

**County Wildlife Site Survey Form  
(Ref. No. 2196 )**

**Site Name:** St Clement's Common

**Grid reference:** TM 192 820

**District:** South Norfolk

**Parish:** Dickleborough

**Area:** 1.2 acres

**Survey date:** Various from May to September 2019

**Registered Common Number:** CL 443

A site consisting of three small semi-improved, neutral grassland meadows surrounded by tall hedges with mature trees. Ditches with hedges/scrub, some of which are seasonally wet, border the site. Some stretches of the ditches are quite deep. A drainage ditch with scrub crosses the site, west to east.

The most species-rich area of grassland is the northern meadow with a small number of bee orchids (*Ophrys apifera*), southern marsh orchids (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*) and pyramidal orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) present – all occurring in a damp area in the north east. Also here is false fox sedge (*Carex otrubae*) and cowslip (*Primula veris*), as well as coarser grassland species such as creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*) and nettle (*Urtica dioica*). There is one pond in the north-east corner with mature trees and scrub surrounding it, and little vegetation present in the pond itself.

The largest meadow (marked as meadow 2 on the map) is maintained as short, amenity grassland for community activities.

The smallest meadow (meadow 3) is coarser grassland with, in places, dominating nettle, cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*), false oat grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*) and increasing blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) scrub. A small pond has been shaded out by blackthorn and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) scrub.



Practical task carried out  
on St. Clement's  
Common under the  
Wildlife in Common  
project  
(2019)

Hay raking meadow 1

Habitat Map:



Annotated habitat map:



Target Notes:

Meadow 1

Semi-improved neutral grassland with a boundary of hedgerow and trees and scrub. Scattered trees and scrub surrounding a deep sided pond with little aquatic or marginal vegetation. The tall hedge has hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), field maple (*Acer campestre*) and blackthorn.

The western section of the meadow slopes gently down to the east, with a damper area here being more species-rich, with a few flower spikes of bee orchid, southern marsh orchid and pyramidal orchid, also false fox sedge and cowslip.

The main grassland is drier and coarser, supporting Yorkshire fog (*Holcus lanatus*), meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), with frequent perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) and cocksfoot. Also white clover (*Trifolium repens*), silverweed (*Potentilla anserina*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), meadow buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*), frequent ground ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*), and increasing broad-leaved dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*). Patches of nettles are occasional.

Two areas of planted trees, some ornamental, to the south east have birch (*Betula pendula*), cherry (*Prunus* sp.), horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and beech (*Fagus sylvatica*).

A deep pond is heavily shaded by tall trees and scrub, with no aquatic species visible, and was almost dry at the time of surveying.

### **Meadow 2**

Semi-improved neutral grassland, with hedgerow and trees and scrub, kept as an amenity for village recreation.

Meadow 2 is rectangular in size, bordered on all sides by tall hedges, with no signs of recent maintenance including hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, elm (*Ulmus* sp.), holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and hazel (*Corylus avellana*).

This area is kept mown, with species including patches of selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and ground ivy.

### **Meadow 3** (Also known as the “Old Stackyard”)

Semi-improved neutral grassland, with hedgerow and trees. Increasing scrub now covers a small depression. This pond is about 10 years old, and has blackthorn and bramble scrub which is increasing to the north across the grassland.

Meadow 3 is narrow and bounded by high hedges with ditches, and is species-poor, with areas dominated by nettle and coarse grasses. This area is less managed than the other meadows, and is becoming quite coarse, supporting cocksfoot, false oat grass, Yorkshire fog, hogweed, white dead nettle (*Lamium album*) and green alkanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*).

#### **Other notable species:**

*Include non-plant species eg turtle dove/barn owl/dingy skipper*

Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)  
Common pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*)  
Noctule bat (*Eptesicus serotinus*)

See fauna list for other species recorded.

#### **Adjacent habitats/potential buffer zones & linkage to other sites:**

There is agricultural land surrounding the common, with country lanes to the north and west, with residential buildings to the north east of the site.

#### **Is the site in positive conservation management?**

The ‘amenity grassland’ meadow is mown regularly – the other two grassland areas are occasionally mown.

The increasing amounts of scrub in the southwest meadow are occasionally reduced, as are the nettles.

**Brief management proposals:**

*Eg should the site be grazed/cut & raked off/coppiced/thinned etc*

Management statement reviewed in 2019 and copy sent to the parish council.

**Has a site condition assessment form been completed for this site? Yes**

**Site Images** (By Anne Acres)



Meadow 1



Meadow 2



Meadow 3

**PLANT LIST**

**County Wildlife Site name & reference number:** St Clement's Common, Rushall (2196)

**Surveyors:** Anne Acres, Anne Langley, Sarah Day

Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse chestnut	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Fox Tail Grass	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	1 flower spike seen
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	
<i>Arctium</i> sp.	Burdock	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False oat grass	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords and Ladies	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	
<i>Bryonia alba</i>	White Bryony	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	
<i>Carclamine pratensis</i>	Cuckoo Flower	
<i>Carex otrubae</i>	False fox sedge	
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote sedge	

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<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Knapweed	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	
<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	Rough Chervil	
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	Midland Hawthorn	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Hounds-tongue	Garden escape
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cocksfoot grass	
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	
<i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i>	Southern marsh orchid	1 flower spike seen
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willow Herb	
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Horsetail	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	
<i>Fallopia convolvulus</i>	Black Bindweed	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	Snowdrop	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cranesbill – Cut leaf	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-Robert	
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	
<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i>	Mare's Tail	
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire fog	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead Nettle	
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead Nettle	
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Forget-me-not	
<i>Narcissus sp.</i>	Daffodil	Garden escapes
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	5 flower spikes seen
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet	
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Common Knotgrass	
<i>Populus sp.</i>	Poplar	
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	
<i>Potentilla repens</i>	Creeping cinquefoil	
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip - leaves only	
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	

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<i>Prunus avium</i>	Cherry - wild	
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	Bullace	
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Oak	
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	
<i>Rosa arvensis</i>	Field - Rose (white)	
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dogrose	
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	
<i>Rumex</i> sp.	Dock	
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved dock	
<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Weeping Willow	
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	
<i>Silene album</i>	White campion	
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly sow-thistle	
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Woundwort - Hedge	
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed - common	
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Comfrey	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion	
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small Leaved Lime	
<i>Tilia x europaea</i>	Lime	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	
<i>Ulmus procera salisb</i>	Elm	
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Speedwell - germander	
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	

<b>Fungi records</b>		
<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<i>Aleuria aurantia</i>	Orange Peel	
<i>Agaricus campestris</i>	Field Mushroom	
<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>	Clouded Funnel	
<i>Macrolepiota procera</i>	Parasol	
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Many-zoned Polypore (Turkeytail)	

## Fauna List

<b>Bird Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
11-09-18	Long Tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
09-10-18	Red Legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>
14-05-19	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
14-08-18	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
12-02-19	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>
19-06-18	Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
19-06-18	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
11-09-18	Bluetit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
12-02-19	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
14-05-19	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
8-1-19	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
14-08-18	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
12-02-19	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
17-07-18	Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>
8-1-19	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>
14-08-18	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>
8-1-19	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
11-09-18	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
17-07-18	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
17-07-18	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
17-07-18	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
17-07-18	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>
17-07-18	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
11-09-18	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
17-07-19	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
8-01-19	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>
<b>Bee Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
12-02-19	Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>
19-06-18	Garden Bumblebee	<i>Bombus hortorum</i>
17-07-19	Tree Bumblebee	<i>Bombus hypnorum</i>
17-07-19	Red tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>
14-05-19	White Tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>
17-07-18	Buff Tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>
17-07-18	Vestal Cuckoo Bee	<i>Bombus vestalis</i>
<b>Moth Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
19-06-18	Grass veneer moth	<i>Agriphila tristella</i>
17-07-18	Beautiful plume moth	<i>Amblyptilia acanthadactyla</i>
24-07-18	Silver Y moth	<i>Syngrapha interrogationis</i>



<b>Butterfly Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
14-05-19	Orange tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>
17-17-18	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>
19-06-18	Meadow brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
11-09-19	Speckled wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
17-07-18	Large white	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
17-07-18	Small white	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
17-17-18	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>
14-05-19	Common blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
17-17-18	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>
<b>Amphibian and Reptile Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
17-07-18	Common toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>
17-07-18	Grass snake	<i>Natrix Natrix</i>
11-09-18	Common frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>
<b>Mammal Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
14-05-19	Field mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>
19-06-18	Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>
14-08-19	Noctule bat	<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>
19-06-18	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>
14-08-19	Common pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>
19-06-18	Mole	<i>Talpa europaea</i>
11-09-18	Grey squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
<b>Dragonfly and Damselfly Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
14-08-18	Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>
17-07-18	Azure damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>
17-07-18	Common darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>
<b>Other Invertebrate Records</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
17-07-18	2-spot ladybird	<i>Adalia bipunctata</i>
17-07-18	Field grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>
17-7-18	Meadow grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus parallelus</i>
17-07-18	Twin-lobed deer fly	<i>Chrysops relictus</i>
19-03-19	7-spot ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>
17-07-18	Marmalade hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>
17-07-18	Drone fly	<i>Eristalis pertuax</i>

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
17-07-18	Harlequin ladybird	<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>
19-06-18	Cuckoo spit (spittle bug)	<i>Philaenus spumarius</i>
17-07-18	14-spot ladybird	<i>Propylea quattuordecimpunctata</i>
17-07-18	Common red soldier Beetle	<i>Rhagozycha fulva</i>
17-07-18	Flesh fly	<i>Sarcophaga carnaria</i>
17-07-18	Hoverfly	<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>
17-07-18	Hoverfly	<i>Sphaerophoria taeniata</i>
17-07-18	Hoverfly	<i>Syrphus ribesii</i>
17-07-18	Gall fly	<i>Terellia tussilaginis</i>
14-08-18	Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>
17-07-18	Great pied hoverfly	<i>Volucella pellucens</i>
17-7-18	Common wasp	<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>