SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MONEYPARK, FETHARD

SITE CODE: 000966

In a disused limestone quarry beside the River Cashel in Fethard, Co. Tipperary, a large population of the rare Green-winged Orchid (*Orchis morio*) has been discovered. This orchid is usually found in undisturbed meadows and pastures but has declined dramatically in recent times due to destruction of its habitat by land reclamation and fertilisation.

The area within the quarry is comprised of dry calcareous grassland and thorn scrub with an excellent complement of flowering herbs and grasses. In addition to supporting a legally protected species, this site has a good variety of habitats which are of value to local wildlife.

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