

**SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING LAND FOR MAPPING OPEN COUNTRY**

<b>Ramblers' Association East Yorkshire and Derwent Area</b>	<b>East Region 8</b>	<b>Sheet 1 of 1</b>
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<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Site References</b>	<b>Name on Map</b>	<b>OS Grid Ref</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Parcels</b>
38	A B C	Bailey Dale	SE 87 50	7	2
<b>Qualifying type</b>	<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Justification for inclusion</b>			
<i>Mountain</i>	<i>Heather Moor</i>	<i>Predominance of qualifying type (M, M, H, D)</i>			90%
<i>Moor</i>	<i>Rough acid grassland</i>	<i>Contiguous to large parcel of open country</i>			*
<i>Heath</i>	<i>Calcareous grassland</i>	*	<i>Contiguous to existing access land or common land</i>		
<i>Down</i>	<i>Scattered trees or scrub</i>	*	<i>Provides clearer physical boundary to larger area</i>		
	<i>Bracken</i>		<i>Local value of small parcel (view, feature, accessible, PRow etc)</i>		
	<i>Rock outcrops</i>		<i>Provides means of access to other access land</i>		
			<i>Steep sided</i>		

**This submission supports the inclusion of the area shown on the draft map and seeks to extend the boundaries of open country.**

**Description of land submitted**

Bailey Dale (area A), which was included on the draft map as open country, is a steep sided dry valley running along the east side of a minor road to the south east of the village of Warter. It is linked at its northern end to Great Dug Dale (area C), another area of open country, by a thin parcel of what appears to be unimproved grassland (area B), running from east to west along the northern edge of a field under cultivation.

**Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion :**

Area A is shown as a steep sided valley and marked as scrub on the **OS Explorer map**. Study of **aerial photographs**, taken in the year 2000, suggests it is unimproved grassland. The **National Landscape Typology** definitive attributes are RLE. A **visit**, on 9.10.2003, found evidence to support the view that it is unimproved calcareous grassland. There were a variety of grasses, including sheep's fescue *Festuca ovina*, quaking grass *Briza media*, crested dog's tail *Cynosurus cristatus*. A number of herbs were found, including rough hawkbit *Leontodon hispidus*, harebell *campanula rotundifolia*, self-heal *Prunella vulgaris* and Lesser Knapweed *Centaurea niger*. There was also a considerable amount of low hawthorn scrub. The whole area was covered with rough grass and appeared to be used for shooting, there were also signs that it had been grazed by cattle

Area B could only be observed from a distance, due to lack of access, but looked similar to area A and study of **aerial photographs**, taken in the year 2000, indicates that it is unimproved. This piece of land would provide a most useful link between Bailey Dale and Great Dug Dale without interfering with farming activities.

**Conclusion**

**We think the evidence presented here suggests that the area mapped, including area B which was not shown on the draft map, is unimproved calcareous grassland and should be mapped as open country.**

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