

Citation

NAME: The Saltway

SITE CODE: 43P01

GRID REF: SP431391

DISTRICT: Cherwell

AREA: 4.2ha

The Saltway is an ancient trackway running along the southern edge of Banbury. It is called a saltway because in Roman times it was important for transporting salt. The hedge-lined track has verges of rough grassland.

The site supports a good range of generally common butterflies although the uncommon white-letter hairstreak is present. This butterfly requires elm and declined greatly in numbers when elm trees were lost to Dutch elm disease. There is much small suckering elm along the Saltway.