

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.  
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT  
Ufd253. Great Sampford Sand Pit



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**Ufd253. Great Sampford Sand Pit (1.9 ha) TL 640360**

This old pit has now been recolonised by a very varied and attractive grassland and scrub community which has been augmented by a small amount of tree planting. The extremely diverse grassland flora includes Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), Cowslip (*Primula veris*), the nationally scarce Sulphur Clover (*Trifolium ochroleucon*), Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*) and Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*). Scattered amongst this is scrub of Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*) and Rose (*Rosa* spp.). Eventually the amount of scrub growth may need controlling in order to maintain the current mosaic balance of grassland and scrub which attracts numerous butterflies and other insects.

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