SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: NEWPARK MARSH

SITE CODE: 000845

Newpark Marsh is a small marsh on the outskirts of Kilkenny town, and although the water level seems to be falling at the moment, it still supports semi-natural fen vegetation dominated by Tufted-sedge (*Carex elata*) and including the notable Water Dock (Rumex hydrolapathum) amongst a suite of more typical species.

The area is used as a feeding site by three protected bat species, namely Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*), Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*) and Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*). Despite the location of this site, being so close to an urban population, it is very natural. This is unusual and increases the importance of this site.

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