

Field Botany in vc77 - Lanarkshire

Fieldwork Programme, 2021

Here is the outings programme for the whole 2021 season. You will receive any 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. **NS5669**).

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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| 26th May NS5669 | Wednesday evening (<i>assisting vc99</i>) | 18.00 | Maryhill (west of River Kelvin) Meet 6pm at 9 Innellan Place Postcode: G20 0DY Grid Ref: NS558691 | Making a first list in unrecorded territory (roads, paths, riverbank) |
| 30th May NS5251 | Sunday all day (<i>visit to vc76</i>) | 10.00 | South Moorhouse (near Newton Mearns) Meet 10am at The Eastwood Golf Club Postcode: G77 6RX Grid Ref: NS518527 | A leisurely walk in a square never before recorded! (mostly roadsides - also open ground, wet areas) |
| 5th June NT0643 NT0644 | Saturday all day | 10.00 | Coatbridge (west) - Luggie Burn & Kirkwood Meet 10am at Showcase Cinemas carpark (access from A8, <u>not</u> M8) Postcode: G69 7TZ Grid Ref: NS708635 | A varied walk in contrasting habitats, rural and urban (roads, tracks, fields, grassy hillsides) |
| 9th June NS5069 | Wednesday evening (<i>assisting vc99</i>) | 18.00 | Whitecrook, near Yoker, Glasgow Meet 6pm at Dock Street (easy parking) Postcode: G81 1LX Grid Ref: NS506691 | Urban recording: no records here so far this century (roads, waste ground, open areas) |
| 12th June NS4763 NS4764 | Saturday all day (<i>visit to vc76</i>) | 10.00 | Paisley Meet 10am at Newton Street (nr No.23) Postcode: PA1 2RN Grid Ref: NS473636 | Urban recording (streets, paths, waste ground, open areas) |
| 19th June NS1965 | Saturday all day | 11.00 | Meigle Bay, near Skelmorlie Meet 11am at Meigle Bay (park in big lay-by on seaward side of A78) Postcode: PA17 5HA Grid Ref: NS193654 | Special 'Coastal Plants' training day with Angus Hannah (roadsides, riverbanks, open ground, seashore) |

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| 23rd June NS5571 | Wednesday evening (<i>assisting vc99</i>) | 18.00 | Bearsden (Kessington) Meet 6pm at ASDA carpark Postcode: G61 2TX Grid Ref: NS550717 | Urban recording across a complex county boundary (roads, woodland, open areas) |
| 26th June NS3298 NS3398 | Saturday all day (<i>visit to vc99</i>) | 11.00 | Glen Douglas, Inverbeg Meet 11am at junction of tracks with road (1.5km up Tulloch Road, west of Inverbeg) Postcode: G83 7AZ Grid Ref: NS330979 | Two under-recorded hill monads close to the road (roads, tracks, forest, steep ground, boggy areas) |
| 4th July NT0643 NT0644 | Sunday all day NT0544 | 10.00 | Elsrickle Meet 10am at Elsrickle Hall (located beside the church at junction) Postcode: ML12 6QZ Grid Ref: NT059432 | Three previously unrecorded monads (roads, tracks, fields, grassy hillsides) |
| 7th July NS5867 | Wednesday evening | 18.00 | Hamiltonhill Claypits Meet 6pm at Scottish Canals building, 1 Applecross Street (park off-site and walk in) Postcode: G4 9SP Grid Ref: NS587672 | First botanical recording in newly-reopened site (roads, paths, riverbank) |
| 11th July NS8328 NS8329 | Sunday all day NS8429 | 10.00 | Douglas (south) - Townhead Wood area Meet 10am at cemetery gate on A70 Postcode: ML11 0SA Grid Ref: NS831299 | Exploring three unrecorded monads (terrain) |
| 17th July | Saturday all day | 11.00 | Chatelherault Country Park Meet 11am outside Visitor Centre Postcode: ML3 7UE Grid Ref: NS737539 | Some informal basic training in identifying Grasses (paths, woodland, open ground) |

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| 25th July | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Greengairs | Three unrecorded monads around a village |
| NS7970 NS7971 | NS7870 | | Meet 10am at Laurel Grove, Greengairs Postcode: ML6 7UA Grid Ref: NS786705 | (roads, tracks, woodland, open ground, waste ground) |
| 4th August | Wednesday evening | 18.00 | Wishaw | Urban recording |
| NS7955 | | | Meet 6pm at Tesco carpark Postcode: ML2 7NZ Grid Ref: NS792551 | (roads, paths, waste ground) |
| 15th August | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Airdrie | Joint recording with BSS Urban Flora Project |
| NS7664 NS7665 | NS7666 | | Meet 10am at Morrisons carpark Postcode: ML6 6EF Grid Ref: NS764653 | (roads, paths, open ground, waste ground) |
| 28th August | Saturday all day | 10.00 | Whitelee forest (south of East Kilbride) | Plant-hunting in a very under-recorded area |
| NS6146 NS6147 | NS6246 NS6247 | | Meet 10am at Whitelee East parking area Postcode: G75 0QN Grid Ref: NS638468 | (paths, woodland, open ground) |
| 1st Sept. | Wednesday evening | 18.00 | Viewpark (Uddingston) | Urban recording in a square with no previous record |
| NS7161 | | | Meet 6pm at Viewpark Health Centre Postcode: G71 5RR Grid Ref: NS713614 | (roads, paths, open ground) |
| 4th Sept. | Saturday all day | 10.00 | Forth | Exploring up to 4 completely unrecorded monads |
| NS9354 NS9254 | NS9253 NS9252 | | Meet 10am near 38 Climpy Road (on-street parking on residential street) Postcode: ML11 8DG Grid Ref: NS938537 | (roads, paths, woodland, open and rough ground, wet areas) |

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| 19th Sept. | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Douglas West | 3 unrecorded monads, plus 1 with no records this century ** this outing involves more walking than usual** |
| NS8030 NS8031 | NS8130 NS8131 | | Meet 10am at far end of Station Road (right turn on leaving Douglas village southbound) Postcode: ML11 0RR Grid Ref: NS821309 | (tracks, woodland, open ground, rough ground, wet areas) |
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| 2nd Oct. | Saturday all day | 10.00 | Salsburgh | Exploring up to 4 completely unrecorded monads |
| NS8261 NS8262 | NS8361 NS8461 | | Meet 10am in lay-by on B7066 (opposite rear of warehouses) Postcode: ML7 4LU Grid Ref: NS825625 | (roads, paths, woodland, open and rough ground, wet areas) |
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| 10th Oct. | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Yieldshields, near Carluke | One more unrecorded monad to finish the season |
| NS8751 | and/or NS8548 | | Meet 10am at Yieldshields Road (park on wide verge outside PLPC yard) Postcode: ML8 4QE Grid Ref: NS866499 | (roads, tracks, woodland, open ground) |
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