

Surrey Botanical Society - Field Meetings Programme 2018

Unless otherwise stated, meetings will start at **10.30**. Please arrive by **10.15** so that we can make a prompt start. Bring packed lunch for all-day meetings. Some meetings will be on uneven, steep or wet ground so wear suitable footwear.

Please note too that each member attends at his/her own risk. The Society cannot accept responsibility for any damage, loss or injury.

Date & Leader	Site	Meeting at
Sat 21 April SWT	Staffhurst Wood (SWT) to assist with baseline survey prior to thinning works to be undertaken in 2018/2019. Meet at the car park W of Grants Lane opposite the turning to Monks Lane.	TQ4159 4848
Sun 29 April Isobel Girvan	Ockham, Stumps Grove Farm for spring species in ancient woodland. Follow Whitehill Lane to the end of the track and park at Stumps Grove Farm. Whitehill Lane is N of the B2039 (Ockham Road North).	TQ0861 5640
Sat 19 May Brian Spooner NB 11.00 am start	West Molesey , St Peter's Churchyard and Molesey Cemetery for general recording. Meet at 10.45 for 11.00 start by St Peter's Church. Park at the N end of St Peter's Rd or where you can find a space in nearby streets. There is also parking at the N end of the cemetery at TQ1338 6838.	TQ1337 6836
Tues 22 May Caroline Bateman/ Geoffrey Kitchener	Marsh Green/Dry Hill for cross-border circular route with the Kent Botanical Recording Group. Park alongside the green of Marsh Green, off the B2028, near St John's Church. Distance: 3 miles or so, over undulating countryside – farm tracks, stream sides, woodland and pasture.	TQ4391 4435.
Sun 27 May Jon Wilson	Oxshott, Princes Coverts to continue recording in mixed woodland, open heathy areas and damp flushes. Meet in car park N of A244 or if there are not enough places in the car park, park in Old Farmhouse Drive at TQ14765991 and return to car park on foot (5 minutes or so). Allow extra time for this. Please note that those parking in Old Farmhouse Drive will need to walk on S side of A244 and then cross opposite the car park entrance as there is no FP on N side.	TQ1498 5974
Tues 5 June George Housome	Basingstoke Canal at Mytchett and nearby heathland, looking at what's there with an emphasis on sedges. Meet in the northernmost car park of the Basingstoke Canal Visitor Centre. Waterproof footwear essential for the sedges but not for the heathland. There is a possibility that the date will change, but if so you will be notified by e-mail.	SU8940 5515
Thurs 14 June Bill Stanworth	Ash Vale, Lakeside Park and Hollybush for a variety of wetland habitats along the Blackwater Valley. Meet at the car park south of Lakeside Road. Wear appropriate footwear and bring weed drag. Target species <i>Carex elongata</i> .	SU8890 5183
Sun 24 June Isobel Girvan	Horley, Tanyard Meadows for general recording. Meet in the car park of the Farmhouse pub which is N of Langshott (shown as Langshott Wood on the virtual map). We aim to stay for a drink after the meeting to thank the landlady for letting us park there.	TQ2897 4406
Sat 30 June Peter Wakeham	Coulsdon, Happy Valley for mid-summer chalk downland species. Meet at the car park south of Fox Lane, just west of The Fox PH.	TQ3169 5679
Wed 11 July Ben Habgood	Ash Ranges (SWT) Meet at Stoney Castle range, off the Pirbright-Mytchett Road. Head for Grange Road, just outside Pirbright, approximately GU24 0QE, and keep going towards Mytchett, and you will see a red and white sign saying "Stoney Castle". The range will be on your left.	SU9283 5587
Thursday 19 July NT	Ockley, Etherley Farm (NT) for general recording in farmland. Meet at the Rhododendron Wood car park and we will drive to the farm in a few cars. If sufficient people attend, we will record in two groups. One group will record in the farmland; the other group will survey the route of a butterfly transect through farmland, parkland and woodland rides.	TQ1313 4277
Wed 25 July Steve Mellor	Newdigate, Greens Farm for general recording in varied habitats including pasture, tracksides, woodland, ponds and arable margins. Greens Farm is W of Rusper Rd. Take the track to the farm and follow the signs round to the large car park which is behind (W) of the farm buildings.	TQ1941 4108
Tue 7 August Dan Ryan NB 1.30 pm start	Merstham, Gatton Park, The Lake and Temple Wood for an afternoon of general recording in grounds landscaped by Capability Brown. Meet at 1.15 for 1.30 at carpark in Temple Wood N of A242 (Gatton Park Rd). Look for double metal gate and drive up towards cottage. Park anywhere in open area in front of it. You may wish to bring a packed lunch to eat by the lake before the meeting.	TQ2793 5218
Sat 25 August Caroline Bateman	River Wandle for the first stage of a linear survey of the river from the confluence with the Thames to Waddon Ponds. Meet outside Wandsworth Town Station (Old York Road). NB according to progress made we will not necessarily return from the same station so use of public transport with a travel card is recommended.	TQ2597 7508
Date TBA	Hampton Estate: Details of our continued survey of the Estate will be circulated by email	
Sat 27 October Box Hill Village Hall	The SBS Social will be held on Saturday 27 October in <u>Box Hill Village Hall</u> at <u>2.00pm</u>.	TQ1953 5151