

Field Meetings 2022

All Field Meetings start at 10.30am. unless stated otherwise. If you intend to come along to meetings please try and let Linda Robinson know, contact details at end of Newsletter.

Sunday 6th March – Gill Beck and River Greta near Scargill to update *Gagea lutea* records. Meet Gillbeck Bridge NZ062.105.

Saturday 19th March – Jervaulx Abbey to try and retrace a record of *Helleborus viridis* from the 1960's in SE18 Jervaulx and Eelmire, also checking out the *Myosotis ramosissima* recorded from there. Will be walking footpaths around the area and recording all the spring flora. Meet in the car park at Jervaulx Abbey Tea Shop at SE168.856.

Wednesday 13th April – Coverham Abbey and Pinkers Pond, to see if we can trace pure *Viola canina* and other spring species. Meet on the verge beside Pinkers Pond at SE114.868.

Tuesday 26th April – Garsdale to check out an old record of *Primula farinosa*. Meet near Hind Keld West, possible parking on the unfenced verge at SD711.913.

Wednesday 11th May – Check out old records of *Potentilla crantzii* and *Persicaria vivipara* on Green Scar Crag above Widdale. Meet at Newby Head Gate at SD790.834.

Saturday 28th May – Monitoring Burnt Orchids at Low Wanless, meet at the Farm at SE062.895.

Saturday 4th June - Marsett Rigg, a Field Meeting in conjunction with the YNU, monitoring Small White Orchids plus a look at other rare and interesting limestone flora. The terrain is fairly steep, rough pasture land but the distance is within a kilometer of the parking place. There is other interesting flora on the track downstream from Marsett and on the village green. Meet on Marsett Village green SD902.862.

Tuesday 7th June – Swinithwaite, checking for Burnt Orchids and Green-winged Orchids, meet at Berry's Teashop for a coffee before we set off. SE044.892.

Sunday 10th July – Trip to Tanfield to check out some old records of *Blysmus compressus* and *Atropa bella-donna* near the Mill, also a visit to Thornborough Henge to see *Genista tinctoria* and *Filipendula vulgaris*. Meet in Tanfield centre, not sure about parking around SE269.788

Friday 29th July – Teesdale, from Wynch Bridge up to Holwick Head recording everything we see to update for the present decade. Meet in the car park at Bowlees (there is a voluntary contribution for parking) NY908.282.

Sunday 7th August - Meeting in conjunction with the Wildflower Society at Deepdale, Whitcliffe Scar and Woodland via Willance's Leap. Interesting limestone flora including Many-leaved Sedge (*Carex divulsa* ssp. *leersii*), Spiked Sedge (*Carex spicata*), Silver Hair-grass (*Aira caryophyllea*), native Limes (*Tilia* sp.), Spindle (*Euonymus europaeus*), Small Teasel (*Dipsacus pilosus*), Hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*) and lots of other limestone species. The terrain is steep in places but mainly on well defined footpaths and tracks with a slight deviation to look around an old Neolithic settlement. Meet on the roadside at the top of Deepdale at NZ130.025 at 10.30am. Bring all weather clothing, sun screen, insect repellent and lunch plus drinks. (This Field Meeting is now fully booked)

Sunday 21st August – Howgills near Four Lane Ends, up to lower reaches of Long Rigg Beck, we should see *Meum athemanticum* and will be checking for the elusive and possibly now extinct *Vicia orobus*. Meet at Four Lane Ends at SD642.959.

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