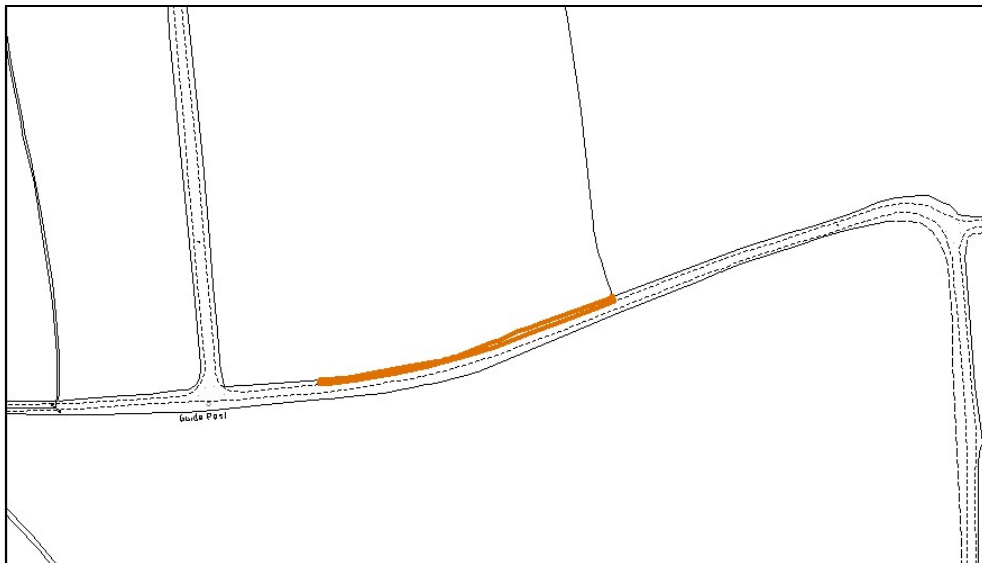
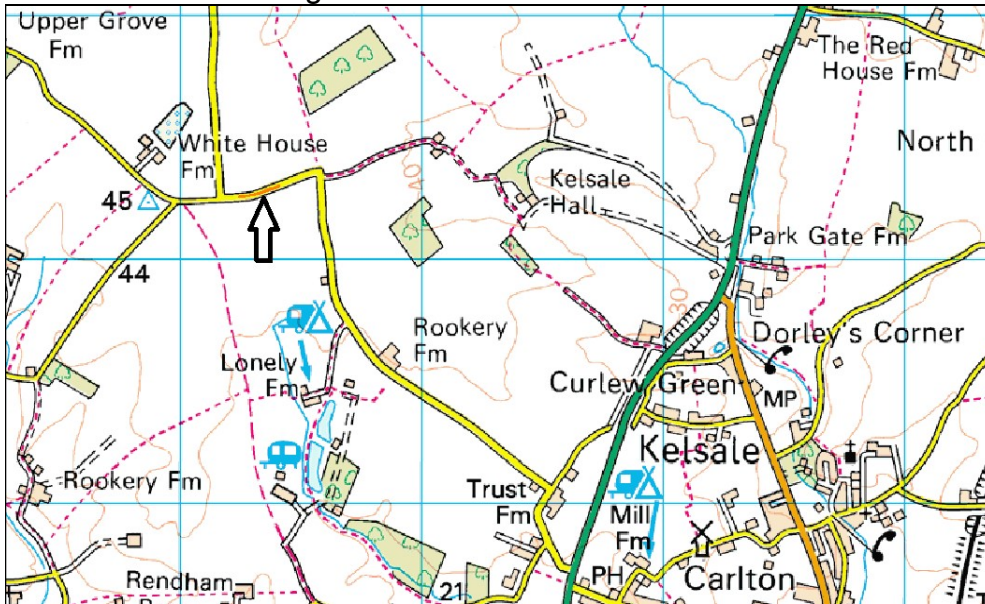


FACTSHEET - Kelsale Roadside Nature Reserve No. 187

The RNR is indicated in orange.



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Site Name and Number	Kelsale 187
Is there a Warden?	No
Map Reference	TM 36216626 to TM 36416631
Road Number	C229
Highways Area	East
County Wildlife Site?	SCDC 222
RNR Area	
Road Sides (length)	
Cutting time	SEP
Criteria	Sulphur clover

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As this is a MEDIUM RISK site you are advised NOT to visit this RNR. Volunteers are permitted to work on this RNR provided they take appropriate safety precautions



Photo courtesy of Ben Heather

Sulphur clover can be found on this RNR.

What is an RNR?

An RNR is a Roadside Nature Reserve. Under the Roadside Nature Reserve Scheme, the grass verges are individually managed to benefit the scarce or unusual plants or fungi growing in the stretch protected from normal highways management. RNRs may also be designated as County Wildlife Sites (CWS) and several are Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

RNRs are marked by two white posts, one at each end, with a black arrow on both posts pointing inwards to the RNR. This is to indicate to the grass verge cutters that this specific site is an RNR and is not to be cut outside of its designated cutting times.

Why are we conserving them?

Many roadside verges are very old, on the edges of routes that have changed little over the centuries. These verges are the remains of the semi-natural grassland that was once widespread throughout the country, but which has declined by 98% since 1945, as a result of changes of land use, intensive cultivation and drainage.

By careful management of the sites we aim to preserve the species on RNRs, giving future generations the chance to enjoy these remnants of ancient grassland meadows.

How can you help?

You can help by keeping an eye on the RNR, and letting us know if anything happens to it, such as material being dumped, or the marker posts being damaged. Even if we have a warden we might need help with raking after the grass is cut. If you would like to help out or be a RNR warden please get in touch, we will be happy to talk to you about the RNR and discuss the warden's role with you.

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