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Ufd106. Widdington - Waldegraves Protected Roadside Verges UTT22 (0.2 ha) TL 535326 to TL 536329

This roadside verge has a flora that includes Cowslip (*Primula veris*), Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera**), Glaucous Sedge (*Carex flacca*), Fairy Flax (*Linum catharticum**), Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa**), Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare**) and Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*).

LoWS Selection Criteria: HCr15, SCr15

Condition and Management Issues: Appropriate mowing regimes for roadside verges are a perennial problem. This, and all other protected or interesting verges need managing as grassland, not just trimmed as a highway fringe. Nutrient enrichment is likely to be a long-term trend. This verge is, in places, becoming taken over by tall, rank grasses, indicating that a more intense management regime may be needed. The dumping of horse manure from adjacent pastures and camping by travellers are additional problems for this site.

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