

Warwickshire Flora Group

EARLY SPRING FIELD MEETINGS 2019

Sunday 10 March ALCESTER TOWN CENTRE and ALCESTER NORTH

The town of Alcester has not been surveyed in the Spring. It is an interesting area with riverside paths, woodland, three churches, a cemetery and plenty of small roads with old houses that should enable us to raise the species count for the tetrad (SP05Y) to over 200 species or, with luck, to 300. In the afternoon we will move to the Industrial Estate and the river to investigate SP05Z. This will be an excellent opportunity to dust off your botanical skills after the winter break. We will park in the Bulls Head Yard Car Park (B49 5DL, SP089574), the main car park behind the shops, near Waitrose. It is signposted off Moorfield Road, which is off School Road and it should be free. There are public toilets nearby.

We are planning to hold a CONIFER WORKSHOP at the end of March. Further details will be available soon.

Sunday 21 April HENLEY-IN-ARDEN TOWN CENTRE

Both of the Henley tetrads (SP16M and SP16N) have been well covered, but there are few Spring records and none from the urban environment itself. We will spend the morning in the south of the town and the afternoon in the north. Park in the Prince Harry Road Car Park (B95 5DD) signposted north of the A4189, east of the town. Parking should be free and there are public toilets available nearby near Henley Fire Station, in Station Road, B95 5JB.

Thursday 25 April RYTON WOODS NATURE RESERVE

The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has asked us if we could produce a new baseline list of plants from the wood as they are introducing a new management scheme. The Flora Group visited the wood in July 2015 and this visit will ensure that we do not miss any of the spring flowering species. We will park in the Wildlife Trust car park (*not* at the Ryton Pools car park), which is down a track off of the A423 Oxford Road on the right about 1/3 mile travelling south of the roundabout with the A445. (SP348727). See www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/reserves/ryton-wood for more information.