

Field Botany in vc76 - Renfrewshire

Fieldwork Programme, 2021

Here is the first instalment of our programme - for the period May to July 2021. You will receive updates as the programme evolves. (Some events planned elsewhere, or by other organisations, may be included in italics for your interest.)

We are hunting for 'new finds' (things not seen in a place before) and 're-finds' (things seen in a place before, but not recently). We normally work in **monads** (i.e. single map squares). We have listed below the map reference for the monads we are targeting (e.g. **NS5561**).

Some of the locations are remote, or suffer from restricted access or parking. It is therefore more important than ever that we know who will be present. If you wish to take part in any event, **please email or text both Michael Philip and Peter Wiggins no less than 24 hours in advance**. It would also be helpful for us to have confirmation of your mobile phone number, in case of any last-minute alterations or hitches. Please take note of the start time: it varies from outing to outing, so do check!

Sometimes finding the meeting-place will require some navigation skills. The grid references below will be more accurate than the postcode/satnav method, especially in open countryside. Please allow enough time to arrive on time. We expect reasonable standards of time-keeping, only because latecomers hold back the group. If you know you're going to be late, please phone (the mobile numbers are given below).

Michael's car is a blue Honda Jazz and he wears a red jacket. Peter's car is a blue Toyota C-HR and he wears a dark jacket.

As the regime of COVID-19 precautions remains fluid, we would ask you to take into account whatever local guidance is in place at the time before deciding whether to travel or to participate. We will accommodate social distancing and mask-wearing according to local restrictions and individual preference.

We recommend that you bring your own food and water with you (less crucial for afternoon or evening events).

Finally, please be aware that your participation in any of these events is at your own risk. We have indicated on the programme the kind of terrain to expect. Take precautions over clothing and equipment, and be sensible about steep or boggy ground, climbing gates or fences, and pacing yourself. If you feel uneasy about distance, terrain or time, please say so - we won't ask anyone to go beyond what they feel they can do.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
23rd May	Sunday all day	11.00	Pollok Country Park	Official Launch of Renfrewshire Botany network
NS5561 NS5562	NS5662		Meet 11am at Pollok Country Park There is currently no parking within the Park: please enter on foot via the entrance on Pollokshaws Road just north of Pollokshaws Station and rendezvous at the Burrell Collection carpark. Postcode: G43 1NE Grid Ref: NS560614 (entrance) NS556620 (Burrell Collection)	(roadsides, paths, riverbanks, open ground)
30th May	Sunday all day	10.00	South Moorhouse, near Newton Mearns	A leisurely walk in a square never before recorded!
NS5251			Meet 10am at The Eastwood Golf Club Postcode: G77 6RX Grid Ref: NS518527	(mostly roadsides - also open ground, wet areas)
5-6th June	(weekend)		(you choose!)	A free weekend for individual recording
			Have a go at making a list in your local area - or email for suggestions	
12th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Paisley	Urban recording
NS4763 NS4764			Meet 10am at Newton Street (near No.23) Postcode: PA1 2RN Grid Ref: NS473636	(streets, paths, waste ground, open areas)
19th June	Saturday all day	11.00	Meigle Bay	Special 'Coastal Plants' training day with Angus Hannah
			Meet 11am at Meigle Bay (park in big lay-by on seaward side of A78) Postcode: PA17 5HA Grid Ref: NS193654	(roadsides, riverbanks, open ground, seashore)
27th June	Sunday all day	11.00	Loch Thom, south of Greenock	Longish walk in open country
NS2572 NS2473	NS2573		Meet 11am at Cornalees Bridge Postcode: PA16 9LX Grid Ref: NS246722	(tracks, loch shore, moorland, wet areas) **Keith Watson will lead this outing**

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3rd-4th July	(weekend)		(you choose!)	A free weekend for individual recording
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<i>17th July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>11.00</i>	<i>Chatelherault Country Park</i>	<i>Some informal basic training in identifying Grasses, organised by Lanarkshire Botany network - visitors welcome!</i>
			<i>Meet 11am outside Visitor Centre</i>	<i>(paths, woodland, open ground)</i>
			<i>Postcode: ML3 7UE Grid Ref: NS737539</i>	
21st July	Wednesday evening	18.00	Renfrew	Urban recording in a never-recorded monad
NS5066			Meet 6pm at Newmains Road (by No.41) (park on street where available)	(streets, paths, waste ground, open areas)
			Postcode: PA4 0JF Grid Ref: NS504665	
31st July	Saturday all day	10.00	Parklea, near Port Glasgow	An under-recorded piece of Clyde coastline
NS3474 NS3674			Meet 10am at official carpark	(paths, open areas)
			Postcode: PA14 6TR Grid Ref: NS353741	
18th August	Wednesday evening	18.00	Barrhead	Urban recording in a monad not visited in over 20 years
NS5058			Meet 6pm at Arthurlie St. (near No.87)	(streets, paths, waste ground, open areas)
			Postcode: G78 2QX Grid Ref: NS505585	
5th Sept.	Sunday all day	10.00	Gleniffer Braes Country Park	A famous viewpoint, with no records this century!
NS4460 NS4560	NS4660			(roadsides, paths, open ground)
			Meet 10am at Robertson Carpark	
			Postcode: PA2 8UQ Grid Ref: NS455606	

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11th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Greenock	Urban recording in 3 under-recorded monads
NS2776 NS2777	NS2876		Meet 10am at Dalrymple Street carpark (opposite National Tyres, 200 Dalrymple St.) Postcode: P15 1LE Grid Ref: NS277765	(streets, paths, open areas, waste ground)
18th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Houston (east)	Refreshing the record in varied terrain
NS4167 NS4267			Meet 10am by church Postcode: PA6 7HW Grid Ref: NS410671	(roadsides, tracks, paths, woodland, wet areas)
25th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Neilston area	Refreshing some records made last century
NS4655 NS4656	NS4756		Meet 10am in Park & Ride carpark Postcode: G78 3DY Grid Ref: NS479570	(roads, residential areas, paths, open ground)
3rd Oct.	Sunday all day	10.00	Linwood Moss	An unrecorded monad to finish the season
NS4365			Meet 10am at Linwood Sports Centre Postcode: PA3 3RA Grid Ref: NS435651	(tracks, paths, open ground, wet areas)

In addition to the programme outlined above, we very much encourage members of the Renfrewshire Botany network to record plants on your own, or in collaboration. If you would like some guidance on the recording method, checklists of plants previously recorded, or suggestions of places where the record needs to be refreshed, please get in touch.

We are very keen to hear from people who would be prepared to 'host' an outing from time to time. This means committing to a date and venue and being there to welcome folk and explain the task for the day. The 'host' need not necessarily be the one who does the recording! Full briefing will be provided: the more 'hosts' come forward, the more outings we can organise.