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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

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FAR HALL MEADOW

Date of Notification: 1990

National Grid Reference: SO 143680

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Site Area: 3.8 ha

Description:

This site comprises a single traditionally managed hay meadow situated on level ground in the flood-plain of the River Aran near Dolau. It supports an uncommon vegetation type that is more normally associated with the river valleys of central and southern England.

The sward is characterised by an abundance of common bent *Agrostis capillaris*, sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, soft-brome *Bromus hordeaceus* subsp. *hordeaceus*, crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus*, red fescue *Festuca rubra*, Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus*, great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, lesser trefoil *Trifolium dubium*, red clover *T. pratense* and white clover *T. repens*, with frequent perennial rye-grass *Lolium perenne*, ribwort plantain *Plantago lanceolata*, meadow buttercup *Ranunculus acris*, yellow-rattle *Rhinanthus minor* and common sorrel *Rumex acetosa*. Meadow foxtail *Alopercurus pratensis*, yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens*, marsh-marigold *Caltha palustris*, autumn hawkbit *Leontodon autumnalis* and tufted vetch *Vicia cracca* are all locally prominent, along with a wide range of other associates, including cuckooflower *Cardamine pratensis*, common knapweed *Centaurea nigra*, common mouse-ear *Cerastium fontanum*, heath spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata* subsp. *ericetorum*, meadow fescue *Festuca pratensis*, rough hawkbit *Leontodon hispidus*, oxeye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*, common bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus corniculatus* and common dandelion *Taraxacum officinale*.

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