

# **Somerset Rare Plants Group: Meetings Programme 2015**

Please ring the leader before each meeting to say you are coming. This helps with planning and can be useful if there are changes to the programme. Parking is sometimes limited so **please lift share where possible**. Please bring your GPS / Mobile Phone, if you have one.

**NOTE: Meetings usually start at 11am, but note that there are several with different start times.**

## **Friday 24 April VC5 Recording**

General recording for Atlas 2020

Contact Steve Parker (07876 146112) for recording area, meeting time and other details.

## **Sunday 26 April Prior's Wood, Portbury (VC6)**

Joint meeting with BNS. Ancient woodland with Small-leaved Lime. General recording meeting **Meet at 11am** at Portbury at entrance to footpath to the woodland at ST497751. Park in layby near the entrance or side road near the church and school.

Leaders: Clive Lovatt & Liz McDonnell (07732 689703)

## **Friday 1 May VC5 Recording**

Contact Steve Parker (07876 146112) or Simon Leach for general recording for Atlas 2020

## **Saturday 9 May Great Breach Wood, Polden Hills (VC6)**

Joint meeting with SANHS. Woodland recording.

**Meet at 10.30am** at the Youth Hostel car park ST480345 to car-share to the site.

Leader Steve Parker (07876 146112)

## **Sunday 10 May Cannington Park (VC5)**

Joint meeting with WFS. Spring ephemerals, species-rich grassland, woodland and wasteland. Ruderals around quarry area. **Meet at 10.30am** but park in the High Street and walk to the Chapel gate of Cannington Cemetery at ST252395. As parking at the site is very limited, we will ferry members to our nearby starting point.

Leaders: Ro FitzGerald & Liz McDonnell (07732 689703)

## **Saturday 23 May Blackdowns (scatter meeting) (VC5)**

A general recording for Blackdowns survey & Atlas 2020, splitting up into small groups to survey a variety of habitats, including woodlands and mires in under-recorded monads around Ruttersleigh, Staple Park & Middleroom Woods.

**Meet at 11am** in the FC Staple Hill car park ST24661597

Leaders: Conrad Barrowclough & Simon Leach (01823 323782)

## **Thursday 28 May Leigh Woods (acid end), Bristol (VC6)**

Evening meeting. Joint meeting with BNS. The ground flora of the acid soils of this ancient woodland is somewhat neglected and under-recorded – Pill Sedge and Heather are found here.

**Meet 7pm** at ST552739 in the FC car park, accessed from the driveway off Abbots Leigh Road (A369: BS8 3QD for Sat Nav users).

Leaders: Clive Lovatt & Liz McDonnell (07732 689703)

## **Saturday 30 May Hardington Moor NNR + West Coker (VC5)**

Species-rich meadows of Hardington Moor with local SWT group in the morning. The afternoon will be spent recording in West Coker village.

**Meet at 10am** at ST51661357 by West Coker Church

Leader: Steve Parker (07876 146112)

**Wed & Thurs 10 & 11 June      Holme & Clean Moors SSSI Monitoring (VC5)**

Not a SRPG meeting, but contact Steve Parker (07876 146112) if you would like to help with this. Marshy grassland & mire habitats.

**Saturday 13 June      Bickham Wood (VC5 & Dorset (VC9)**

Joint meeting with Dorset Flora Group to record border monads which are often neglected. Meeting place to be arranged – book with Robin Walls robin@rmwalls.plus.com  
Leaders: Robin Walls & Steve Parker.

**Sunday 21 June      North side of Dundry Hill (VC6)**

An Atlas 2020 recording day. Exploring meadows at the south edge of Bristol. We may split into small groups to cover more monads and then meet up at the end of the day for tea. Meet 11am at the Scout Hall in Bishport Avenue, Hartcliffe ST578675  
Leaders: Helena Crouch (01761 410731) & Mary Wood

**Sunday 28 June      Winscombe/Sandford (scatter meeting) VC6**

An Atlas 2020 recording day to split up into small groups to record several under-recorded monads. **Meet at 11am** in the free car park in Sandford Road, Winscombe ST420576. Meet up at the end of the afternoon in the adjacent Woodborough Inn for a cup of tea discuss findings and hand over recording cards. Leader: Liz McDonnell (07732 689703) & Clive Lovatt

**Friday & Saturday 3 & 4 July      Quantock Mire Survey for Natural England**

Friday 3 July, recording Mires in Vinny Combe. Meet at Staple Plain Car Park at ST116410  
Saturday 4 July, recording mires in Rams Combe & Frog Combe. Meet at Crowcombe Park Gate car park at ST150377. **Meet at 10am** each day.  
Leader: Steve Parker (07876 146112)

**Saturday 11 July      Steart Marshes, Bridgwater Bay (VC5)**

Joint meeting with SANHS to look at the recent changes in this area. Wetland, ditches, grassland and new flood banks & developing saltmarsh. Good for birds too.  
**Meet at 11am** at the car park at ST25204420  
Leader: Steve parker (07876 146112) & Simon Leach

**Saturday 18 July      Train trip to Watchet (VC5)**

Monitoring Rough Marsh-mallow & Nit-grass at Cleeve Hill. Traveling to Watchet on the West Somerset Railway and walking to the site. **Meet at 10.15** at Bishop's Lydeard Station to catch the 10.25 train or meet at Watchet station at 11.14. Return on 16.25 train.  
Leaders: Jeanne Webb & Steve Parker (07876 146112)

**Saturday 25 July      Ilminster – urban botany (VC5)**

General recording and to search for *Adiantum capillus-veneris*  
Meet at **11am** in West Street public car park at ST35881465  
Leader: Steve Parker (07876 146112)

**Sunday 2 August      Willowherb Workshop**

'Get to Grips with Epilobiums!' An opportunity to learn about the identification features of this group. Bring specimens to work through. **Meet 11am** at Avalon Marshes Centre BA6 9TT ST425414  
Leaders Liz McDonnell (07732 689703) & Helena Crouch

**Sunday 9 August      Wellington (VC5)**

Joint meeting with WFS. Alien plant hunt in the town. **Meet at 11am** in the car park at

ST137205

Leader Steve Parker (07876 146112)

### **Wednesday 12 August Exmoor (VC5)**

Recording day in under-recorded open moor with tracks, walls, streams & mires. **Meet at 11am** on roadside at SS827417 beside cattle pens between Alderman's Barrow & Larkbarrow Corner. Several Red Listed plants are found in this moorland habitat.

Leaders: Graham Lavender & Steve Parker (07876 146112)

### **Sunday 16 August Portishead Down and Weston Big Wood (VC6)**

Joint meeting with BNS. A variety of habitats, including verges and waste ground, ancient woodland and species-rich grassland.

**Meet at 11am** at layby in Valley Road at ST451746

Leaders Clive Lovatt & Liz McDonnell (07732 689703)

### **Sunday 23 August Glastonbury (VC6)**

A morning of general recording by the River Brue and ditches west of Glastonbury, with an opportunity to visit the Sewage Treatment Works in search of interesting ruderals after lunch.

**Meet at 11am** at the Sewage Treatment works ST485383

Leaders Ellen McDouall & Helena Crouch (01761 410731)

### **Sunday 13 September Cliffs West of Minehead (VC5)**

General recording meeting, with a variety of habitats including cliffs, shingle, grassland. *Sorbus subcuneata* and *Asplenium marinum* will be recorded here.

**Meet at 11am** at Minehead harbour car park SS969472

Leaders: Steve Parker (07876 146112)

### **Friday 18 September VC5 Botany**

Contact Steve Parker (07876 146112) or Simon Leach if interested in general recording for Atlas 2020

### **Saturday 26 September Blackdowns (scatter meeting (VC3)**

General recording for Blackdowns survey & Atlas 2020 in a rather botanically neglected area of Somerset as it lies within VC3. Woodlands & damp habitats.

**Meet at 11am** in the Churchinford Cricket Club, Church Road ST20691333

Leaders: Liz McDonnell (07732 689703) & Conrad Barrowclough

Note: - Leaders are to ensure that a brief account of their meeting is sent to Liz McDonnell as soon as possible after the meeting, for inclusion in the newsletter. Participants are encouraged to send photographs to Christine Loudon for the website (via the contact page on the website)

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