



Stockton Local Authority Area: Designated Sites

| Statutory designated sites (National) | Site Name | Reason for Designation | Site Grid Reference |
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| National Nature Reserve | Teesmouth | Covers two areas: North Gare, an area of dunes and grazing marsh north of the power station, and Seal Sands, one of the largest areas of intertidal mudflats on England's north-east coast | NZ 529 259 |
| Special Protection Area (SPA) | Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast | Non-breeding populations of red knot, common redshank and sandwich tern and a breeding population of little tern. Also designated for water bird assemblage. | NZ 561 267 * |
| Ramsar site (Wetland of international importance) | Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast | Populations of common redshank and red knot occurring at levels of international importance; assemblages of waterfowl of international importance with peak counts in winter. | NZ 561 267 * |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | Briarcroft Pasture | Nationally important for its areas of species-rich unimproved neutral grassland. | NZ 394 193 |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | Whitton Bridge Pasture | Nationally important for its areas of species-rich unimproved neutral grassland. | NZ 385 222 |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | Tees & Hartlepool Foreshore and Wetlands | Comprises several coastal areas which are an integral part of the complex of wetlands, estuarine and maritime sites supporting the internationally important population of wildfowl and waders on the Tees Estuary. | NZ 491 233; NZ 505 225; NZ 509 229; NZ 513 230; NZ 515 211 (SW) to NZ 529 226 (NE) ** |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | Cowpen Marsh | Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes', a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It includes the largest saltmarsh between Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south. | NZ 506 254 |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | Seal Sands | Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes' a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It is the only extensive area of intertidal mudflats, with tidal channels on the East coast of England between the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south. | NZ 526 255 |



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| LWS | A19-A67 Road Verges | U3:G1 (Neutral grasslands mosaic) | NZ 438 086 (S) to NZ 435 091 (N) |
| LWS | A19 Gorse Field | E1 (Flushes, Seepages, Springs etc); G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 442 238 |
| LWS | Aislaby Banks | E1 (Flushes, Seepages, Springs etc); G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 403 117 (S) to NZ 407 122 (N) |
| LWS | Bowlhole Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland) | NZ 373 099 |
| LWS | Castle Hill Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 461 103 |
| LWS | East and West Gill Grassland | E1 (Flushes, Seepages, Springs etc); G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 438 113 |
| LWS | Elementis Nature Reserve | A1 (Great Crested Newt); I2 (Important Butterflies) | NZ 408 153 |
| LWS | Elton Rookery Wood | W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 404 172 |
| LWS | Fulthorpe Lane Road Verge | U3:G1 (Neutral grasslands) | NZ 409 246 |
| LWS | Gravel Hole | A1 (Great Crested Newt); G1 (Neutral Grassland); I2 (Important Butterflies); U1 (Urban Grassland) | NZ 445 232 |
| LWS | Hartburn Beck | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 420 175 |
| LWS | High Farm Thornton Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 484 125 to NZ 483 128 |
| LWS | Ingleby Hill Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 4443 1257 (S) to NZ 4365 1296 (N) |
| LWS | Leven Bridge Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 444 115 |
| LWS | Leven Valley Woods | W1 (Ancient Woodland)/ W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Re-planted Ancient Woodland) Mosaic | NZ 446 094 (S) to NZ 445 119 (N) |
| LWS | Low Middlefield Farm | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 4161 2402 |

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| LWS | Newsham Banks Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 383 105 |
| LWS | Newsham Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 384 110 |
| LWS | Norton Foundary Tip Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 438 232 |
| LWS | Old River Tees | C1 (Saltmarsh); E2 (Reedbed); M4 (Water Vole) | NZ 470 183 |
| LWS | Saltergill Pasture | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 410 102 |
| LWS | Saltergill Wood | W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 407 100 |
| LWS | Sloshmire Gate Pond | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 383 118 |
| LWS | Stainsby Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 463 150 |
| LWS | Thornaby Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 451 152 |
| LWS | Thornton Grange Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 4725 1350 |
| LWS | Whinny Hill to Sandy Leas Road Verge | U3:G1 (Neutral grasslands mosaic) | NZ 3852 1852 (N) to NZ 3873 1807 (S) |
| LWS | Air Products Reedbeds | E2 (Reedbed) | NZ 467 207 |
| LWS | Bassleton Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 445 156 |
| LWS | Billingham Beck Valley Country Park | E1 (Flushes, Seepages, Springs etc); E2 (Reedbed); G1 (Neutral Grassland); I2 (Important Butterflies) | NZ 447 234 (N) to NZ 455 215 (S) |
| LWS | Black Bobbies Field | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 447 165 |
| LWS | Bowesfield Pond | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 433 178 |

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| LWS | Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park | A1 (Great Crested Newt) | NZ 482 253 |
| LWS | Darlington Lane Road Verges | U3:G1 (Neutral grasslands mosaic) | NZ 364 181 (W) to NZ 372 184 (E) |
| LWS | Eliff's Mill | A1 (Great Crested Newt) | NZ 407 142 |
| LWS | Greenvale | G1 (Neutral Grassland); M4 (Water Vole) | NZ 4157 1877 to NZ 4141 1911 |
| LWS | Hardwick Dene | I2 (Important Butterflies); E1 (Flushes, Seepages, Springs etc); G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 418 205 |
| LWS | Norton Bottoms | E2 (Reedbed); U1 (Urban Grassland) | NZ 4560 2151 (NW) to NZ 4657 2113 (SE) |
| LWS | Portrack Meadows | C1 (Saltmarsh); E2 (Reedbed); U1 (Urban Grassland) | NZ 475 198 |
| LWS | Quarry Wood | I2 (Important Butterflies) | NZ 428 153 |
| LWS | Redmarshall Road Verge | U3:G1 (Neutral grasslands mosaic) | NZ 4012 2006 (NW) to NZ 4032 1990 (SE) |
| LWS | Sleepy Hollow Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 4834 1309 |
| LWS | Stainsby Beck Meadow | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 465 144 |
| LWS | The Holmes | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 445 162 |
| LWS | Thorpe Pond | (within Thorpe Wood) | NZ 404 246 |
| LWS | Thorpe Wood | A1 (Great Crested Newt); A2 (Native Amphibians); W1 (Ancient Woodland)/ W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Re-planted Ancient Woodland) Mosaic | NZ 405 247 |

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| LWS | Wynyard Woodland Park | A1 (Great Crested Newt); M3 (Harvest Mouse); G1 (Neutral Grassland); U3:G1 (Neutral Grassland mosaic) | NZ 403 277 (N) to NZ 408 222 (S) |
| LWS | Yarm Churchyard | B1 (Bryophytes, Lichens and Fungi) | NZ 416 129 |
| LWS | Crow Wood Grassland | G1 (Neutral Grassland) | NZ 450 108 |
| LWS | Portrack Marsh | I2 (Important Butterflies); O1 (Wintering Populations of Birds as % of National Population) | NZ 465 195 |
| LWS | Bowesfield Nature Reserve | M3 (Harvest Mouse); O1 (Wintering Populations of Birds as % of National Population) | NZ 4457 1642 (north area); NZ 4430 1585 (south area) |
| LWS | Clockhouse and Rookery Wood | W1 (Ancient Woodland); W2 (Broad-leaved Woodland and Replanted Ancient Woodland) | NZ 425 122 |
| LGS | Gravel Hole Quarry | Disused quarry showing quaternary sandstone gravel deposits | NZ 445 231 |
| LGS | Barwick Sandstone Quarry | Disused quarry showing unique sherwood sandstone exposure | NZ 435 153 |
| LGS | Barwick Dyke Quarry | Disused Cleveland Dyke quarry | NZ 431 152 |
| LGS | Stainsby Beck (Mercia & Dyke) | Red - brown loamy friable clay, with very little stone or pebble content. Blood red hard packed stoneless very dry clay, average thickness 300-400 mm Mercia mudstone containing Tufa with fossils. | NZ 465 147 to NZ 465 146 |
| LNR | Stillington Forest Park | A former slag heap that was reclaimed and developed to benefit both wildlife and visitors. It is managed at a wildflower meadow, several ponds and wetland areas, and a dense jungle of mature hawthorn and ash trees. | NZ 373 239 |
| LNR | Thorpe Wood | An old railway line with three fine brick-built bridges and colonised by trees, plants and flowers with semi-natural ancient woodland - oak, ash and hazel trees cloaking the slopes of a small valley | NZ 403 247 |

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| LNR | Hardwick Dene and Elm Tree Woods | The site consists of four distinct sections – two steep sided wooded valleys, separated by a roughly triangular area of grassland, and a further area of herb-rich, unimproved grassland. | NZ 420 205 |
| LNR | Greenvale | Comprises unimproved grassland, amenity grassland and small compartments of woodland. | NZ 414 189 |
| LNR | Quarry Wood | This woodland within Preston Park was a former Victorian Quarry that has now been reclaimed by nature and is partly flooded. | NZ 427 153 |
| LNR | Barwick Pond | Home to many amphibian species including great crested newt. | NZ 442 136 |
| LNR | Bassleton Wood and The Holmes | Ancient deciduous woodland, although no fully grown trees because they were felled at the end of World War 2 | NZ 444 161 |
| LNR | Black Bobbies Field Thornaby | Neutral grassland along the eastern banks of the river Tees | NZ 448 166 |
| LNR | Norton Grange Marsh | Comprises a wetland area with a beck that runs through the centre of the site, a wildflower meadow, scrub and long grassland. | NZ 440 208 |
| LNR | Charlton's Pond | Former clay pit with a two lake complex in mature woodland park | NZ 468 231 |
| LNR | Cowpen Bewley Woodland Country Park | Reclaimed from former brickworks, landfill and ex-agricultural land there are now large variety of habitats and wildlife including grassland, a lake, a series of ponds and a beck. | NZ 475 252 |
| LNR | Billingham Beck Valley | A wetland with meadows, ponds, marsh and woodland | NZ 453 223 |

LWS – Local Wildlife Site; LGS – Local Geological Site; LNR – Local Nature Reserve



| Other non-statutory designated sites | Site Name | Reason for Designation | Site Grid Reference |
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| Important Bird Area (IBA) | Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast | Passage of common redshank; winter population of red knot; breeding population of little tern; winter population water birds | NZ 549 267 * |
| RSPB Reserve | Saltholme | Managed reserve and visitor centre | NZ 555 267 |

* Only part of the site is within the borough of Hartlepool; grid reference refers to the whole site

** Fragmented site; grid references refer to only the parts within the borough of Hartlepool

