

**Name:****Lesser calamint***Clinopodium calamintha***UK status:**

Red Data List (Vulnerable). Nationally scarce (59 hectads).

**London status:**

Very rare (1 site).

**Protected status:**

W&amp;CA S.13(b); general protection from uprooting without owners' permission

**Relevant London HAPs:**

Acid grassland

**Citation:**

A perennial of dry grassland on calcareous, sandy or gravelly soils. Its national range has contracted substantially and many colonies have been lost to habitat destruction and mismanagement. In London the plant has long been known to occur in a single site, on a steep scrubby bank near the ruins of Lesnes Abbey in LB Bexley. The population here was described as 'plentiful' two decades ago (Burton 1983), but currently occupies an area of just c. 30m<sup>2</sup>. This remains highly vulnerable to fire and scrub invasion. Managing authority; Bexley Borough Council



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**Conservation priorities:**

- Accurate audit of population size and vulnerability
- Engage managing authority
- Maintain and assist *in situ* expansion of population
- Review current management regime as necessary
- Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

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