness

- Abernethy Forest

J. Base-rich Ash and Elm woodlands containing Lobarion with cyanophilic lichen communities.

Grade 1.

Argyll

- Glen Shira, Inverary Old Park

Grade 2.

Argyll

- Ellary Woods (in part)

Grade 3.

Ross

- Rassal Ash Wood

Argyll

- Loch Melfort

Ross

- Dundonnell Ash Woods

4.0 THE DESCRIPTIONS OF SITES GRADED 2-4

The following accounts summarise all the data made available to us. Sometimes important data simply could not be found in time to be included; of particular significance is the owner of the site. Through lack of data, a small number of sites remain ungraded. A number of other sites, appended (no data), are provisionally graded, but data is too scanty or uncertain to be sure.

Sites of grades 2-4 are dealt with in some detail as befits their very important status. Grade 5-6 sites, although also very important, are too numerous to allow extensive details to be furnished.

Some small and closely related sites have been aggregated into site complexes, indicated by A1, etc. Here it is felt that although individual parts are not of equivalent quality, the aggregate is homogeneous enough to form an entity which can be conveniently managed or administered. Of even greater importance, these aggregations of small sites, if specially protected, will encourage the spread of lichens throughout the site complex. We are only too aware that very small reserves may have the effect of isolating a community which becomes of relict and non-viable status.

All sites are summarised on the computer generated index, which shows what data the BLS possesses.

Brecknoc and Radnorshire - Elan Valley Complex 22/86 & 96

Area: over 100ha, Altitude 250-430m, Geology: Silurian and Ordovician shales and grits.

The site includes Erw Fawr and Corn Gafallt, graded 4 and listed in Fletcher (1982).

New survey has discovered large areas of Valley oakwoods with small areas of Alder, Ash and Hazel and areas of ancient trees, some in pasture woodland. Well developed Parmelietum laevigatae, Usneion and Graphidion with fragments of surviving Lobarion. Notable Lobarion species include Lobaria pulmonaria in several sites, L.virens, Arthopyrenia ranunculospora, Biatora sphaeroides, Catillaria atropurpurea, Microglaena muscorum, Nephroma parile, Parmeliopsis triptophylla, P.jamesii, Sticta fuliginosa, S.limbata, S.sylvatica, Thelopsis rubella, Phyllopsora rosei and Pannaria conoplea. Other notable species include Calicium lenticulare, Bacidia biatorina, B.circumspecta, Biatora epixanthoides, Buellia schaereri, Catillaria globulosa, Bactrospora corticola, Gyalideopsis muscicola, Cetraria sepincola, Lecidea hypopta, Lopadium disciforme, Micarea stipitata and Ptychographa xylographoides.

291 taxa, 190 corticoles; RIEC=100, NIEC=35+1, ESIEC=24+2, EUOCIEC=15.

Owners Welsh Water Authority, RSPB and private. SSSI.

Ref: R G Woods, 1975-94, F Rose 1978-90, A.Orange (1991 & 1993).

The site includes, in Radnor, Coedydd Glannau (best area), Coed Nant Gwyllt, Noyadd Fach, Penygarreg Dam Wood, Craig y bwch Wood and in Brecknock, Coed Nant Rhyd Goch and Coed Llanerch y Cawr.

NEW SITE - GRADE 2

West Cornwall - Porthmeor 10/430370

Area: 10ha, Altitude: 0-50m, Geology unknown.

Salix carr in stream bed with a unique Usnea flora of 10 species, U.wirthii, U.fragilescens, U.esperantiana. Plus wide range of other species. Outstanding example of wind-exposed carr. Threatened by road widening, farm sprays and drainage.

Owners: .

Ref: Smithers & Rose, 1989

NEW SITE - GRADE 2

Devon - Whiddon Deer Park 21/72-85-

Area: 60ha, Altitude: 15-210m, Geology: Culm and conglomerate.

Ancient pasture-parkland, some coppice woodland, on hill with rock outcrops, some very old Oak and Ash. Superb parkland with mixed aged trees, mostly Oak but also Ash pollards. A species-rich Lobarion, and rich saxicolous communities, Lecidea doliiformis, Leptogium teretiusculum, L. gelatinosum (on Ash), Ramonia nigra, Zamenhofia rosei, Schismatomma graphidioides, Lecanactis lyncea, L.amylacea, Degelia plumbea, Lecanactis amylacea, Zamenhofia coralloidea, Wadeana dendrographa, Thelopsis rubella, Anaptychia ciliaris. 234 species, 163 corticoles; RIEC=105, NIEC=37/70 + 6 bonus species.

Owner: National Trust.

Ref: O'Dare, A.M, Rose F., Jarman R. 1990.

Merioneth - Dolmelyn Llyn Park and Woods 23/72-23-

Part of Coed Ganllwydd in Fletcher 1982.

Area: 100ha, Altitude: 20-200m, Geology: Cambrian slates and shales.

Pasture parkland and ancient woodland. Very rich Lobarion, all 4 Lobaria species present, L. amplissima is fertile, Graphidion, Parmelietum laevigatae. Lichens include Arthopyrenia ranunculospora, Rinodina isidioides, Usnea rubicunda, Agonimia octospora, Cetrelia olivetorum, Bacidia epixanthoides, B. biatorina, Parmelia crinita, Dimerella lutea, Menegazzia terebrata, 4 Lobaria spp., Nephroma parile, Megalospora tuberculosa, Biatora sphaeroides, Catillaria pulverea, Parmelia reddenda, P. taylorensis, P. laevigata, Leptogium burgessii, Sticta limbata, Lecidea hypnorum, Thelopsis rubella, Phyllopsora rosei, Haematomma elatinum, Sphaerophorus globosus, Pannaria conoplea. The richest parkland site in Wales, with a mix of upland and lowland habitats with a range of altitude and exposure. It is quite different in character to the English Parklands. Communities include excellent acidic upland Parmelietum laevigatae.

200 taxa, 129 corticolous. RIEC=115, NIEC= 39 + 6 bonus species. Owners National Trust. Ref: Rose F. 1986, 1989

NEW SITE - GRADE 2

Possibly Grade 2.

Somerset - Barle Valley Complex 21/89-29- to 21/83-35-Area: 50ha, Altitude: 150-310m, Geology: Old Red Sandstone.

Only the Tarr Steps area (grade 4) was included in Fletcher 1982.

A very large and varied site, old woodland, coppice, pasture parkland, some montane, in valleys. Rich Lobarion, Parmelietum laevigatae, P.revolutae, Graphidion. International European rarities, *Pseudocyphellaria crocata, Megalospora tuberculosa* (fertile), *Heterodermia obscurata*, all four *Lobaria* species. One of the richest series of ancient valley woods in England 170 corticolous, 250 total species; RIEC=140, NIEC=46 + 7 bonus species. Owners: Exmoor Park, National Trust, Somerset Trust, some private. Various SSSI and Trust reserves.

Ref: Rose F, (1986), Wolseley P. & O'Dare A.M. (1988).

This is a possible candidate for Grade 1 but needs further justification.

NEW SITE - GRADE 2

Westerness - Drimnin-Killundine Woods 17/55-47- to 17/47-54-

Area: 5km sq, Altitude: 0-100m, Geology: tertiary basalt lavas with some basalt dykes.

Coastal hazel woods, valley Oak woods, some coastal pasture woodlands of Ash, Elm,
Beech, Sycamore. Graphidion (hyperoceanic facies), Lobarion, Parmelietum laevigatae.
Comparable to Struidh Woods and Ballachuan Hazel Woods. Graphidion rarities include
Arthothelium dictyosporum, A. reagens, Eopyrenula septemsepta, Graphis alboscripta, Melaspilea atroides, Pyrenula coryli, Leptogium brebissonii, L. cochleatum, Pseudocyphellaria crocata,
P. norvegica, P. intricata, all four Lobaria species, Sticta dufourii, Strangospora microhaema,
Wadeana dendrographa, W. minuta, Collema occultum, Parmeliella testacea.
303 taxa, 217 corticolous, RIEC=120, WSIEC=36 + 9 bonus species.

Owner: various private, SSSI.

Ref: O'Dare A.M, Coppins B.J. 1992.

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 3 (from Grade 5 in 1982, as Milloak Woods)

Cornwall - Millook Woods

20/181986

Area: 100ha, Altitude: 0-100m, Geology: Culm measures.

Old woodland with large Oak and Ash, Willow carr, deep, sheltered ravine woodland. Rich Lobarion, Graphidion and Usneon. An exceptionally rich Lobarion with *Degelia plumbea*, *D. atlantica*, *Thelopsis rubella*, *Collema nigrescens*, etc. 124 species, rare in SW England. 124 corticoles: RIEC=95, NIEC=36/70 + 5 bonus spp.

Best ravine wood in Cornwall.

Owner -Woodland Trust, SSSI.

This backs up Dizzard, Barle Valley and Boconnoc Woods, also on Cornwall.

NEW SITE - GRADE 3

North Devon - Dunsland Park 21/409054

Area: 30ha, Altitude: 120-150m, Geology: unknown.

Remains of medieval deer park, pasture parkland with wet carr and Lobarion. Despite its small size the parkland and wet carr support a species-rich flora with all four British Lobaria species, Parmelia arnoldii, P.sinuosa, Heterodermia obscurata, Sticta fuliginosa (fertile), Arthonia zwackhii, Agonimia octospora, Parmelia laevigata.

163 corticoles; RIEC=115, NIEC=34 +5 bonus species.

Owner National Trust.

Ref: O'Dare A.M. 1990, O'Dare A.M., Rose F, Jarman, R. 1988.

This site backs up Whiddon and Arlington Parks.

NEW SITE - GRADE 3

Ross - Dundonnell Ash Woods 28/11-85-

Old woodland and pasture parkland, in sheltered valley by river. Ashwoods with some Birch and Wych Elm, Good Lobarion on Ash, very base-rich, but with no great rarities. 71 corticolous species, RIEC=55, NIEC=13/70 + 1 bonus species, WSIEC=4/50 Owners: unknown, SSSI.

This site backs up Hellbeck Wood (Cumbria) and Ellary Woods (Knapdale). It is probably grade 4 on purely lichen grounds but grade 3 as a northerly lichen-rich Ash wood.

UPGRADED SITE GRADE - 3

Wiltshire - Savernake Forest 41/2--6--

Area: unknown, Altitude: unknown, Geology: unknown.

Ancient woodland, upgrading based on new data, includes Lobaria pulmonaria and large new areas of lichen-rich Oaks.

Total taxa now 165, 156 corticolous; RIEC=85, NIEC=29+4 bonus species.

Ref: Rose F

This site backs up the New Forest.

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4 (graded 5 in 1982 due to insufficient data)

Aberdeen - Glentanar Forest 37/41-91- to 50/91-95-

Area: 1.016ha, Altitude: 200-400m, Geology: unknown.

Native pinewoods, Calicion (Calicion abietini, Coniocybetum furfuraceae), Lecanoretum subfuscae (Aspen), Pseudevernion, Usneetum filipendulae.

186 species, 158 corticolous, Pinewoods Index = 16, RIEC=15, ESIEC=7. Less rich than Ballochbuie (Pinewood index = 23) and Forest of Mar (P.I.=21) its the only British locality for *Bacidia igniarii*, on Aspen. It is thought to have the most continental climate of any British native pinewood.

Owner: Glen Tanar Estate, NNR.

Little has been surveyed so far, best areas are close to streams, by the Waters of Allachy,

Allachfern Burn and by the Water of Tanar.

Ref: Coppins B.J. 1990

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Cornwall - Peters Wood 20/114908

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

A small but rich wood on a north-facing slope, marshy below, Good Lobarion on Ash. Lichens include Sticta dufourii, S. sylvatica, S. fuliginosa, S. limbata, Degelia atlantica, Phyllopsora rosei, Dimerella lutea, Arthopyrenia ranunculospora, Nephroma laevigatum. A rare type of woodland for Cornwall.

Owners:

Ref: Rose F., Jarman R.

DOWNGRADED SITE - GRADE 4

Cornwall Scilly - Tresco Gardens, downgrade to 4 owing to loss of trees due to cold weather.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Cornwall - Stowe Woods 21/21-11-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Fragmentary but rich old woodland. Lichens include Collema furfuraceum, Collema nigrescens, Schismatomma cretaceum, S.niveum, Sticta dufourii, Degelia atlantica, Lobaria pulmonaria, Wadeana dendrographa.

77 taxa; RIEC=55, NIEC=18 + 3 bonus species.

Owners: National Trust.

Ref: Rose F., Jarman R. 1988.

UPGRADED SITE -GRADE 4 (grade 6 in 1982 due to insufficient data)

Cornwall - Trelissick Park 10/83-39-

Area 100ha, altitude 0m. Geology: Killas clay slates.

Ancient Oaks, relict medieval parkland, coppice with standards by shoreline. Communities include Parmelietum revolutae, Lecanactidetum premneqae, pre-Lobarion, Graphideon. With Lecanactis amylacea, Zamenhofia coralloidea, Opegrapha prosodea, Agonimia octospora, Parmelia minarum. The only site of this type known in W Cornwall, the Ancient Oaks are reduced to about 20.

82 species; RIEC= 40, NIEC=13/70 + 4 bonus species.

REf: Rose, F. 1992.

Owners National Trust, SSSI

DOWNGRADED SITE - GRADE 4 (from grade 3 in 1982)

Devon - Becka Falls 20/75-76-

Area: 17ha, Altitude: 150-230m, Geology unknown.

Previously included in Bovey Balley Woodland (Fletcher 1982). Lobarion, Parmelion laevigaetae, Usneetum. Usnea articulata, Megalospora tuberculosa, Zamenhofia rosei, Opegrapha fumosa, Lecanactis premnea, Phyllopsora rosei.

150 corticoles; RIEC=95, NIEC=32/37 + 3 bonus species.

The site is now somewhat degraded since early 1960's due to storm damage and increased public access.

Private, managed by Dartmoor National Park, SSSI.

Ref: O'Dare A.M. 1990.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Devon - Brownsham Wood West 21/288255 and 21/286263

Not included in the Brownsham Complex (grade 3) of Fletcher (1982), Includes two new areas; Devon Wildlife trust reserve and Beckland Wood. Geology unknown.

Both are old woodland especially along boundary lines.

DWT Reserve 21/288255, Area 30ha, Altitude: 110-160m. Lichens include Arthonia astroidestra, Blarneya hibernica, Phyllopsora rosei, Megalospora tuberculosa, Ochrolechia inversa, Phaeographis dendritica, Melaspilea lentiginosa. 86 corticolous, RIEC=60, NIEC=24+1.

Beckland Wood 21/286263, Area: 30ha, Altitude: 3-100m. Lichens include Lobaria pulmonaria, Phyllopsora rosei, Teloschistes flavicans, Schismatomma niveum is abundant at both sites even on young trees. 56 corticolous, RIEC=35, NIEC=11.

Ref: O'Dare A.M, Coppins B.J. 1992.

The A2 Brownsham Complex was given an overall grade of 3 in 1982, it included the following sites, surveyed by D.L.Hawksworth, 1971, also F Rose, S.R.Davey and P.J.Lambley;

Brownsham-Peppercombe,

21/29-26-, is actually Brownsham Wood, privately owned.

Bucks Mills

21/361233, is actually Portledge and carries the most

lichen interest, owned by NT

Clovelly Park

21/311252, is privately owned 21/333237, is privately owned

Hobby Peppercombe

Peppercombe 21/380242, is privately owned Brownsham Wood DWT reserve 21/288255, details as above

Beckland Wood

21/286263, details as above

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

South Devon - Dendles Wood 20/616620

Area: 29ha, Altitude: 165-250m, Geology: unknown.

Parmelietum laevigatae, some Lobarion. Abundant Calicium lenticulare on Oak, Graphina ruiziana, Schismatomma quercicola, Arthonia invadens, Parmelia taylorensis. Outside the reserve is also of interest.

150 taxa, 142 corticolous; RIEC=65, NIEC=22, EUOIEC=16.

Owners English Nature, NNR.

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4

Devon - Filleigh Park 21/66-28-

Area: 2.5 sq km, Altitude: 80-190m, Geology: Devonian sandstone, Carboniferous Basal Conglomerate, Coal measures, Millstone Grit.

Parkland, Willow carr and ancient Oaks, ancient deer park, landscaped in 1719. Lichens include *Pertusaria velata*, *Zamenhofia coralloidea*, *Heterodermia obscurata* (abundant on 6 different tree species), *Leprocaulon microscopicum* (on ancient Oak).

247 taxa, 208 epiphytic; RIEC=95, NIEC=35+6 bonus species.

Owners Fortescue Estates, proposed SSSI.

Ref: O'Dare A.M, Coppins B.J. 1991.

DOWNGRADED SITE - GRADE 4

Devon - Slapton Lev

Downgrade to 4 as the Elms have gone, no old woodland is left.

Ref: Hawksworth, D.L.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4 (includes Reelig Glen, graded 5 in 1982)

Easterness - Moniack Burn 28/55-40-

Area: unknown, Altitude: unknown, Geology: unknown.

Valley woodland of mixed Alder, Ash, Elm, Hazel, Whitebeam, Willow, Oak is absent. Reelig Glen is arboretum, with exotic trees, South Clunes is relict woodland. Communities present include Lobarion, species-poor Graphidion, good Caliciion hyperelli (9 Caliciales species), Ramalinetum and Usneetum on branches. The only British site for *Eopyrenula leucoplaca* (Ash), Usnea glabrescens present.

154 taxa, 141 corticolous; RIEC=70, ESIEC=20 + 1 bonus species.

This is partly a new site, only Reelig Glen was included in Fletcher 1982.

Owners: North end (Reelig Glen) is Forestry Commission, South end (South Clunes) is private. SSSI?

Ref: Coppins, B.J. (1990)

CONFIRMED GRADE 4 (new data available)

Essex - Hatfield Forest 25/253-18-

Area: 4sq km, Altitude: , Geology: .

Old open pasture parkland, wood parkland and Ancient woodland, with enclosed encoppicements, with Ash, Hornbeam, Elm, Oak, Field Maple, Hawthorn, etc. lichens include, Fellhanera ochrolabra (new species), Lecanora subliviscens, Caloplaca isidiigera, Opegrapha herbarum, Bacidia viridifarinosa, Bacidia delicata, Scoliciosporum sarothamnii (2nd British record), Opegrapha vermicellifera, Pyrrospora quernea, Gyalecta flotowii, Pertusaria flavida. The lichen flora is uniquely rich for Eastern England, somewhat air-polluted.

120 corticolous species.

Owners: National Trust. Ref: Earland-Bennett P.M.

Gloucester - Chedworth Woods 42/06-13-

Area: 100ha, Altitude: 150-200m, Geology: Cotswold oolite plateau, deep red soils.

High forest of old woodland, Oak, Ash and Hazel, some Small-leaved Lime and Wych Elm, Lobaria pulmonaria, Catillaria atropurpurea, Bacidia biatorina, Thelotrema lepadinum, Pachyphiale carneola.

75 corticoles; RIEC=45, NIEC=10/70.

A rare type of woodland in the midlands, relatively continental type of Lobarion. Probably the best site of the Cotswold Plateau mixed Oak-Ash-Hazel woodland.

Owners: Vestey Estate.

Ref: Rose F. The site needs further survey.

NEW SITE -GRADE 4

Gloucestershire - Guiting Wood 42/082262

Area: 10ha, Altitude: 200m, Geology: Oolitic limestone.

One of the best old Oak-Ash-Hazel woods in the Cotswolds with the best developed Lobarion present. L.pulmonaria is luxuriant here, other communities present include Parmelietum revolutae and Graphidion. Bacidia biatorina, Pachyphiale carneola, Thelotrema lepadinum present.

74 corticoles; RIEC=15, NIEC=5/70.

Ref: Rose F. 1990.

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4 (from grade 5, 1982)

Hereford - Croft Park 32/44-65-

Area: 600ha, Altitude: 135-307m, Geology: unknown.

Ancient pollard Oak and Sweet Chestnut. Calicion and Xanthorion communities include 7 Chaenotheca species, 3 Chaenothecopsis, 2 Microcalicium, Protoparmelia oleagina (on Ash), Lecanora subliviscens, Biatora gyrophorica, Physcia semipinnata. This site has the best Calicion of the West Midlands. It is richer than Brampton Bryan but lacks the mature Lobarion of that site. It suffers from high levels of atmospheric pollution (SO₂) hence the low grading.

248 taxa, 203 corticolous; RIEC=50, NIEC=14, ESIEC=10.

Owners: National Trust.

Ref: O'Dare A.M., Coppins B.J. 1991.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Leicestershire - Barnsdale Woods 43/91-08-

Area: 2000ha, Altitude: 100m, Geology: limestone and clay.

Close to Burley Wood, a damp and humid fragment of ancient woodland beside Rutland Water, with Oak, Hazel coppice, Ash, Field Maple, Hawthorn, some pasture parkland Ash. Included are Bacidia delicata, Chaenotheca trichialis, Cyphelium sessile, Mycoblastus caesius, Lecanactis abietina, Pyrrhospora quernea. 45 corticoles.

Owners: Leics & Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation.

Ref: Fletcher A. 1988.

CONFIRMED GRADE 4 (New data)

Leicestershire - Bradgate Pk 43/52 00

Area: 60,000ha, Altitude: 80-200m, Geology: granite.

Exposed hilltop pasture parkland, ancient woodland, now a public park. Large, very old Oaks and Sycamore with *Pseudevernia furfuracea*, *Calicium abietinum*, *C.viride*, *Cladonia parasitica*, *Lecanactis abietina*, *L.lyncea* (1962 record), *Opegrapha rufescens*. An almost montane acidic parkland on granite, probably unique in lowland Britain. 57 corticoles, 80 saxicoles.

Owners: Leicester City Council, SSSI.

Ref: Fletcher A. 1990

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Leicestershire - Burley Wood 43/893995

Area: 4sq km, Altitude: 100m, Geology: limestone and clay.

Extensive, unspoiled ancient woodland and plantation, very old Oak, Hazel coppice, Ash, Field Maple, Walnut, some willow carr and pasture parkland. Rarities include Arthonia spadicea, A.vinosa, Calicium viride, Chaenotheca chlorella, C.trichialis, Chrysothrix candelaris, Enterographa crassa, Graphis elegans, G.scripta, Hypocenomyce caradocensis, Lecanactis abietina, L.premnea, Micarea nitschkeana, Microcalicium disseminatum, Mycoblastus sterilis, Opegrapha vernicellifera, Pertusaria flavida, P.hymenea, P.leioplaca, Pyrrhospora quernea, Schismatomma decolorans, Sphinctrina turbinata, Thelotrema lepadinum.

97 corticoles, 43 saxicoles; RIEC=20.

Owners: Tenison-Hanbury, SSSI (1992).

Ref: Fletcher A. 1992

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4 (from grade 5, 1982)

Leicestershire - Croxton Park 43/82-27-

Area: 2sq km, Altitude: 150m, Geology: limestone and clay.

Large pasture parkland of Oak, Ash, with extensive old Oakwoods, high forest in character, with a little Hazel coppice, stream valleys with very old Hawthorn, some Willow carr. Species include Bacidia rubella, Calicium glaucellum, Calicium viride, Caloplaca cerina, Chaenotheca furfuracea. Cyphelium sessile, Lecanactis abietina, Phaeophyscia endophoenecia, Pseudevernia furfuracea, Pyrrhospora quernea, Mycoblastus sterilis, Parmelia glabratula. It has more acidic and exposed parkland communities than Stanford Park to the south. 120 species, 67 corticolous.

Owners: Belvoir Estates, SSSI.

Ref: Fletcher A 1992.

Leicestershire - Sauvey Castle 43/787052

Area: 100ha, Altitude: 150m, Geology: limestone and clay.

Remnant pasture parkland and isolated trees on old castle mound and river Chater banks. Mostly Ash, Field Maple, Oak, Hawthorn and Elder, including Anisomeridium biforme, Arthonia spadicea, Bacidia naegelii, B.rubella, Calicium viride, Caloplaca obscurella, Chaenotheca chlorella, C.hispidula, C.trichialis, Chrysothrix chrysophthalmus, Chaenotheca brachypoda, Leptorhaphis epidermidis, Lecanactis abietina, Micarea botryoides, 5 Opegrapha species, Parmelia glabratula, Pyrrhospora quernea. Communities include many dry-bark species more commonly found in East Anglia and East Scotland.

68 corticoles, 17 saxicoles.

Owners: Withcote Hall Estates.

Ref: Fletcher A. 1992

CONFIRMED GRADE 4

Leicestershire - Stanford Park 42/58 79

Area: 0.6sq km, Altitude: 100m, Geology: alluvial gravels.

Pasture parkland and some Oak-Hazel coppice, with Ash, Walnut and Field Maple. Elms have now disappeared. Species include Arthonia spadicea, Bacidia incompta, Calicium glaucellum, C.salicinum, C.viride, Caloplaca obscurella, Cyphelium sessile, Diplotomma alboatrum, Enterographa crassa, Lecidella elaeochroma, Lecanactis abietina, 4 Opegrapha species, Parmelia elegantula, P. glabratula, P. pastillifera, Pertusaria flavida, Physconia enteroxantha, Physcia perisidiosa, Hyperphyscia adglutinata, Phaeophyscia endophoenicia, Physcia wainioi, Pyrrhospora quernea, Sarcosagium campestre. A sunny, valley parkland, the chief interest is now on Walnut and Field Maple, as the site has deteriorated considerably since the loss of Elms.

106 corticoles, 80 saxicoles.

Owners: Lt-Col. Aubrey Fletcher.

Ref: Fletcher A. 1991

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Northamptonshire - East Ashall's Copse 42/73-41-

Area: unknown, Altitude: unknown, Geology: unknown.

Part of the ancient Whittlewood Forest with some very large, relic Oaks. LIchens include Cladonia parasitica, Chaenotheca trichialis, Chrothrix chrysophthalmus, Arthonia vinosa, Enterographa crassa, Thelotrema lepadinum, and on Elm, Bacidia incompta, B.delicata, Opegrapha ochrocheila. The Elms may have gone now.

Ref: T.Chester and BLS parties, 1978 and 1985.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Perth - Carie & Cragganester Woods, Loch Tay 27/64-36- to 27/67-35-

Area: 20ha studied out of site total of 1.2km, Altitude: 100-230m, Geology: unknown. Range of old woodland and parkland Lobarion, including *Pannaria mediterranea* (1st British record of fertile material), *P. rubiginosa*, Catillaria nigroclavata (Aspen), Chromatochlamys muscorum, Collema occultatum, Gyalecta derivata, Lopadium disciforme, Megalaria grossa, Wadeana minuta and abundant Pachyphiale carneola.

Total taxa = 180, 131 corticoles, RIEC=55, NIEC=18 plus 4 bonus species.

Owners: Various private, SSSI

Perthshire - Glen Tilt 27/87-66- to 27/88-68-

Area: 60ha, Altitude: 160-250m, Geology: limestone.

A mixture of oceanic and continental elements in valley woodland, semi-natural mixed deciduous, Ash and Elm with Hazel and Birch, somewhat montane. Biatora epixanthoides, Collema subflaccidum, Lobaria pulmonaria, L. scrobiculata, Degelia plumbea, Nephroma laevigatum, Pannaria mediterranea, Parmeliella triptophylla, Peltigera collina, Sticta spp., Bacidia beckhausii, Mycocalicium subtile, Pachyphiale fagicola, Sclerophora nivea, Sphinctrina sp. nov. on Pertusaria leioplaca. 154 taxa, 126 corticolous, RIEC=45, ESIEC=85.

Owners: Duke of Atholl.

Ref: O'Dare, A.M. & Coppins B.J. (1991)

Most Elms are now dead.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Ross - Glen Achall / Rhoddoroch Gorge 28/22-94-

Area: 500ha, Altitude: 90-250m, Geology: Cambrian and Torridonian sandstone.

Old Pine woodland, partly on gentle slopes of glen and steep slopes of river gorge. Communities include Pseudocyphellaria, Lobarion, Graphidion. The most northerly remnants of the Caledonian Pine Forest with many indicator species such as Cavernularia hultenii, Platismatia norvegica and Alectoria sarmentosa.

81 corticolous species, RIEC=60, NIEC=17 + 3 bonus species, NSIEC=10/30, Pinewood index = 15/50.

Ref: Rose, F. 1991.

Known to Scottish National Heritage, SSSI.

The site would merit more study.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Skye - Rubha Guail 18/734157

Area: 10ha, Altitude: 0-50m, Geology: Locally basic palaeozoic.

Ash, Hazel, Elm in sheltered valleys and slopes down to the sea. The northern limit of several species including Wadeana dendrographa, Parmelia reticulata, Enterographa crassa, Tomasellia lactea, Pannaria leurophaea. Also includes Wadeana minuta, Leptogium hibernicum, Parmeliella praetermissa, Pseudocyphellaria intricata, P.norvegica, Strangospora ochrophora, Thelotrema monosporum. A rich Lobarion, Graphidion on very basic bark.

Owners: Forestry Commission

Ref: Rose F.

Suffolk - Benacre Complex The complex includes three sites;

Benacre Long Covert 62/52-82-

Oakwoods with Elm, Pine and Sycamore. Species present include Enterographa crassa Bacidia delicata, Chrysothrix chrysophthalmus, Graphis scripta, Schismatomma cretaceum, S. decolorans. Graded 5 in 1982, it may have included Long Covert and Pipes Park.

Benacre Park 62/50-83-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Woodland, Hornbeam, Holly, Walnut, Elm, Oak, Elder. 44 Lichens recorded.

Pipes Pk 62/50-83-

Hornbeam, Elder, Oak, Walnut, Holly, Willow, Elm, Hawthron, Apple. Species present include Arthonia impolita, Schismatomma decolorans, Anisomeridium biforme, Arthonia punctiformis, Enterographa crassa, Gyalecta truncigena. 43 corticoles recorded.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Suffolk - Easton Wood 62/51-79-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Mixed woodland to the southern end of the wood., ancient Elm, Oak, Sweet Chestnut. including Arthonia impolita, Bacidia rubella, Schismatomma decolorans, Pyrrhospora quernea, Chaenotheca brachypoda, Arthonia lurida sensu lato, Graphis scripta, Enterographa crassa. 35 corticoles. But the Elms may have gone now.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B.

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4 (from grade 5, 1982)

Suffolk - Henham Park 62/44-77-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Pasture parkland with very large Oak, Elm, Walnut, Ash and Sycamore. Well developed Lecanactietum premneae, including Strigula jamesii, Micarea misella, Arthopyrenia punctiformis, Bacidia subfuscula, Anisomeridium biforme, Opegrapha vermicellifera, Lecanactis premnea. 74 taxa in total.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B., F.Rose

UPGRADED SITE - GRADE 4?

Suffolk - Ickworth Park 52/81-61-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Pasture parkland with old trees, Oak, Elm, Field Maple, Ash, Sycamore. Includes Anaptychia ciliaris, Pyrrhospora quernea, Lecanactis lyncea, Opegrapha vermicellifera, Parmelia acetabulum, P.tiliacea, Physconia perisidiosa.

75 taxa, 55 corticoles.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B.

The site may have deteriorated since last visited.

CONFIRMED GRADE - 4

Suffolk - Sotterley Park 62/45-84-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Strigula jamesii on Walnut, Acrocordia gemmata, Anaptychia ciliaris, Arthonia impolita, Bacidia phacodes, B.rubella, Calicium glaucellum, Chaenotheca brunneola, Enterographa crassa, Graphina anguina, Graphis scripta, Lecanactis lyncea, L.premnea, Normandina pulchella (possibly extinct), Opegrapha vermicellifera, Parmelia acetabulum, Pertusaria flavida, Schismatomma decolorans.

88 corticoles.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B.

CONFIRMED GRADE - 4

Suffolk - Staverton Park 62/35-50-

Area: , Altitude: , Geology: .

Mixed deciduous pasture parkland, Oak and Holly, Thelotrema lepadinum, Graphis elegans, G.scripta, Haematomma elatinum, Schismatomma quercicola, Rinodina roboris, Stenocybe septata, Lecanactis premnea, L.lyncea, Bacidia vezdae.
68 taxa, 52 corticoles.

The site includes Staverton Thicks, a woodland of Oak, Birch and Holly, 4 species recorded, *Thelotrema lepadinum, Graphis elegans, Parmelia caperata, Lecanactis premnea.* Needs revisiting.

Ref: Hitch C.J.B.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Sutherland - Loch Druim Suadalain 20/107215

Area: 15ha, Altitude: 50-100m, Geology: Torridonian sandstone.

Old woodland, hazel is unmanaged and probably natural, rich Lobarion, Parmelietum laevigatae, Graphidion, Menegazzia terebrata, 4 Lobaria species, Pseudocyphellaria norvegica, Thelotrema subtile, Parmelia taylorensis. One of the best Hazel-Birch woods in north Scotland, several oceanic species present.

95 corticoles, RIEC=65, NIEC=19 + 5 bonus species, WSIEC=14/50.

Owners unknown.

Ref: Rose F. 1991.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Sutherland - Coill'a'Cnocain 29/44-01-

Area: 30ha, Altitude: 15-90m, Geology: unknown.

South-facing pasture woodland, Oak with Birch, on N side of River Oykell. Communities include Lobarion and dry bark communities of *Bactrospora corticola* and *Buellia violaceofusca*. An unusual pasture woodland so far north.

120 taxa, 106 corticolous.

Ref: Coppins B.J., O'Dare A.M.

Westerness - Sonachan Hotel Hazelwood 17/450663

Area: 20ha, Altitude: 30-50m, Geology: unknown.

Old Hazel woodland by streams. Hyperoceanic Graphidion and Lobarion. Arthothelium reagens (5th British site), Arthonia inhabitans (2nd known site), Graphis alboscripta.

140 taxa, 118 corticolous; RIEC=70, WSIEC=15 + 2 bonus species.

Owner private.

Coppins B.J., O'Dare A.M. 1992.

This important site needs more comparison with related sites before finalising this grade. It could even merit grade 1.

NEW SITE - GRADE 4

Wiltshire - Langley Woods 41/21-20-

Area: 200ha, Altitude: 100m, Geology: Eocene sands, plateau gravels.

Former pasture and coppice woodland, gently undulating with shallow stream valleys. One of the best expanses of ancient coppice with Oak standards, on acidic soils of lower tertiary loams and everlying gravels. Communities present include Parmelietum revolutae, Graphidion, Lobarion, with Lobaria pulmonaria, Thelopsis rubella, Zamenhofia coralloidea, Arthonia elegans, A.vinosa, Caloplaca flavorubescens, Catillaria chlorotiza, C.pulverea, Lecanora jamesii, Parmelia crinita, Schismatomma niveum, Thelotrema lepadinum, Arthopyrenia ranunculospora, Schismatomma quercicola. There are several other woods in the region with rich lichen floras but this site has a unique complex of coppice, pasture woodland and Alder carr.

100 corticoles; RIEC=60, NIEC=17 + two bonus species.

Owners: Nigel Anderson, NNR.

Ref: Rose F. 1986.

5.0 UNDECIDED GRADE CHANGES.

Gradings for the following sites are controversial and will remain unchanged until further data are obtained or fuller discussion can be arranged.

Argyll - Hells Glen, proposed upgrade to 2 as its becoming more acidic, but opposed on the grounds that acidic sites in W.Scotland are common.

Devon - Arlington Park, proposal to upgrade to 2 from 3 on the grounds that the total taxa is now 213, RIEC 130, NIEC 45+4. However, these totals are not unusual for sites in this area and several critical species have vanished.

Devon - Peppercombe/Brownsham complex, proposal to upgrade to 2 from 3. Total taxa now 136 (Peppercombe).

Cumberland - Low Stile Wood, proposed upgrade to 2 from 3, considered the best woodland in N England with over 200 taxa. On Ivan Day's advice but no data received.

Dumfries - Lochwood, "needs looking at"!

Hereford - Brampton Bryan, proposed upgrade to 2 (?), one of the best remaining deer parks, but without deer. Total taxa 176, RIEC=65, NIEC=22+8. Rinodina isidoides, Chaenotheca carthusiae, C.chrysocephala, Caloplaca lucifuga.

Pembrokeshire - Llawrenny Wood, may have deteriorated due to farm sprays and amenity pressure, needs resurvey.

Perthshire - Milton Wood, proposed upgrade to 1, but Drummond Wood is probably better, current grading is only justified by the presence of one Red Data Book species (Catapyrenium psomoroides).

Ross - Rassal Ashwood need resurvey and may have deteriorated.

Somerset - Mells Park, proposed upgrade to 3 from 4. This is richer than previously thought. F.Rose, 1990.

Sussex - Ashburnham Park, proposed upgrade 3 from 4, far richer than supposed.

Sussex - East Dean Park, proposed upgrade to 2, total now 110, RIEC=70, NIEC=18+3.

Sussex - Firle Park, proposed downgrade to 6 as all the Elms have gone.

Sussex - Parham Park, proposed upgrade to 2, the best remaining deer park still with deer, Total is now 190 species, RIEC=65, NIEC=28+6.

Sutherland - Loch a'Mhullinn Wood, may need upgrading to 1, 253 species known but not all agree.

Ross - Coille na Glas Leitire, proposed upgrade to 1, opposed on the grounds that it was burned down last century!

6.0 LISTINGS OF ALL SITES GRADED.

Key - G = grade, DATE = when graded, P.M = proforma/map available, DREC = date of last visit

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5 1993	Islay	Baleachdrach	1641-64- OW limest	Fr U Ac Cor	390	183	у	1992	AoD BJC	30ha		90
4 1993 4 1993 4 1993 4 1993	Leics Leics	Barnsdale Woods Bradgate Pk Bradgate Pk Burley Wood	SK91 08 0W SK52 00 PP SK51 10 PP SK893995 0W CW	Fr Qu Q Ac Q Ac Q Fr Cor Ac-cam	137	57 2 57 2	22 y y 25 y y 25 y y 52 y y	1990 1990	AF AF	<i>,</i>		
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5 1993 5 1993 5 1993	Leics	Birch Coppice Charnwood Lodge Clipsham Park	SK394187 OW SK46 15 scrub SK97 16 CW	Q Bett Myrtillus Fr Q Ac-cam Sor		8 3 57 2		1991 1992			isss	
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5 1993 5 1993 5 1993	Leics	Gumley Gun Hill Ingarsby	SP67 90 SK452169 ₩ SK683048 ₩	mixed dedid Q Aesc Fr	92	48 1	13 y y	1990 1990	AF			
5 1993 5 1993 5 1993	Leics Leics	Langton Park Launde Big Wood Launde Park	SP715932 PP SK78-00- OW SK79-00- PP	U Q Fr Q Fr	87	53 1	9 y y 9 y 9 y 9 y		AF AF AF			
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5 1993 5 1993 5 1993	Leics Leics Leics	Newell Wood Oakley Wood Owston Wood	TF5 3 OW SK485217 OW SK79 06 CW	Q Fr Til-c Fr Q Cor	53	25 5 53 2	уу уу ууу	1969 1989	MRDS AF			
5 1993 5 1993 5 1993 5 1993	Leics Leics	Pickworth Great Wood Pincet Lodge Saddington Resr Stapleford Park	SK98 14 CW SP627863 W SP665912 W SK822184 PP	Fr Jug Cor Ac-ca Fr Sal U		29 1 28 31	15 y y y y	1992 1992	AF			
5 1993 5 1993 6 1993	Leics Leics	Swithland Wood Wardley Wood Ambion Wood	SK53 12 OH quarry SK834003 OH SP409399 OH	Til-cord Frax Fr	56	27 8 11	8 y y	1990 1975 1984	af af		SSSI	

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6 1993 Leics	Appleby Magna	SK336091 W	Sal	,	5		 У У		PAE			-
6 1993 Leics	Beasley's Wood	SK843303 ₩	Crat		Ž			1990				
6 1993 Leics	Beeby	SK671071 W	Fr Sal	9	9			1982				
6 1993 Leics	Bitteswell Aerodr	SP508850 W	Samb	-				1990				
6 1993 Leics	Brooke	SK845059 W			11			1984				
6 1993 Leics	Burbage Wood	SK44 94 OW	& Fr Cor		9			1989				
6 1993 Leics	Cotesbach Hill Farm	SP529815 W	Ul		11			1984				
6 1993 Leics	Donington Park	SK	Q	37	12			1992				
6 1993 Leics	Dunton Basset											
6 1993 Leics	Dunton Gorse	SP546924 ₩	Samb Pr		7		ΥΥ	1991	SG			
6 1993 Leics	Eyebrook Resr	SP834966 ₩	Fr		3		УУ	1972	DLH			
6 1993 Leics	Garthorpe	SK840232 ₩			4		УΥ	1978	IME			
6 1993 Leics	Gopshall Pk	SK35 06 PP	G		12			1969				
6 1993 Leics	Grand Union Canal	SP628825 ₩	Fr		19		λλ		IME			
6 1993 Leics	Great Merrible Wood		mixed decid		7			1969			SSSI	
6 1993 Leics	Holly Hayes Wood	SK443154 OH	fet		6		УΥ	1975	DCL			
6 1993 Leics	Holwell Cutting	SK734246 ₩	4 r		4			1991				
6 1993 Leics	Horn	SK952111 ₩	Fr U		17	2	λλ		IME			
6 1993 Leics	Ketton Quarry		Fr				λλ		AF			
6 1993 Leics	Keyham		Fr				λλ		AF			
6 1993 Leics	Leire Cutting	SP528897 ₩	Crat	41				1993				
6 1993 Leics	Loddington Reddish	SK77 02 OW	mixed decid		9			1979		•		
6 1993 Leics	Martinsthorpe	SK859040 W			7			1984			r	
6 1993 Leics 6 1993 Leics	Miles Piece	SK672071 W	0		13			1991				
6 1993 Leics	Morley Quarry	SK476793 W SP586802 W	Sorb Fr Sal		12			1990				
6 1993 Leics	New Gravel Spinney Normanton Wood	SK382137 OW	G Q Fr		10 5			1979				
6 1993 Leics	Oakham	SK860090 W	Acer neg		17			1991 19 9 0				
6 1993 Leics	Orton Wood	SK329049 OW	mixed decid		4			1989				
6 1993 Leics	Piper Hole Meadow	SK760278 PP	Fr		12			1978				
6 1993 Leics	Prestwold	SK579218 ₩	Fr		11			1989				
6 1993 Leics	Saltby Drift	SK885254 W	Fr		11			1978				
6 1993 Leics	Sheepy Wood	SK44 94 OH	decid		6			1989				
6 1993 Leics	Skeffington Wood	SK761034 OH	decid		5			1979				
6 1993 Leics	Sproxton Gullet Nth		Samb Q		5			1992				
6 1993 Leics	Stockerston Pk	SP827977 PP			13			1984				
6 1993 Leics	The Brand	SK53 13 OW quarry	Q Ac	59	14			1990			SSSI	
6 1993 Leics	Thistleton Gullet N		Ul Sam		7			1993				
6 1993 Leics	Tugby Wood	SK76 02 OH			2			1969				
6 1993 Leics	Ulverscroft	SK49 13 OH	Qu Cor Sal	58	17			1992			LRTNC	
6 1993 Leics	Wymeswold	SK58 23 W	Ac-camp Ul Fr		25			1990				
7 1993 Leics	Brock Hill Woods	SK751268 W	Ac Q		6			1978				
7 1993 Leics	Brown's Hill	sk737230 ₩	Frax		3			1992			SSSI	
7 1993 Leics	Cadeby	SK432026 H	Bet Cor Fr		6		УУ	1991	AF			
7 1993 Leics	Cant's Thorns	SK717218 ₩	Crat Fr		4		ΥΥ	1978	AF			
7 1993 Leics	Cooper's Plantation	SK860282 ₩	۴r		3			1978				
7 1993 Leics	Egypt Plantation	SK866279 ₩	Fr		3		у у	1978	AF			
7 1993 Leics	Gallop's & Hangar Pl		Ac		9		у у	1978	AF			
7 1993 Leics	Hallaton	SP780980 ₩	Fr		3		γу	1984	IME			
7 1993 Leics	Harby Hill Woods	SK76 28 ₩	Ac Q		4			1978				
7 1993 Leics	Herring Gorse	SK864269 W	Ac		l,			1978				
7 1993 Leics	Martins haw Wood	sk510077 OH	Fr		1		Уγ	1989	AF		SSSI	

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7	1993	Leics	Narborough Bog	SP54 97	Ħ	boggy Sal	4	4	уу	1980	AF		LRTNC	•	•
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		Leics	Spring Wood	SK37 22		Fr	O	3		1979					
		Leics	Welby Osier Beds	SK718210		Sal .		5		1978					
		Merionet	Abergwynant								FR				
2	1993	Merionet	Dolmelyn Llyn estate	2372-23-	PP		200	129	У	1987	FR	1 km	TH	115	
6	1993	Middles	Hampstead Heath	TQ26-86-	Parkland		64	•	λ	1992	b #1		park		
6	1993	Midloth	Temple Wood	3631-58-	W	Q plantation	85	77	У	1992	BJC AoD	15ha	Trust	10	
_			Buckingham Thick Cps			@ Fr Cor Cast		52		1990		0.5km			
			Astwick Mediev Moat Bedford Purlieus	425 <i>7</i> 3344 5209		Fr Sal Samb Q U Fr	40 60	40 35		1990		1km			
			East Ashalls Copse	4273-41-		QU Fr	υU	55 65		1974 1984		0.25km			
			Yardley Chase	4285		Qu Fr Ac	60			1985		A . C . VIII			•
			Evenley Woods	4259-35-		Sam Ac	45	45	ý	1984					
			Kingswood Corby			Q Fr	24	24	У	1983					
			Lodge Copse	4265-42-	OM	Qu	33		У	1984					
_			Says Copse Thoroughsale/Hazel W	4272-43-	OM	Q Ac-cam U Ac-cam Fr Q	50 31	28	À À	1985	THC				
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		Radnor	A1 Elan Valley comp	2289		mixed # complex				1993		100ha	SSSI	100	
		Radnor	A1 Noyadd Fach	22931659		Q pollards		59		1989			SSSI	20	
		Radnor	A1 Penygarreg Dam W	22913675		Q Fr		51		1988			WW SSSI	40	
		Radnor	Alpine Bridge	50090630		Q Cor	128			1986			181 000:	30	
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3	1993	Ross	Dundonnell ash woods	2811-85-	OH PP	Fr Bet U	71	71	Α		FR	20ha	SSSI	55	
	1993		Glen Achall/Rhodoroc			Bet Sor Sal			ý	1991		500ha	SNH SSSI		
5	1993	Ross W	Letterewe Forest	1895-71-	OH	@ Bet Cor Fr etc	287	131	À	1988	BJC	20ha	SSSI	100	
6	1993	Roxburgh	St Boswell's Wood	3658-31-	H	Fr U Al Ac Q	64	64	У	1993	BJC	18ha	SSSI	0	
		Skye	Cnoc Leathan	18450173							FR				•
4	1993	Skye Skye	Rubha Ard Ghornish Rubha Guail	18630136 18734157		Fr U					FR FR	0.10			
			Mells Pk	3174							FR				
			Barle Valley		OH CH PP M	Q Fr Al	250	170	У	1988		500ha	NT Trust	140	
2	1993	Somerset	River Barle Valley	2186-32-	OW, PP, CW, M,	Q Fr Al	250	170	У	1988	FR	5km	NT SSSI,	140	
			Rodney Stake NNR	3148-50-		Fr Q Ul Ti Cor		38	-		BJC AoD	50ha	NNR	5	
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5	1993	Somerset Somerset	Hawkcombe Woods Long Wood, Mendip Pixton Park	2185 44 OW CW 3148-55- CW AP 21	Q pollards Fr Cor Ac Q Sal	182 143 75 75	y 198	8 AOD BJC 2 BJC	125ha 20ha	ENP Trust	65 30
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6	1993	Surrey	Richmond Park	TQ20-73- Parkland		74	y 199	2 PHJ		park	
		Sussex Sussex	Ashburnham Pk Parham Pk			190		FR FR		·	65
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			Drimnin-Killundine W Sonachan Motel	1755-47- OW 17450663 OW	Cor Q Fr U Ac Fa Cor	303 217 140 118		2 AoD BJC 2 BJC AoD	5km 20ha	SSSI	120 70



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	6 1993	Wigtown	Corsewall House Wds	2502-68- Policy Wd		77	71	λ λ	1989	BJC	30		20
		Ū	Lochnaw Castle Woods	·	Mixed decid	0.45	55	У	1989		100	-	20
	4 1982	Wilts Wilts	Savernake Forest	4126 OW 4126	G		156	Α	1992	FR		FC FC	
-	4 1993	Wilts	Langley Woods	4121-20- CW PP		100	100	У	1986	FR	200	nnr	60