

**Site Name:** Clock Face Colliery country park pond

**Site Area:** 0.12 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ536915

**Date of Designation:** September 2016      **District:** St. Helens

**Date of Last Revision:** N/A      **Local Wildlife Site Number:** 119

**CITATION:** A pond within the country park which contains a population of great crested newts. Habitats within the country park will also provide important terrestrial habitat for this population.

**APPRAISAL:** This site has been evaluated against the guidelines approved by the Council for selection of Local Wildlife Sites. The site's evaluation against the guidelines is set out below.

| <b>Guideline</b> |   | <b>Comment</b>   |
|------------------|---|--|
| <b>HABITATS</b>  |   |  |
| H1;              | Rarity                                    | 2 priority BAP habitats; 2 regionally important habitat.<br>3 habitats recorded.   |
| H2;              | Diversity                                 |  |
| H3;              | Nearness                                  |  |
| H4.              | Isolation                                 |  |
| <b>PLANTS</b>    |   |  |
| SP1;             | Rarity                                    | 1 regionally important species; 1 locally rare species.<br>Total of XX plant species.<br>XX% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered. |
| SP2;             | Diversity                                 |  |
| SP3;             | Naturalness                               |  |
| SP4.             | Nationally Rare                           |  |
| <b>ANIMALS</b>   |   |  |
| General          |   |  |
| SP5;             | Rare/priority                             | --   |
| Birds            |   |  |
| B1;              | Non-breeding population                   | --   |
| B2;              | Breeding population                       | --   |
| B3;              | Regional rare/scare                       | --   |
| B4;              | Breeding assemblage                       | --   |
| B5.              | Assemblage, breeding, wintering, passage. | --   |
| Dragonflies      |   |  |
| Od1.             | Breeding                                  | --   |
| Od2.             | Regional rare/scarce                      | --   |
| Butterflies      |   |  |
| Bf1;             | Region rare breeding                      | --   |
| Bf2.             | Breeding assemblage                       | --   |
| Amphibians       |   |  |
| A1;              | Rarity                                    | Guideline met – Great crested newt   |
| A2.              | Exceptional populations                   | --   |
| Reptiles         |   |  |
| R1;              | Population of native species.             | --   |
| R2;              | Exceptional population                    | --   |
| Bats             |   |  |
| Bat1;            | Roost                                     | --   |
| Bat2.            | Assemblage                                | --   |
| Mammals          |   |  |
| Mam1.            | Breeding                                  | --   |

**SUMMARY:** The combination of these factors has led to this site being identified as a Local Wildlife Site.

**NOTE:** Validated data from 1981 to September 2016 have been used in this assessment. Other data may become available to support this designation.

## Status of species of nature conservation importance

### Habitats

#### **2 Priority BAP habitat**

Standing water  
Unimproved neutral grassland

#### **2 Regionally important habitats (North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Standing water  
Unimproved neutral grassland

### Animals

#### **Amphibians**

**1 Habitats Regulations 2010 – Schedule 2 species**  
**1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 5 species**

Great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*)