

Action Plan Objectives & Targets Some dates reviewed 2008	Actions	2007 Target trend & progress (Anton Irving)	2007 Plan trend & progress (Anton Irving)	2007 * HBA status	2008 Target trend & progress	2008 Plan trend & progress
A. To maintain the current extent of all lowland acid grassland above 0.5ha. 2003-2015	PL1 PL2 PL3 RM2	<p>↔ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>No reports of loss of acid grassland received</p>	<p>↔</p> <p>This plan affects a very small area of the county, but the main significant progress has been the ongoing restoration management of the Grendon and Baddesley area under Countryside Stewardship, and smaller sites at Coombe, Clowes Wood and Rough Hill Wood.</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>↔ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>The procedure for designating new SSSIs is in preparation.</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>Trend is stable.</p> <p>Progress continues with work at Coombe Abbey.</p>
B. To improve the condition of all lowland acid grassland above 0.25ha, that is currently in unfavourable condition to favourable or improving By 2005	PL2 SM1 SM2 SM3 A1 A2 RM2 RM3	<p>↔ Target achieved</p> <p>The significant sites for this scarce resource, (Grendon, Coombe Abbey, Clowes Wood, Rough Hill Wood) are appropriately managed.</p>	<p>This plan affects a very small area of the county, but the main significant progress has been the ongoing restoration management of the Grendon and Baddesley area under Countryside Stewardship, and smaller sites at Coombe, Clowes Wood and Rough Hill Wood.</p>		<p>↑ Target achieved</p> <p>Coombe Abbey: Habitat / Character areas have now been brought in line with the historic character areas so the areas previously numbered as 15 is now number 14. Management in area 8 is being maintained. Management in area 14 has not started however it is due to start this year with a phased scrub removal program. Management of area 11 is now been changed to reflect this LBAP. Other than grassland pathways this area will only be cut twice per year and hopefully plants will colonise from adjacent area 8. Surveys will be undertaken twice within the five year management planning cycle. Interpretation is as per the reed bed LBAP. NE seeking to continue restoration work through ES. Achieved for original target date. Target date must be reviewed.</p>	

<p>C. To increase the extent of the habitat by creating an additional 5ha of lowland acid grassland, including one site to be at least 3ha. By 2010</p>	<p>SM3 SM4 SM5</p>	<p>◄—► No progress No suitable candidate sites identified to date.</p>			<p>◄—► No progress No change</p>	
<p>D. To promote good management practice and to share knowledge 2003-2015</p>	<p>A1 A2</p>	<p>◄—► Some progress (on schedule) Key sites already receiving appropriate management.</p>			<p>◄—► Some progress (on schedule) FWAG - continuing progress Guidance available as guidelines published by DEFRA in 2005.</p>	
<p>E. To enhance public appreciation of lowland acid grassland 2003-2015</p>	<p>CP1</p>	<p>◄—► Some progress (behind schedule) Not started other than open days run at Grendon under Countryside Stewardship.</p>			<p>↑ Some progress (on schedule) The Merivale Estate has held 3 or 4 open days between 1997 and 2007.</p>	
<p>F. To update the Habitat Biodiversity Audit with all known lowland acid grassland sites By 2003</p>	<p>PL3 RM1</p>	<p>↑ Some progress (behind schedule) Underway but behind schedule</p>			<p>↑ Some progress (behind schedule) Still in progress through the HBA – area of habitat now measured at 37.65ha.</p>	