

County: North Yorkshire **Site Name:** Filey Brigg

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Local Planning Authority: Scarborough Borough Council

National Grid Reference: TA 126816 **Area:** 27.9 (ha) 68.9 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 101 **1:10,000:** TA 18 SW

First Notified: 1985

Other Information:

This is a new site identified as of national importance in the Geological Conservation Review.

Description:

Filey Brigg is of both geological and ornithological interest.

It is a key Corallian site showing the most extensive exposures through the Lower Calcareous Grit, the Hambleton Oolite and Middle Calcareous Grit. Filey Brigg affords the best opportunity to examine the Calcareous Grit and its faunas. The 'Ball Beds', which are lost further west in Yorkshire, are particularly well exposed here. The comparatively thin development of the lower Calcareous Grit Passage Beds and Hambleton Oolite is of interest in palaeogeographic and facies studies.

During the winter months the intertidal areas and rocky shoreline of Filey Brigg support purple sandpiper in nationally significant numbers.