

## NATURAL ENGLAND

'Natural England's purpose is to conserve and enhance England's natural environment - including its landscapes, biodiversity, geology and soils, natural resources, cultural heritage and other features of the built and natural environment.' See [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk).

NE is responsible for Suffolk's 40 plus **Geological SSSIs**. The SSSI section of its web site [www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk) holds a wealth of Suffolk geo-information, with a map for each SSSI, plus its citation and condition monitoring results for 2009/10.



Buckanay Farm Red Crag pit (on private land) is an SSSI.  
See NE web site for more details.

NE has contributed to the **UK Geodiversity Action Plan** [www.ukgap.org.uk/](http://www.ukgap.org.uk/)  
It also provides advice on Local Geodiversity Action Plans, which aim to:

- Identify, conserve and enhance the best sites that represent the geological history of an area in a scientific, educational, recreational and cultural setting.
- Promote geological sites and make geoconservation relevant to people.
- Provide a local geodiversity audit (an audit of sites and skills).
- Influence local planning policy.

NE produces a large range of publications, including:

*Geological Conservation – a guide to good practice*, by C Prosser, M Murphy and J Larwood. English Nature 2006

*Natural foundations: geodiversity for people, places and nature*, by H Stace and J Larwood. EN 2006

These can be downloaded from the NE website.