

Stirling Botany Group visit to Cairnoch Hill – 27/05/2024

Masterwort (*Imperatoria ostruthium*)
growing at Kirk o' Muir cemetery, a
rare archaeophyte-denizen
(introduced to Britain and Ireland
before 1500 BC and behaving like a
native species)



Annual Knawel (*Scleranthus annuus*) in its miniature finery, below



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Shepherd's Cress (*Teesdalia nudicaulis*), showing the asymmetric flowers (above) and heart-shaped fruits (below)



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Above, Mike slug-bothering (apparently when threatened some species perform a dance to increase mucus production), and some of the team admiring Masterwort at Kirk o' Muir cemetery. Below, the sun setting on a productive (if midgy) evening!

