Survey plant diversity and abundance by selecting an available 1km square

- 3 volunteer survey levels
  Beginner – Intermediate – Experienced botanist
- 2 surveys per year on 5 small plots
- Record positive and negative indicator species

**Current research:** Knowing how habitats are likely to be impacted by environmental pressures requires us to understand changes that have already happened. The NPMS has a nationally crucial role in capturing the effects of climate change. We are using surveyor’s data to discover how plant communities are being affected.

**UK Biodiversity Indicator**

**C7. Plants of the wider countryside**

This Indicator measures change in the abundance (% cover) of plant species that are used to assess a healthy habitat in the UK.

**UK habitat exposure to climate change**

Past and future climate change in the UK:
Each colour represents a cluster of similar climate conditions, tracked from 1901-1930 (left) to 2010-2019 (centre) and modelled for 2021-2040 (right). Data from HadUKgrid and UKCP18 (Met Office).
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**These indicators** provide an annual view of how a variety of groups of wildlife are faring across the UK. Specifically, NPMS data from four of the scheme’s best surveyed broad habitats have been used to create a new indicator for category C7 “Plants of the wider countryside”.

We need you! Could you complete just 2 plant surveys a year on up to 5 small plots? Or could you spare time to support NPMS volunteers on their squares local to you?

Full training and materials provided!