

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSERVATION ROAD VERGES SITE REGISTER



Gloucestershire County Council in partnership with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and
Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records



Conservation Road Verges (CRV) in Gloucestershire

This document contains the background, site register and selection criteria for conservation road verges within Gloucestershire.

Some roadside verges are of botanical significance, supporting remnant wildflower assemblages and in some cases providing habitat such as hedgerows, grassland, ditches to support nationally scarce or rare plant and animal species. Verges also establish continuity of habitat across intensively managed land and can form important sanctuaries for a wide range of wildlife including small mammals and invertebrates.

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) co-ordinate efforts to identify and protect verges of wildlife value in the County. A few of these verges have been selected as Key Wildlife Sites, while the rest are only selected as Conservation Road Verges (CRVs) or have yet to be classified as Key Wildlife Sites. By working together, activities are ongoing to ensure that these verges receive appropriate conservation management as part of highways maintenance and related schemes.

An historical background and overview of Conservation Road Verges including their role within the planning system can be found in the appendix. The criteria by which the Conservation Road Verges are identified can also be found in the appendix. The aim of the Criteria is to ensure that the often-vulnerable habitats and species along Road Verges that fall outside of the existing series of statutory protected sites in Gloucestershire are fully recognised on the register of Conservation Road Verges.

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Conservation Road Verges Site Register

Site Code: CRV034 Grid Reference: 383020 227010 to 382410 225650
District Name: TEWKESBURY
Site Name: **ASHLEWORTH HAM**

Qualifying Criteria: 2, 3 and 4

Date Reviewed: 28/10/2010

Site Description and Notes: Long verges along both sides of road supporting the Nationally Scarce Greater Dodder (*Cuscuta europaea*). Last surveyed 14/08/2006.

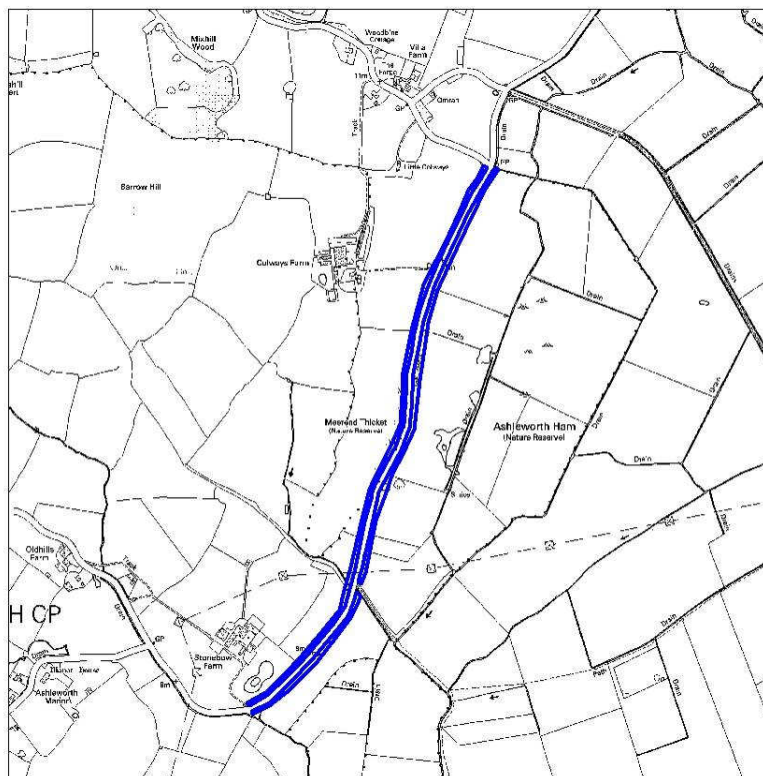
UK Priority Habitats:: None

UK Priority Species: None

Suggested Management:

Ideal – No cutting of nettles from mid-summer onwards

Minimum – No specific management is required



Conservation Road Verges Site Register

Site Code: CRV035 Grid Reference: 380370 277490 to 381460 226230
District Name: TEWKESBURY
Site Name: **WICKRIDGE STREET, ASHLEWORTH**

Qualifying Criteria: 1 and 2
Date Reviewed: 28/10/2010

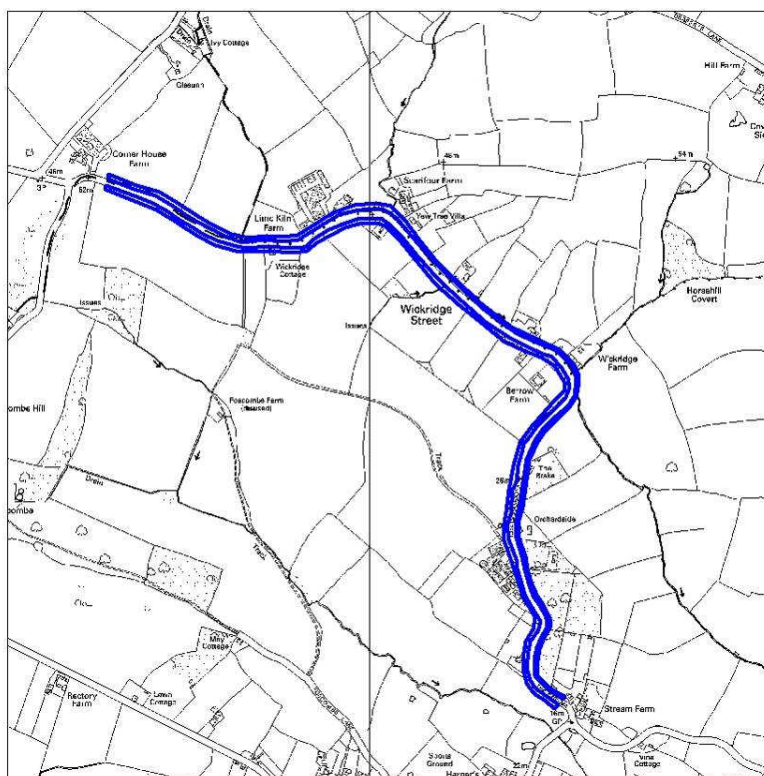
Site Description and Notes: c1.5km of verges along both sides of Wickridge St. Long sections are rather species-poor, but there are stretches of species-rich grassland. Flora includes a mature native Black-poplar (*Populus nigra* ssp. *betulifolia*), the Nationally Scarce Greater Dodder (*Cuscuta europaea*) and the Near Threatened Round-fruited Rush (*Juncus compressus*). Last surveyed 12/07/2007 and 15/08/2007.

UK Priority Habitats: Lowland meadow and Hedgerow
UK Priority Species: None

Suggested Management:

Ideal – No cutting of nettles from mid-summer onwards. Occasional cutting of encroaching scrub and mowing and raking of grass

Minimum – Cutting of rank grass and scrub growth every five years



Conservation Road Verges Site Register

Site Code: CRV036 Grid Reference: 382290 229200 to 381970 228630
District Name: TEWKESBURY
Site Name: **CORSE HILL BOTTOM**

Qualifying Criteria: 1
Date Reviewed: 28/10/2010

Site Description and Notes: Sections along south side of minor road with a fine flora, including Common Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*), Meadow Vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*), Common Bird's-foot-trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Burnet Saxifrage (*Pimpinella saxifraga*) and Cowslip (*Primula veris*). Also nearby stretches with interesting flora along the northern verge to the south. Last surveyed 25/07/2006.

UK Priority Habitats: Lowland calcareous grassland
UK Priority Species: None

Suggested Management:
Ideal – Cutting of rank grass and scrub control. Removal of cuttings
Minimum – Cutting of grass, tall herb and scrub encroachment every five years

