

STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL SITES - OCTOBER 2011

	Name	Grid Ref	Habitat or species code (see guidance)	Description
1	A19 - A67 Road Verges	NZ438086 (south) to NZ435091 (north)	U3:G1	Herb-rich grassland along a series of road verges at the A19-A67 road junction, and along the A67 towards Kirklevington. The site has 3 grasses and 15 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
2	A19 Gorse Field	NZ442238	E1&G1	Herb-rich grassland immediately to the east of the A19 and west of Billingham Golf Course, next to a small tributary of Billingham Beck. The site has 3 species from the criteria list for E1, and 1 grass and 11 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
3	Billingham Norton Bottoms Reedbed Treatment System	NZ467207	E2	A large reedbed adjacent to Billingham Beck, to the north-west of the Haverton Hill interchange.
4	Aislaby Banks	NZ403117 (south) to NZ407122 (north)	E1&G1	Grassland on the north/west bank of the River Tees at Aislaby. The site incorporates areas of wet grassland/wet flush with 7 species from the criteria list for E1, and herb-rich grassland with 5 grasses and 10 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
5	Back Lane Road Verge	NZ374185 (north) to NZ375182 (south)	U3:G1	Herb-rich grassland along the west side of Back Lane. The site has 2 grasses and 14 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and is greater than 100m in length.
6	Bassleton Wood	NZ445156	W1&W2	Mixed Woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, along the southern bank of the River Tees near Thornaby. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 11 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
7	Billingham Beck Valley Country Park	NZ447234 (north) to NZ455215 (south)	E1&E2&G1&I2	A large area of grassland, wetland, scrub and woodland in the valley of Billingham Beck, that forms the Billingham Beck Country Park. The site supports Dingy Skipper, has areas of reedbed, and has 7 species from the criteria list for E1, and 5 grasses and 14 herbs from the criteria list for G1 (see breakdown).
8	Black Bobbies Field	NZ447165	G1	Grassland along the eastern bank of the River Tees to the north of Bainbridge Wood. The site has ponds that could achieve LWS status when criteria for pond selection are completed, and has 3 grasses and 5 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
9	Bowesfield Nature Reserve	NZ44571642 (north area) NZ44301585 (south area)	M3&O1	A recently-created nature reserve along the west bank of the River Tees, opposite The Holmes. The site supports Harvest Mouse, and has lakes, areas of wet grassland and reedbeds.
10	Bowesfield Pond	NZ433178	G1	A triangle of grassland surrounding a fishing pond, bounded by a dismantled railway, a live railway and a housing estate. The site has two ponds that could achieve LWS status when criteria for pond selection are completed, and the site has 5 grasses and 10 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
11	Bowlhole Wood	NZ373099	W1	Mixed Woodland, recorded as Ancient Semi-natural on the inventory, along the northern/eastern bank of the River Tees near Low Middleton. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, and has a combined total of 9 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
12	Brinefields	NZ510245	C2&E2	Former saltmarsh enclosed in 19th Century and still bounded to the east by an old seawall known as the Long Drag. The site contains brackish pools with saltmarsh plants. Some of the pools attract waders and access roads for the brine wellheads are breeding sites for ringed plover.

13	Castle Hill Grassland	NZ461103	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the slopes above the River Leven, downstream of Blackwell Crook Wood. The site has 3 grasses and 12 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and 1 grass and 2 herbs from the criteria list for G2.
14	Clockhouse and Rookery Wood	NZ425122	W1&W2	Mixed Woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, along the southern bank of the River Tees at Yarm. Area to the west is Rookery Wood, and to the east is Clockhouse Wood. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area. Clockhouse Wood has 12 woodland species from the criteria list for W2 and Rookery Wood has 16 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
15	Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park	NZ482253	A1	Fomer brickworks, landfill and agricultural land to the north of Billingham that is now a country park comprising new woodland, grassland, ponds and lakes. The site supports Great Crested-newt.
16	Crow Wood Grassland	NZ450108	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the slopes above the River Leven, between Stockdale Wood (upstream) and Crow Wood (downstream). The site has 2 grasses and 10 herbs from the criteria list for G1, but it is likely that a third grass would be recorded if the site was visited at a more suitable time of year.
17	Darlington Lane Road Verges	NZ364181 (west) to NZ372184 (east)	U3:G1	Herb-rich grassland along a series of road verges along both sides of Darlington Back Lane. The site has 2 grasses and 14 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and is greater than 100m in length.
18	East and West Gill Grassland	NZ438113	E1&G1	Herb-rich grassland, and two wet flushes, in a gill leading into the River Leven. The site has 7 species from the criteria list for E1, and 5 grasses and 13 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
19	Elementis Nature Reserve	NZ408153	A1&I2	A former airfield to the west of Eagglescliffe. The site supports Great Crested-newts and Dingy Skipper.
20	Eliff's Mill	NZ407142	A1	A small area of grassland and ponds to the west of the allotments at Eggescliffe. The site is managed as a nature area for local schools, and supports Great Crested-newt.
21	Elton Rookery Wood	NZ404172	W2	Mixed woodland south of Elton. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and galdes, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 13 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
22	Fulthorpe Lane Road Verge	NZ409246	U3:G1	A herb-rich road-verge along both sides of Fulthorpe Lane. The site has 2 grasses and 8 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and is greater than 100m in length.
23	Gravel Hole	NZ445232	A1&G1&I2&U1	A former gravel pit, part of which is now a Nature Reserve and part an informal bike track. There are ponds in the sand and gravel pit that support Great Crested-newts, and the whole site supports Dingy Skipper. The site has 5 grasses and 14 herbs from the criteria list for G1, 2 herbs from the criteria list for G2, and 10 species from the criteria list for U1.
24	Greenvale	NZ41571877 to NZ41411911	G1 M4	Herb-rich grassland in an urban valley greenspace in the Hartburn area of Stockton. The site has 5 grasses and 15 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
25	Hardwick Dene	NZ418205	I2,E1&G1	An urban greenspace following a small beck in the Bishopsgarth/Elm Tree area of Stockton. The site supports Dingy Skipper and White-letter Hairstreak, and has 1 grass and 3 herbs from the criteria list for G1. Includes Hardwick Dene Pasture, a herb-rich grassland, and a wet flush, sloping down to a beck. The site has 7 species from the criteria list for E1, and 3 grasses and 12 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
26	Hartburn Beck	NZ420175	G1	Herb-rich grassland along the north bank of Hartburn Beck. The site has a combined total of 5 grasses and 12 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
27	High Farm Thornton Grassland	NZ484125 to NZ483128	G1	Herb-rich grassland in four fields along the banks of Maltby Beck between High Farm in the south and Sleepy Hollow Farm in the north. Three of the four fields are on the west side of the beck. The site has 5 grasses and 16 herbs from the criteria list for G1 (see breakdown).

28	Ingleby Hill Grassland	NZ44431257 (south) to NZ43651296 (north)	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the slopes above the east bank of the River Leven, between the footpath from Challacombe Crescent in the south, and the footpath from Crosswell Park in the north. The site has a combined total of 5 grasses and 15 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
29	Leven Bridge Grassland	NZ444115	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the slopes above the River Leven, between Crow Wood (upstream) and Leven Bridge Plantation East (downstream). The site has 2 grasses and 14 herbs from the criteria list for G1, but it is possible that it could fit the G1 criteria if visited at a more suitable time of year.
30	Leven Valley Woods	NZ446094 (south/upstream) to NZ445119 (north/downstream)	W1W2 mosaic	A Mixed Woodland Complex (most of which is Ancient Semi-natural), that is predominantly deciduous, following both banks of the River Leven (from Old Crow Wood), and Brewsdale Beck (from Brewsdale Wood), to Leven Bridge. The woods include pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, are not irreversibly degraded, have features of value present in >50% of the area, and have 27 woodland species from the criteria list for W2 (see breakdown).
31	Low Middlefield Farm	NZ41612402	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the south bank of Thorpe Beck, to the north of Low Middlefield Farm. The site has 5 grasses and 17 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
32	Newsham Banks Grassland	NZ383105	G1	Herb-rich grassland on predominantly sloping ground on the north/west bank of the River Tees at Newsham. The site has 5 grasses and 11 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
33	Newsham Wood	NZ384110	W1&W2	Mixed Woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, along the northern bank of the River Tees at Newsham. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 12 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
35	Norton Foundary Tip Grassland	NZ438232	G1	Grassland immediately to the west of the old Norton Foundary Tip. The site has 3 grasses and 6 herbs from the criteria list for G1. The site could possibly also be designated under U1 (according to previous records) but species could not be recorded in 2008 as survey was carried out from perimeter path.
36	Old River Tees	NZ470183	C1&E2&M4	Remnant saltmarsh and reedbeds along the old course of the River Tees to the east of Teesside Retail Park and the west of the A19. The site supports Water Vole.
37	Portrack Marsh	NZ465195	I2 O1	Wetland nature reserve with pools and reed /swamp vegetation adjacent to the River Tees
38	Portrack Meadows	NZ475198	C1&E2&U1	A former industrial site on the north bank of the River Tees, between the A19 fly-over and Newport Bridge. The site comprises a central area of urban grassland with surrounding scrub, an area of reedbed, and a brackish pool with remnant saltmarsh.
39	Quarry Wood	NZ428153	I2	Mixed woodland, predominantly Beech, Horse Chestnut and Sycamore, along the northern/western bank of the River Tees to the south of Preston Hall Wood and east of Eaglescliffe. The site supports White-letter Hairstreak, and also includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, and has 8 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
40	Redmarshall Road Verge	NZ40122006 (north-west) to NZ40321990 (south-	U3:G1	A herb-rich road verge along the west side of Redmarshall Road. The site has 3 grasses and 9 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and is greater than 100m in length.
41	Saltergill Pasture	NZ410102	G1	Unmanaged, herb-rich grassland on virtually flat ground to the south of Saltergill Beck. The site has 4 grasses and 11 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
42	Saltergill Wood	NZ407100	W2	Mixed Woodland on ridge and furrow along the banks of Saltergill Beck, to the west of Saltergill Lane and east of the borough boundary with North Yorkshire. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 11 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.

43	Sleepy Hollow Grassland	NZ48341309	G1	Herb-rich grassland on the east bank of Matlby Beck, to the north of Sleepy Hollow and the south of Boltonmoss Hill. The site has 6 grasses and 17 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
44	Slosh mire Gate Pond	NZ383118	A1	A small pond immediately north of Aislaby Road, to the north of Newsham. The site supports Great Crested-newt.
45	Stainsby Beck Meadow	NZ465144	G1	Herb-rich grassland on disturbed ground to the east of Thornaby Industrial Estate and west of Stainsby Wood. The site has 4 grasses and 10 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
46	Stainsby Wood	NZ463150	W1&W2	Mixed woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, along the banks of Stainsby Beck, south-east of Thornaby. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 11 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
47	The Holmes	NZ445162	G1	Herb-rich grassland along the eastern bank of the River Tees south of Bainbridge Wood and north of Bassleton Wood, and opposite Bowesfield Nature Reserve. The site has ponds that could achieve LWS status when criteria for pond selection are completed, and has 4 grasses and 11 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
48	Thornaby Wood	NZ451152	W1&W2	Mixed Woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, along the banks of Bassleton Beck, south of Thornaby. The site includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and glades, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 13 woodland species from the criteria list for W2.
49	Thornton Grange Grassland	NZ47251350	G1	Herb-rich grassland on ground sloping down to the south bank of Maltby Beck. The site has 3 grasses and 13 herbs from the criteria list for G1.
50	Thorpe Wood	NZ405247	A1I2&W1W2 mosaic	Mixed Woodland, predominantly Ancient Semi-natural, part of Wynyard Woodland Park. The site supports White-letter Hairstreak, and includes pockets of semi-natural canopy and herb-rich rides, is not irreversibly degraded, has features of value present in >50% of the area, and has 17 woodland species from the criteria list for W2. The site includes a number of permanent and seasonal water bodies supporting great crested newt.
51	Whinny Hill to Sandy Leas Road Verge	NZ38521852 (north) to NZ38731807 (south)	U3:G1	A herb-rich road-verge along the east side of Sandy Leas Lane. The site has 2 grasses and 9 herbs from the criteria list for G1, and is greater than 100m in length.
52	Wynyard Woodland Park	NZ403277 (north) to NZ408222 (south)	A1&M3&G1 U3:G1 mosaic	A long, linear site following a dismantled railway from Brierley Wood in the north, to the live railway line that links Billingham to the East Coast Mainline in the south. The site includes railway embankments, herb-rich grasslands, and ponds. The site supports Great Crested-newt, Harvest Mouse plus grasses and herbs from the criteria list for G1
53	Yarm Churchyard	NZ416129	B1	A churchyard with sandstone masonry west of Yarm High Street. The stonework supports one nationally rare lichen and one nationally scarce lichen.
54	Barwick Sandstone Quarry	NZ 435 153	S H	Disused quarry showing unique yellow Sherwood sandstone exposure.
55	Barwick Dyke Quarry	NZ 431 152	S H	Disused Cleveland Dyke Quarry
56	River Leven	NZ 459 096	S H A	Unique river cliff exposure of Mercia Mudstone and Sherwood sandstone contact.
57	Stainsby Beck (Mercia & Dyke)	NZ 465 147 to NZ 465 146	S	Streamside exposure of Mercia Mudstone being cut by Cleveland Dyke.
58	Gravel Hole Quarry	NZ 445 231	S	Disused quarry showing rare quaternary sand and gravel deposits.

Note: The Tees Valley Biodiversity Partnership Steering Group agreed in June 2011 to deselect the site originally identified as Local Site 34