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Ufd74. Great Chesterford Road Verge (0.15 ha) TL 51084335 to TL 51344293

This site comprises the northernmost section of Essex County Council Protected Road Verge UTT24a. It retains a chalk grassland flora that includes Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa**), wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*), Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), Burnet-saxifrage (*Pimpinella saxifraga*), Bladder Campion (*Silene vulgaris*) and Hoary Plantain (*Plantago media*). The flora also includes Common Star-of-Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum angustifolium**).

LoWS Selection Criteria: 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.

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