

Allan Water - Ashfield to Laigh Hill Local Nature Conservation Site

Grid reference	NN783025
Total area (ha)	40.29
Associated sites	River Teith SAC, Ardoch Burn pLNCS, Auchinlay pLNCS, Biggins wood pLNCS, Cromlix pond pLNCS, Dunblane disused quarry pLNCS, Landrick Woods LNCS to be adopted.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Summary	River and adjoining marsh, meadows, parkland and hillside with a species-rich woodland and grassland flora, including several Scottish Biodiversity List plants and butterflies, locally rare plants and protected mammals.
Physical description	River valley flowing north to south, with the hamlet of Ashfield at the northern end and Dunblane city to the south. The southern end includes the parkland and Laigh Hill areas. The site is bisected by a railway line. The northern section abuts Dunblane disused quarry on its east side. The site lies between 60m and 100m above sea level.
Management Summary	
Main habitats	Running water, broadleaved and mixed woodlands and marshy grassland.
Notable habitats	Semi-natural broadleaved woodland and standing water
Notable species	Grey Wagtail (<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>), Brittle Bladder-fern (<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>), Harebell (<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>), Wild Basil (<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>), Northern Marsh-orchid (<i>Dactylorhiza purpurella</i>), Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>), Corn Mint (<i>Mentha arvensis</i>), Common Twayblade (<i>Neottia ovata</i>), Butterbur (<i>Petasites hybridus</i>), Greater Butterfly-orchid (<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>), Purple Willow (<i>Salix purpurea</i>), Wood Club-rush (<i>Scirpus sylvaticus</i>), Field Madder (<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (<i>Boloria selene</i>), Small Heath (<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>), West European Hedgehog (<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>), Daubenton's Bat (<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>), Eurasian Red Squirrel (<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>)

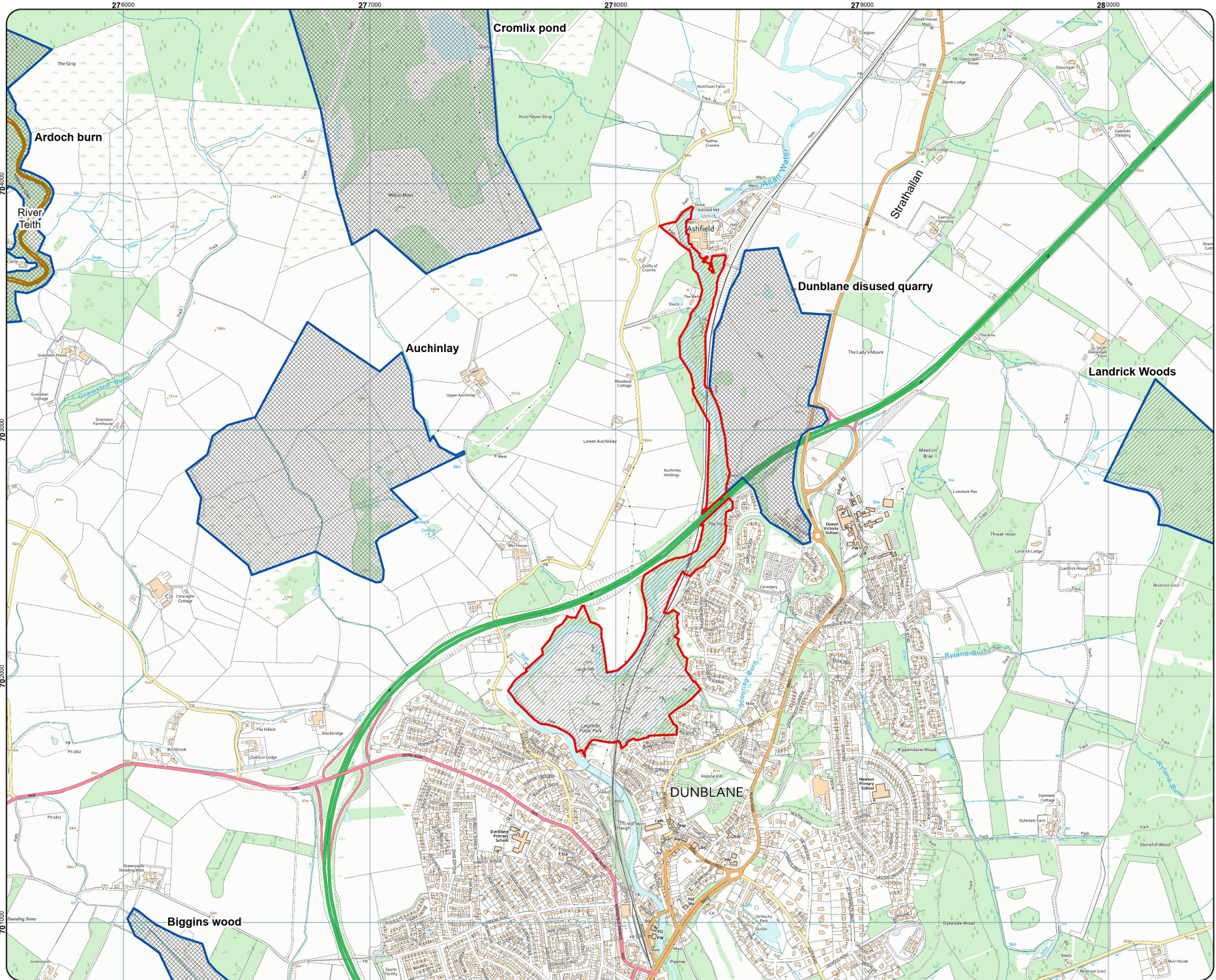
- Access and Use** Site actively used by the local community for biodiversity access purposes. Core path network through site. Site within 500m of more than 500m households. Site managed and improved by community group. The following education institutions are within 1km of the site: Newton Primary School, Dunblane Primary School and Queen Victoria School. Regular systematic biodiversity recording at site
- Biodiversity Features**
- 1) Ancient woodland: 1.07 ha of ancient semi-natural woodland on site, comprising 2.72% of the site.
 - 2) Condition of surface waters: The overall condition of the Allan Water (river section from Greenloaning to Dunblane) is moderate according to SEPA data from 2017.
 - 3) Site with notable bird breeding on site: Grey Wagtail confirmed breeding on site in 2010.
 - 4) Wintering birds: Ashfield meadows is of importance for wintering birds (thrushes such as Redwing and Fieldfare), which rely on the shrubs with berries.

BOUNDARY STATEMENT

Summary

ASSESSMENT AND STATUS

Assessment date	10/02/2021
Current status	LNCS to be adopted
Previous status	None
Other status	None
Date:	01/04/2021



Local Nature Conservation Site Map

Local Authority:
Stirling

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Legend

- Site Boundary
- SAC

Stirling LNCS

- LNCS
- LNCS to be adopted
- pLNCS

This plan does not confer landownership or access rights. It is for identification of Local Nature Conservation Site Purposes only.

Map prepared by The Wildlife Information Centre on behalf of Stirling Council.



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