

EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Rodborough Common
Unitary Authority/County: Gloucestershire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SO849036
SAC EU code: UK0012826
Area (ha): 104.26
Component SSSI: Rodborough Common SSSI

Site description:

Rodborough Common is the most extensive area of semi-natural dry grassland surviving in the Cotswolds and represents upright brome – tor-grass (*Bromopsis erecta* – *Brachypodium pinnatum*) grassland, which is more or less confined to the Cotswolds. The site contains a wide range of structural types, ranging from short turf through to scrub margins, although short-turf vegetation is mainly confined to areas of shallower soils.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*). (Dry grasslands and scrublands on chalk or limestone)

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0012826

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs