

# EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Oxford Meadows  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Oxfordshire  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SP492090  
**SAC EU code:** UK0012845  
**Area (ha):** 265.89  
**Component SSSI:** Cassington Meadows SSSI, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI, Port Meadow with Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI, Wolvercote Meadows SSSI

### Site description:

Oxford Meadows includes vegetation communities that are perhaps unique in reflecting the influence of long-term grazing and hay-cutting on lowland hay meadows. The site has benefited from the survival of traditional management, which has been undertaken for several centuries, and so exhibits good conservation of structure and function. Port Meadow is the largest of only three known sites in the UK for creeping marshwort *Apium repens*.

**Qualifying habitats:** The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*)

**Qualifying species:** The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

- Creeping marshwort *Apium repens*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0012845

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs