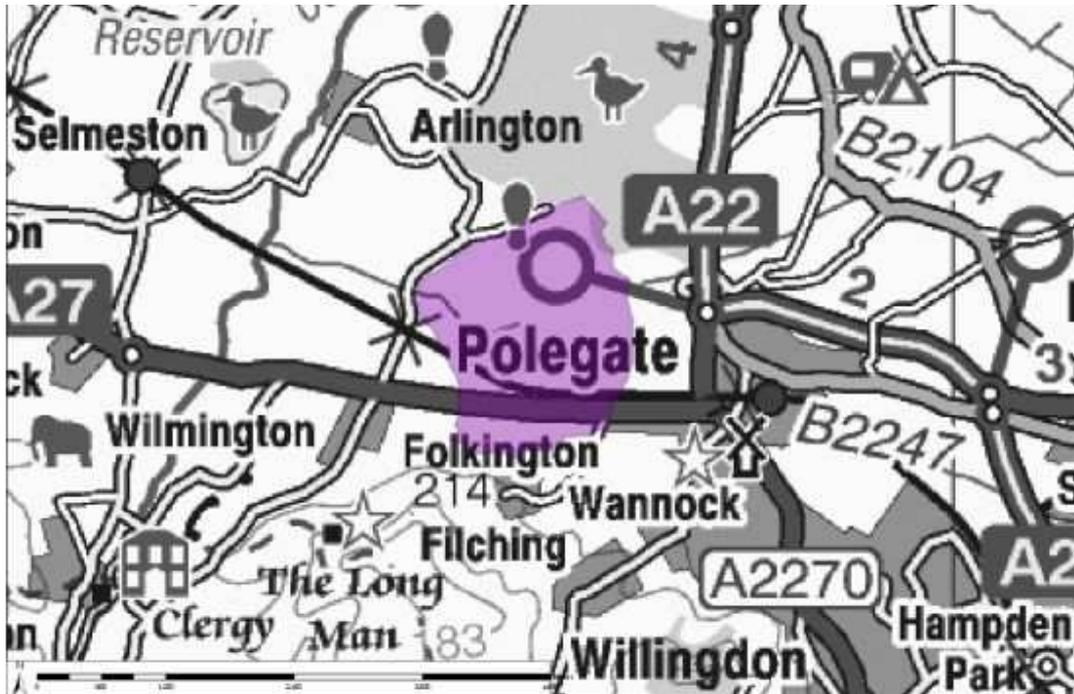# Wooton Manor grasslands link Biodiversity Opportunity Area

Joint Character Area High Weald

The Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) are the regional priority areas of opportunity for restoration and creation of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats. They are a spatial representation of BAP targets and are areas of opportunity, not constraint. The BOAs are the property of the South East England Biodiversity Forum www.sebiodiversity.org.uk. Contains Ordnance Survey data Crown copyright and database right 2010

Wooton Manor grasslands link has been recognised as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) as it represents a priority area for the delivery of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) targets. This is one of 75 such areas across Sussex. The BOA covers approximately 344 hectares.

This small opportunity area has several small ancient woodlands/shaws within it, but is predominantly composed of agricultural land and some hedgerows.

BAP Habitat

Wood-pasture and parkland
Woodland

BAP Species 7 species recorded, with the following in the last ten years:

Species	Habitat Requirements
Hedgehog *Erinaceus europaeus*	Woodland, farmland, urban areas, hedgerows

Thatch-moss *Leptodontium gemmascens*	In grasslands on decaying vegetation and bases of grasses and rushes, thatched roofs
Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*	Woodland edges, hedgerows and open land with scattered bushes
Curly Beardless-moss *Weissia condensa*	Warm calcareous grassland

Invasive Non-native Species two species recorded, with the following in the last ten years:

Heath Star Moss *Campylopus introflexus*
Japanese Knotweed *Fallopia japonica*

Designated Sites

Monkyn Pin SNCI a small but diverse area of predominantly neutral grassland with small areas of scrub, which seems particularly good for butterflies.

Opportunities Identified

- Ecological networks
- Access management
- Policy integration
- Woodland management and restoration
- Meadow management, restoration and creation
- Landowner advisory and agri-environment schemes

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