

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2007

A meeting round Bosley began the year with 37 additions to SJ9064 with *Polysticum aculeatum* as a highlight. 14 were added to SJ9264. Marthall in May gave us 143 for SJ7876, an unusual find being *Alopecurus myosuroides*, with *Cicuta* in 2 sites, and *Crataegus x media* in the layby. Some splendid specimens of *Populus x canescens* and one of *Salix triandra* by the juvenile R. Weaver were among 187 species recorded in SJ5848 at Wrenbury as the year heated up. However, a downpour ended our July visit to Knutsford, but not before we admired a large population of *Cicuta* at Booth's Mere and *Calamagrostis epigejos* on a lane side among 221 additions to SJ7678. The trip to SJ8468 gained 166 species after we unexpectedly got access to Pikelow Farm, (a fishing and fruit farm) where *Alnus x hybrida* was new to VC58, and we saw *Setaria pumila* and *Physalis alkekengi*.

A large group of 14 sallied forth in SJ6254 (Hurleston). 205 species included a lone *Juglans regia*, convincing *Arctium x nothum* (=A. pubens), with both parents, and *Verbascum blattaria*, all new to Cheshire! *Populus nigra* ssp *betulifolia*, *Lemna gibba*, and *Eleocharis acicularis* were further highlights. September saw us at Norbury with a rose bonanza. *Rosa tomentosa*, *sherardii*, and *obtusifolia* were all found in SJ5446 (149 new) and also *Malva neglecta*. SJ5646 had 108 new, including *Bidens frondosa*, and *Echinochloa crusgalli*.

Elsewhere, it was found that *Conyza bilbaoana* and *C. sumatrensis* had invaded Sandbach, Eric Greenwood found *Briza minor* at Tesco's, Heswall and the amazing find of *Carex divisa* by Mathilde Baker-Schommer and Gillian Norton in a native site at Meols surely made for a successful year! *Calystegia silvatica* forma *quinquepartita* was a pretty find by John Lowell in Cheadle.

If you receive this by post, please let me know if you have an email address and if you are not interested in recording, please also let me know. If this comes via email, please let me know you got it!

Graeme M Kay 4, Geneva Road, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 3HT
0161 439 7995 mobile on meeting days 07890 338268
email graeme.m.kay@talk21.com

CHESHIRE PLANT RECORDING MEETINGS FOR 2007

Saturday April 21st 2pm Appleton

Park on verge opposite houses at SJ630845 or down lane to the west. We will record in Lumb Brook Wood. Come to the Thorn Inn in Appleton Thorn SJ638839 at ca 12.15pm for lunch.

Saturday May 19th 2pm Newchurch

Park at SJ615680 in car park and walk north to check on Andromeda.

Sunday June 10th 2pm Manley

Park in layby at SJ511725 to follow footpaths to the west.

Saturday July 7th 2pm Dunham

Park in car park at SJ751888 to record on the Trans-Pennine Way and canal.

Wednesday July 25th 10.30am Arclid

Park in layby at SJ786625 for a circuit to the north arriving at The Legs of Man (ca 0.25 miles S of Xrds) SJ790617 for lunch, then proceeding at 2pm on a loop to the south.

Sunday August 19th 2pm Baddiley Mere

We have permission to park at Mere House SJ598501 (or where directed) to study the Baddiley Mere and the Hell Hole! Does *Rumex maritimus* survive?

Sunday September 2nd 2pm Tintwistle

Park in layby at SK035979 to check on *Wahlenbergia* and *Scutellaria minor*.

Graeme M Kay 4, Geneva Road, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 3HT
0161 439 7995 mobile on meeting days 07890 338268
email graeme.m.kay@talk21.com



Alnus glutinosa, *A. x hybrida* & *A. incana* (photo Richard Pryce) reverse of leaves. The hybrid is usually paler than shown.



Calystegia silvatica forma *quinquepartita*



Verbascum blattaria