

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name:	North Pennine Dales Meadows
Unitary Authority/County:	Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, North Yorkshire, Northumberland
SAC status:	Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference:	NY931256
SAC EU code:	UK0014775
Area (ha):	497.09
Component SSSI:	See list below

Site description:

This site contains a series of isolated fields within several north Pennine and Cumbrian valleys, and encompasses the range of variation exhibited by mountain hay meadows in the UK. The grasslands included within the site exhibit very limited effects of agricultural improvement and show good conservation of structure and function. A wide range of rare and local meadow species are contained within the meadows, including globeflower *Trollius europaeus*, the lady's-mantles *Alchemilla acutiloba*, *A. monticola* and *A. subcrenata*, and spignel *Meum athamanticum*.

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:

- *Molinia* meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (*Molinion caeruleae*). (purple moor-grass meadows)
- Mountain hay meadows

List of component SSSIs:

Arkle Beck Meadows, Whaw SSSI
Ashes Pasture and Meadows SSSI
Askrigg Bottoms SSSI
Aules Hill Meadows SSSI
Barrowburn Meadows SSSI
Bell Sykes Meadows SSSI
Borrow Beck Meadows SSSI
Bowber Head and Piper Hole Meadows SSSI
Bowlees and Friar House Meadows SSSI
Bretherdale Meadows SSSI
Catton Lea Meadow SSSI
Cautley Thwaite Meadows and Ecker Secker Beck SSSI
Cliff Beck Meadow, Buttertubs SSSI
Cornriggs Meadows SSSI
Deepdale Meadows SSSI (*Cumbria*)
Deepdale Meadows SSSI (*North Yorkshire, known as "Deepdale Meadows, Langstrothdale"*)
Durtrees Burn Grassland SSSI
Far High House Meadows SSSI
Fothering Holme SSSI

Gingerfields SSSI
Gowk Bank SSSI
Grains O' th' Beck Meadows SSSI
Grassington Hospital Grounds SSSI
Greenhaugh Meadow SSSI
Hannah's Meadows SSSI
Harker's House Meadows, Keld SSSI
Heatheryburn Bank SSSI
High Knock Shield Meadow SSSI
Knarsdale Meadows SSSI
Langcliff Cross Meadow SSSI
Low Redford Meadows SSSI
Mere Beck Meadows SSSI
Middle Crossthwaite SSSI
Middle Side and Stonygill Meadows SSSI
Mill Holme Meadows, Thwaite SSSI
Muker Meadows SSSI
Myttons Meadows SSSI
New Close, Calvert Houses SSSI
New House Meadows, Malham SSSI
Oughtershaw and Beckermonds SSSI
Peckriding Meadows SSSI
Pry and Bottom Meadows, Mid-Mosssdale SSSI
Raisbeck Meadows SSSI
Richmond Meadows SSSI
Rigg Farm and Stake Hill Meadows SSSI
Sandybeck Meadow SSSI
Scar Closes, Kisdonside SSSI
Stephen Ings, Crackpot SSSI
Swindale Meadows SSSI
Thorneyburn Meadow SSSI
Town End Meadows, Little Asby SSSI
Walden Meadows SSSI
West Newlandside Meadows SSSI
West Park Meadows SSSI
Wet Sleddale Meadows SSSI
White Ridge Meadow SSSI
Wilson Place Meadows
Yockenthwaite Meadows SSSI

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