

APPENDIX C

Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation

No	Name	Grid Ref	Features
C1	Fort Victoria	334 893	1, 4, 6
C2	Cracknells Meadow	343 889	2
C3	Saltern Wood	349 892	1, 6
C4	Mill Copse	358 890	1, 6
C5	Clavell s Copse	524 936	1
C6	Wilmington Plantation	361 877	1, 6
C7	Horseground Copse	547 937	1, 6
C8	Thorley Meadows	368 893	6
C9	Tapnell Furze	368 875	1, 6
C10	Compton Marsh	368 852	4, 5
C11	Hummet Copse	386 874	1, 2
C12	Lee Copse	383 893	1, 6
C13	Bouldnor Copse	383 903	2, 3, 6
C14	Gumard Cliff West	465 950	4
C15	Mount Farm Wood	391 890	1, 6
C16	Ningwood Common	394 900	1, 2, 3, 6
C17	Atkies Copse	404 890	1
C18	Shalcombe Down	394 855	2, 6
C19	Brook House Wood	392 844	1, 6
C20	Cook s Copse	410 883	1
C21	Nunney s Wood	402 894	1, 6
C22	Upper Hamstead Plantation	402 903	4, 6
C23	Shalfleet Farm Wood West	410 903	1
C24	Creek Farm Wood	407 906	1, 6
C25	Woodside Copse	550 935	1, 6
C26	Harts Farm Lower Meadows	425 908	6
C27	Shishford Copse	415 885	1
C28	Causeway Lake scrubs	420 906	2, 6
C29	Fleetlands Copse	426 901	1, 6
C30	Woodwax Copse	426 896	1
C31	Yatland Copse	424 894	1
C32	Flatbrooks Copse	428 886	1
C33	Crainges	428 875	1, 6
C34	Caul Bourne	424 866	5
C35	Westover Copse	418 858	1
C36	Grammars Common	415 838	3, 6
C37	Sudmoor Dyke	387 835	5
C38	Chessell Copse	403 866	1
C39	Chilton Chine	410 822	4
C40	Grange Chine	421 819	4
C41	Row Down	430 833	2, 3
C42	Brightstone Forest	430 850	2, 3, 6
C43	Calbourne Pumping Station	426 860	2
C44	Little Down	435 863	1, 2
C45	Pump Copse	433 873	1
C46	Rushcroft Copse	433 880	1

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C47	Guyers Heath	438 893	1, 6
C48	Three Gates West	436 899	1, 6
C49	Cat s Copse	469 943	1
C50	Hummet Wood	439 922	1
C51	Locks Farm	447 907	1, 2, 6
C52	Burnt Wood	443 926	1, 2, 6
C53	Sticelett Copse	467 937	1
C54	Three Gates East	443 896	1, 6
C55	Long Copse	446 889	1
C56	Harelane Plantation	442 882	1, 6
C57	Round Copse	447 875	1
C58	Bulls Wood	449 889	1
C59	Apes Down Copse	453 875	1
C60	Rodge Brook Scrubs	448 911	1, 6
C61	Bunts Hill Copse	453 918	1
C62	Thorness Wood	450 932	1, 6
C63	Thorley Copse	363 893	1, 5
C64	Roll s Bridge Copse	462 929	1
C65	Roll s Farm Wood	460 926	1
C66	Whitehouse Copse	462 922	1, 6
C67	Parkhurst Forest	468 919	1, 6
C68	Chalkclose Copse	468 927	1
C69	Parkhurst Forest	473 922	1, 6
C70	Parkhurst Forest	480 918	2, 3, 6
C71	Alvington Manor Chalkpit	474 882	1
C72	Plaish Water Meadows	480 874	5
C73	Bowcombe Wood	463 868	1
C74	Idlecombe Down	460 860	2
C75	High Wood	445 870	1, 6
C76	Top Barn Copse	447 863	1
C77	Idlecombe Down	452 852	2, 6
C78	Plaish Copse	467 853	1
C79	Barcham s Copse	472 857	1
C80	Dukem Copse	473 848	1
C81	W estridge Copse	468 840	1
C82	Lorden Copse	462 839	1
C83	Limerstone Down	438 837	2, 6
C84	Newbarn Down, Gatcombe	478 844	1, 2, 6
C85	W olverton Marsh	453 827	1, 5
C86	Heath Hill	464 822	2, 3
C87	Dungewood Withy Bed	463 815	1
C88	Sheard s Copse	470 825	1
C89	Kingston Copse	476 812	1, 6
C90	Sheard s Scarp	474 826	3
C91	Berry Copse	484 825	1, 2
C92	Billingham Manor Wood	490 812	1, 5
C93	Gotten Copse	490 792	1
C94	St Catherine s Down	495 785	2, 3
C95	St Catherine s Hill	492 773	2, 6
C96	W ydcombe Estate	505 782	1, 2, 5
C97	Upper Dolcoppice	505 792	1, 2, 5
C98	High Hat Reservoir	520 768	2
C99	The Undercliff	520 760	1, 4, 6
C100	W atcombe Down	545 776	2, 6
C101	Rew Copse	549 779	1

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C102	Appuldurcombe Down	540 800	1, 2, 6
C103	Sainham Copse	529 807	1
C104	Appuldurcombe Park	541 810	3
C105	Bleak Down	512 820	3
C106	Upper Yar Valley	520 820	5, 6
C107	Bleak Down	512 825	3
C108	Bottom s Copse	540 816	1
C109	Head Down	502 777	2, 3
C110	Ramsdown Copse	491 829	1
C111	Sibdown Farm Copse	498 841	1, 6
C113	Great Budbridge	530 833	5, 6
C114	Moor Farm	537 833	5
C115	Redway	536 845	5
C116	Arreton Withy Beds East	522 851	1
C117	Bunkers Copse (Rookley)	503 844	1
C118	Arreton Withy Beds West	511 857	1
C119	Gatcombe Withy Bed	499 850	1, 5, 6
C120	Marvel Copse	498 869	1
C121	River Medina: Shide to Blackwater	502 874	1, 5, 6
C122	St George s Down	510 870	3, 6
C123	St George s Down	520 865	3
C124	Standen Copse	526 873	1
C125	Standen Heath	532 886	1, 5
C126	Combley Great Wood	543 885	1, 2, 6
C127	Staplers Heath	525 894	1, 2, 6
C128	Quarr Old Abbey	566 927	6
C129	Woodhouse Copse	530 930	1, 6
C130	Aldeens Copse	548 933	1, 6
C131	W allishill Copse	540 938	1, 6
C132	Osborne Estate	520 950	1, 2, 6
C133	Puckers Copse	565 919	1, 6
C134	Firestone Copse	555 910	1, 6
C135	Staynes Copse	567 911	1
C136	Kittenocks	562 898	1, 2
C137	Stroud Wood	576 905	1
C138	Ashey Cemetery	577 897	2
C139	Rowlands Wood	567 894	1, 6
C140	Ramcroft Copse	557 887	1, 6
C141	Backet s Plantation	353 878	1
C142	Backet s Copse	353 874	1
C143	Mersley Down North	557 876	1, 2
C144	Mersley Chalkpit	555 872	2
C145	Fy s Copse	417 889	1
C146	Knighton Down	573 872	2, 6
C147	Knighton West Wood	563 870	1, 6
C148	Knighton East Wood	573 870	1, 6
C149	Lynch Copse	563 857	1, 6
C150	Ashey Down	580 879	2
C151	Newchurch Marshes	565 858	5, 6
C152	Horringsford Withy Bed	549 852	1, 5
C153	Freshwater Bay cliffs	340 855	4
C154	Hornhill Copse	469 950	1
C155	Youngwoods Copse	572 854	1, 2, 5
C156	Alverstone Marshes East	581 852	1, 2, 5, 6

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C158	Bucket s Spinney	354 882	1
C159	Brading Down West	588 869	2
C160	Kern Down Chalkpit	580 871	2
C161	Brading Down	596 868	1, 2
C162	Moon s Hill	328 859	5
C163	Nunwell Park	598 874	1, 6
C164	Broadley Copse	593 887	1
C165	Peakyclose Copse	600 887	1, 6
C166	Smallbrook Heath	589 904	1, 6
C167	Swanpond Copse	596 901	1, 6
C168	Whitefield Woods	605 894	1, 2, 6
C169	Barnsley Farm	612 901	1, 2, 6
C170	Nettlestone Marshes	620 908	5,
C171	Rosemary Copse	591 907	1
C172	Hill Farm Copse	611 891	1
C173	Spring Copse	617 892	1
C174	Eight Acre Copse	619 892	1
C175	Centurion s Copse	623 867	1, 6
C177	Bembridge Down	625 860	2, 6
C178	Breaches Copse	639 865	1
C179	Arreton Down North	540 875	1, 2
C180	Apse Castle Wood	565 816	1, 6
C181	Pennyfeathers	598 906	1
C182	Quarr Wood	568 925	1, 6
C183	Calbourne Meadows	412 869	2, 6
C184	Compton Grange Marsh	380 841	5, 6
C185	Newbarn Copse	430 871	1
C186	W roxall Bottom Copse	516 875	1
C187	Fort Warden Fields	327 875	2
C188	Golden Hill	339 878	2, 6
C189	Stroud Coppice	342 872	1
C190	Mount Ararat	460 833	1
C191	Shalfleet Mill	416 896	1, 2, 6
C192	Shalfleet Church	413 893	2, 5
C193	Buddle Brook	423 837	1, 5, 6
C194	Noke Plantation	486 912	1, 6
C195	Ridge Copse	482 926	1
C196	Great Werrar Wood	497 926	1
C197	Stag Copse	493 920	1
C198	Stag Lane Pond	498 918	5
C199	Little Werrar Wood	501 923	1, 5, 6
C200	Heathfield Meadows	513 924	1, 6
C201	Blackbush Copse	512 914	1
C202	Mount Joy	491 879	2
C203	Carisbrooke Castle	487 878	2, 6
C204	Carisbrooke Waterworks Pond	488 881	6
C205	River Medina: Shide	503 887	5
C206	Lukely Brook	491 886	5
C207	Bohemia Bog	514 833	5, 6
C208	Woodslade Coppice	408 895	1
C209	Pondclose Copse	407 889	1
C210	The Keys Wood	573 927	1, 6
C211	Ryde House Grounds	583 930	1, 2, 6
C212	Dame Anthony s Common	578 914	2, 6

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C213	Swanmore Meadows	593 913	2
C214	Ryde Canoe Lake	602 926	4, 6
C215	Appley Park	608 922	1, 2, 6
C216	Pennyfeathers	598 906	1
C217	Cothey Bottom Copse	607 907	1, 6
C218	Lushington Copse	531 921	1, 6
C219	Quarrel s Copse	534 914	1, 6
C220	Fernhill Wood	543 918	1, 6
C221	The Old Millpond, Wootton	549 916	1, 2, 4, 6
C222	New Copse	555 920	1, 6
C223	Ashlake Copse	553 925	1, 6
C224	Steyne Wood	638 871	1, 6
C225	Nodes Point Meadow	632 897	2, 6
C226	Priory Woods	634 905	1, 6
C227	Longlands Copse	622 905	1, 6
C228	Marshcombe Copse	609 860	1, 5
C229	Morton Marsh	606 861	5
C230	Heathfield Copse	516 930	1
C231	East Cowes Cemetery	503 947	2
C232	Springhill/Western Wood	508 964	1, 6
C233	Shrape Muds	506 964	4
C234	Princes Esplanade Wood	481 963	1, 6
C235	Gurnard Cliff East	477 956	1, 4
C236	Gurnard Marsh	474 953	2, 4, 6
C237	Ruffins Copse	480 940	1, 5, 6
C238	Ward s Copse	483 934	1
C239	Simmington Copse	494 939	1, 6
C240	Calving Close Copse	498 939	1, 6
C241	Cowes Cemetery and surrounding woods	495 946	1, 2, 6
C242	W aterclose Copse	494 935	1
C243	Luccombe Chine	583 794	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
C244	W roxall Copse	564 788	1
C245	Ventnor Radar Station	569 785	2, 3
C246	Ventnor Eastern Cliffs	566 773	4
C247	Bonchurch Undercliff	574 777	4, 6
C248	Monks Bay	580 780	4, 6
C249	Godshill Church	527 818	2, 6
C250	Perreton Down and Marsh	536 858	1, 2, 5
C251	Lynch Copse	579 800	1
C252	Hungerberry Copse	573 809	1, 6
C253	Sibden Hill	574 813	1, 2, 3
C254	Bullen Cross Wood	612 913	1
C255	Ninham/Barton Withy Beds	572 832	1, 5, 6
C256	Old Clover Withy Bed	576 827	1
C257	Landguard Manor Farm Copse	578 825	1, 2, 5
C258	Hilliards Cemetery	585 830	2
C259	Lake Cliffs	590 830	4, 6
C260	Borthwood Copse	570 844	1, 6
C261	Sandown Golf Course	585 850	2, 3, 5, 6
C262	Sandown Levels	604 850	5, 6
C263	Pope s Farm Marsh	566 853	5
C264	Brading Churchyard	607 873	2, 6
C265	Brading Marshes, North	615 881	5

C266	Dodnor Creek	498 913	1
C267	Hollow Lane, Chillerton	487 834	1, 3
C268	Whitefield Farm Copse	594 893	1
C270	Rowdown Copse	587 865	1
C271	St Martin s Down	561 803	2
C272	South Down	475 787	2, 3
C273	W errar Meadow	506 924	6
C274	W indmill Copse	478 794	1, 2
C275	Fattingpark	524 912	1, 6
C276	W esthill Meadow	342 896	2
C277	W roxall Meadow, South	548 793	2
C278	Eit s Down Farm	552 788	2

Selection Criteria

All sites should be clearly defined on a 1:10,000 scale map and, where possible, should be no smaller than an OS land parcel. When defining boundaries, a site should normally include any adjacent, or internal, semi-natural habitat, which, though it may not be important enough in its own right, makes an important contribution to the overall habitat and species diversity of the site. This would include mosaics of heathland, unimproved grassland, scrub and plantation.

1. Woodland

- a all ancient semi-natural woodlands;
- b other ancient woodland where there is a significant element of the original semi-natural woodland surviving. For example, the boundary banks and rides in some recent plantations on ancient sites have retained a semi-natural flora and fauna;
- c other semi-natural woodland if they comprise important community types of restricted distribution in the county, particularly alder woods and species-rich secondary woodlands;
- d any pasture woodland and wooded commons not included in any of the above, which are of biological and historic interest.

2. Neutral/Acid/Calcareous Grassland

- a agriculturally unimproved grasslands;
- b semi-improved grasslands which retain a significant element of unimproved grassland;
- c grasslands which have become impoverished through lack of management, but which retain sufficient elements of relic unimproved grassland to enable recovery.

3. Heathland

- a all areas of heathland vegetation, including matrices of dwarf shrub, grassland, valley mires and scrub;
- b areas of heathland which are heavily afforested or have succeeded to mature woodland if they retain significant remnants of heathland vegetation that would enable their recovery;
- c areas of bracken/bramble underscrub with an abundance of bluebells.

4. Coastal Habitats

- a all remaining natural and semi-natural coastal and estuarine habitats, including sand dunes, saltmarsh, brackish ponds, grazing marshes and coastal grasslands, sea cliffs, landslips, slopes and chins and intertidal rocky shores.

5. Wetland Habitats

- a areas of open freshwater (eg lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and ditches), which support a significant assemblage of aquatic flora and fauna;
- b reed swamps, fens, flushes, seepages, springs, inundation grasslands etc that support a significant assemblage of flora and fauna characteristic of unimproved and waterlogged (seasonal or permanent) conditions.

6. Species

- a sites which support a significant population of one or more notable species;
- b sites which regularly support a significant population of species of restricted distribution in the county. This includes sites that may only be used seasonally or for one part of the species life cycle;
- c sites which support a particularly rich assemblage of species (not necessarily notable).

7. Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Sites (RIGS)

- a sites which would qualify under the RIGS system as identified by the Isle of Wight Museum of Geology.

Notes:

- 1. Semi-Natural - modified types of vegetation in which dominant and constant species are accepted natives to Britain, and the locality, and the structure of the community conforms to the range of natural vegetation types.
- 2. Agriculturally Unimproved Grassland - grassland that is composed of a mixed assemblage of indigenous species in essentially semi-natural communities which has been allowed to develop without the major use of herbicides and inorganic fertilisers, and without the added influences of processes such as ploughing, re-seeding and drainage management.
- 3. Notable Species - includes Red Data Book species, Nationally Scarce species (species present in one hundred or fewer 10km squares in the UK); those species covered under Schedules 1, 5 and 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Annex 1 of the EC Bird Directive 79/409; Annex IV of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC; and those covered by the Bern, Bonn and Ramsar Conventions. Notable species will also include species which are considered rare on the Isle of Wight, where they occur in significant numbers.
- 4. Wetland Habitats - on the Island, we have suffered historically from reduced water flows and either excessive disturbance or neglect. Consequently good sites are few and therefore all sites supporting a variety of undisturbed wetland habitats are important.

