

Stirlingshire Botany Group: Darn Walk, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – some highlights



A new site for Lords-and-Ladies (*Arum maculatum*), left, and the footpath descending through a stunning gorge of Ramsons or Wild Garlic (*Allium ursinum*), right



Talking pesto and foraging (and ferns) with the Wild Garlic, left, and the fabulous Meadow Saxifrage (*Saxifraga granulata*) – a new site and first hectad record for this locally scarce plant!



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Admiring the Meadow Saxifrage, tucked away at the edge of the Allan Water



Goldilocks Buttercup (*Ranunculus auricomus*), with the contrasting fingery upper stem leaves (left arrow) contrasted with the chunkier, three-part basal leaves (right arrow)