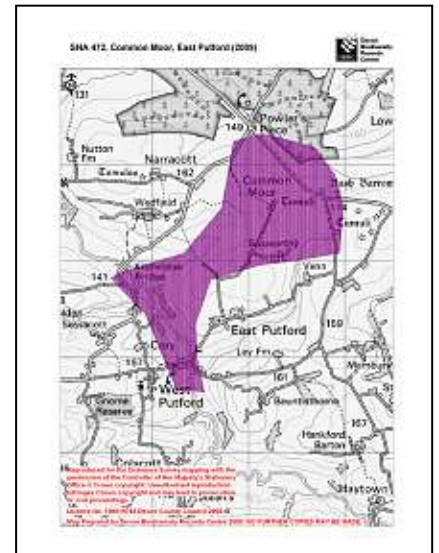


1. SNA details

SNA name:	Common Moor, East Putford
SNA unique number:	472
SNA area (ha):	239.27



2. Summary of nature conservation interest

Priority BAP habitats:

Main Regional Nature Map habitat:	Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pasture
Other Regional Nature Map habitat(s):	
Other UK BAP habitats:	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland, Wet Woodland, Lowland Heathland, Lowland Dry Acid Grassland, Lowland Fens, Lowland Meadows, Hedges, Rivers.

This SNA is part of a network of 'Culm' sites that occur along the River Torridge Valley. There are Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pasture SNAs either side of this one: Mambury and Stowford to the East, and Kismeldon and Dipple Water to the West.

The River Torridge runs through the South West part of the SNA.

Purple moor grass and rush pasture occurs along with unimproved neutral grassland, wet woodland, fen meadow and swamp in the lower parts of the SNA alongside the River Torridge. Higher up onto Common Moor it is found in a mosaic with wet and dry heath communities.

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Devon notable flowering plants e.g. Wavy-Leaved St John's Wort, Petty Whin, Lesser Butterfly Orchid.	Devon notable plants S.41 (Lesser Butterfly Orchid)
Butterflies e.g. Marsh Fritillary, Small Heath, Marbled White.	S.41 (Small Heath, Marsh Fritillary) DBAP, Nationally notable (Marsh Fritillary)
Rare invertebrates at Common moor e.g. <i>Limnophila abdominalis</i> (cranefly) and <i>Strangalia quadrifasciata</i> (Longhorn beetle)	Nationally Rare (cranefly) Nationally scarce (beetle)
Reptiles & Amphibians e.g. Common Frog, Common Toad, Grass Snake, Viviparous Lizard.	S.41 (all except frog)
Farmland Birds e.g. Skylark, Turtle Dove (RSPB data), Barn-Owl.	S.41, Red DBAP (Barn Owl)

Species in bold have been recorded in County Wildlife Site (CWS) surveys, SSSI citation or as incidental records in this SNA. Other species listed are likely to be found associated with this habitat. See Appendix 1 for other species recorded in SNA 472.

Nature conservation designations

Please refer to a site's formal citation for a complete consideration of the reasons for its designation.

Designation	Site Name	Description
SSSI (Common land)	Common Moor, East Putford	Wet and dry heathland with tall herb fen. Invertebrate interest.

In addition the SNA includes 4 County Wildlife Sites covering habitats including: Culm grassland, unimproved neutral and acidic grassland, marshy grassland, willow carr, fen meadow, swamp, wet and dry heathland.

There are no Regionally Important Geological Sites.

3. UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration targets for SNA no 472

(the measurement unit is hectare unless stated otherwise and is rounded up/down)

Maintenance targets (current extent of habitat) – 100 % favourable condition (based on NBN habitat layers)

UK BAP priority habitat	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Purple Moor Grass & Rush Pasture	Lowland Heathland	TOTAL
Minimum area *		3		3
Maximum area #	1	62	48	111

* current extent of habitat = a + b

a) sum of all the areas of criterion 1 polygons (*Definitely is*)

b) number of criterion 2 polygons multiplied by the minimum mappable unit for that habitat (*Definitely present within polygon but not mappable*)
[criterion 3 polygons not included] (*Probably the Priority Habitat but some uncertainty of interpretation*)

current extent of habitat = criterion 1 + criterion 2 + criterion 3

Theoretical restoration/creation targets using Rebuilding Biodiversity (RB) methodology:

The Rebuilding Biodiversity in the South West Technical Manual, November 2005 suggests the following restoration/creation targets for a Strategic Nature Area profile where the priority habitat is purple moor grass & rush pasture.

- 30% cover of priority habitat
- 30% cover of other semi-natural habitat
- 40% cover of other land uses.

This SNA profile will be further developed as follows:

4. Opportunities for habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

This is an optional but desirable section to be completed by local experts and which would outline the practical opportunities for habitat restoration and creation on the ground. This may include emphasising the importance of an SNA for habitats additional to the primary one for which it was identified or, indeed, for particular species.

This section can also be used to develop more realistic habitat restoration targets, which could then be used to refine the theoretical targets listed above.

5. Constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

As above, but in this case outlining the constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA.

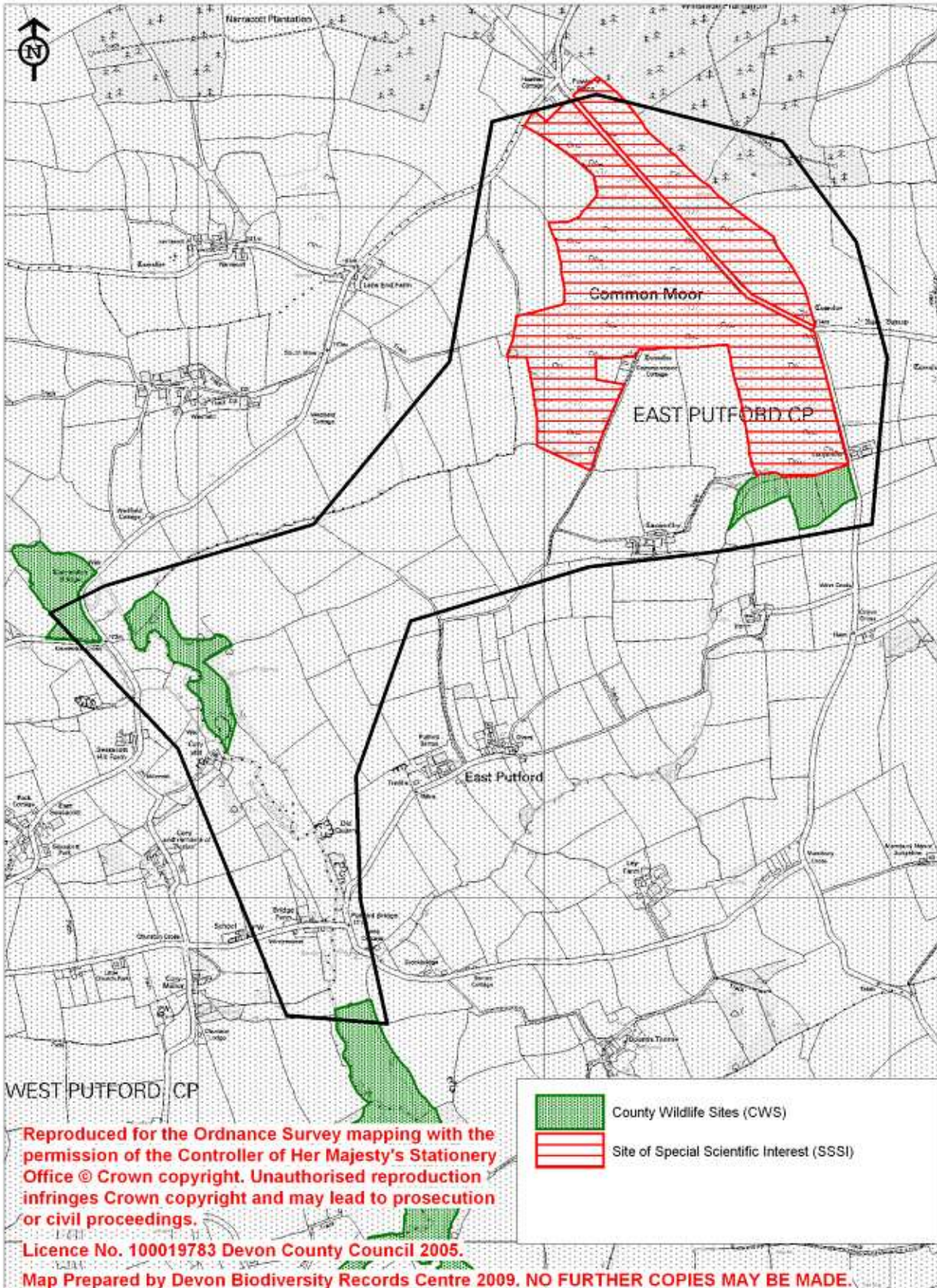
6. Other information

This is another optional section reliant upon local knowledge of the SNA. This section can be used for any other information that might be useful. It may be particularly useful for those SNAs within which there current projects or for which projects are planned.

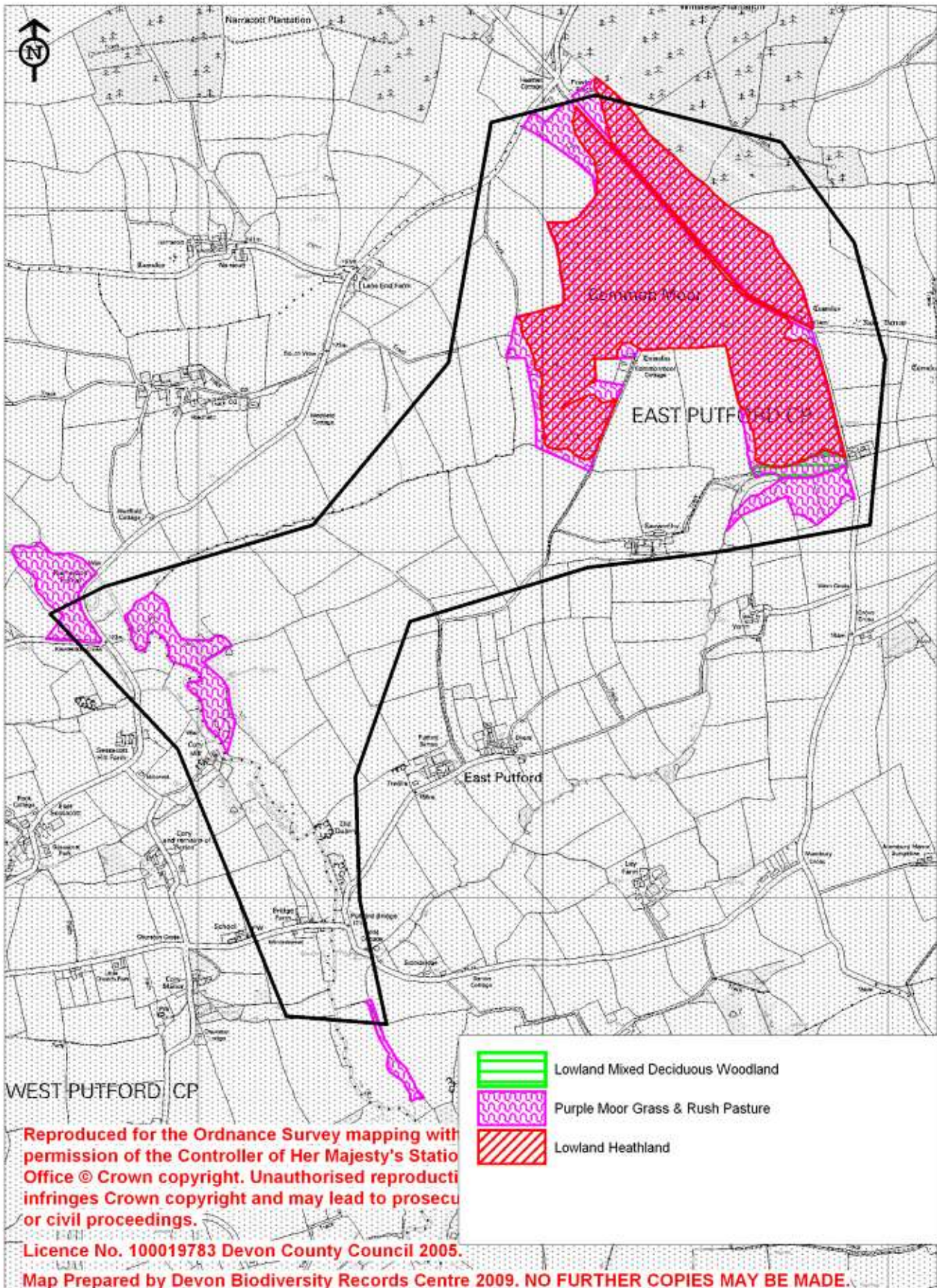
Contents could include:

- Restoration targets for BAP habitats additional to the main nature map habitat.
- Maps detailing areas for restoration
- Nature conservation objectives
- And so on.

Designated sites within SNA 472, Common Moor, East Putford (2009)



Selected UKBAP priority habitats within SNA 472,
Common Moor, East Putford (2009)



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Appendix 1: Legally protected and notable species recorded within SNA 472 (2009)

Common name	Scientific name	Status
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>	WCA
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	S.41; Decline
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	S.41; Decline
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	S.41; Red
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	S.41
Wavy St. John's-Wort	<i>Hypericum undulatum</i>	NS; DN2

WCA

Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)

S.41

Species or habitat of principal importance in England (i.e. English BAP priority species / habitat) – see Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006).

DBAP

Devon Biodiversity Action Plan species: these have been identified as species of key conservation concern in Devon.

NS

Nationally Scarce: 15-100 10km squares in Atlas of British Flora 1962.

Devon Notable Species: species recorded from 2km squares in the Atlas of Devon Flora 1984 (R.B. Ivimey-Cook, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Exeter).

DN2

Devon Notable²: 26-50 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

Decline

Substantial local decline in Devon

Red List

Bird species of high conservation concern, such as those whose population or range is rapidly declining, recently or historically, and those of global conservation concern.