

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Calf Hill and Cragg Woods
Unitary Authority/County: Lancashire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SD543614
SAC EU code: UK0030106
Area (ha): 34.43
Component SSSI: Calf Hill and Cragg Woods SSSI

Site description:

These old sessile oak *Quercus petraea* woods occupy north- and south-facing slopes of a valley on millstone grit. Oak dominates in the canopy with birch *Betula* sp., rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* and holly *Ilex aquifolium*. The ground flora ranges from areas of abundant bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*, through grassy areas, to rich moss carpets. Small areas of alder *Alnus glutinosa* flushes also occur.

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:

- Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion*, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*). (Alder woodland on floodplains)*
- Old sessile oak woods with *Ilex* and *Blechnum* in the British Isles. (Western acidic oak woodland)

Annex I priority habitats are denoted by an asterisk (*).

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
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