

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2005

It seems to have been a quiet year in Cheshire with some work on the Local Change Project tetrads, but not much of interest found! Thanks to all who contributed records. *Bromus commutatus* was an oddity growing by the overflow from a brine well near Lostock along with the usual *Spergularia marina* and *Puccinellia distans*. A large amount of very large *Anisantha diandra* adorned the fields of a farm at Whitley. Elsewhere, *Bromus secalinus* has been found twice more, but all in the same general area. *Viscum album* is still literally hanging on to some trees at Ashley, despite branches falling off.

The best plant of 2004 was *Pyrola rotundifolia ssp maritima* of which a small patch was found by local recorders on the Moore Reserve. How it got there is a mystery. The nearest sites are Southport and Minera. Nearby was a plant of *Carex vulpinoidea*, a North American species allied to the false fox-sedge and several plants of *Trifolium aureum* and lots of *Filago minima*. As there are many other interesting species on this site, our visit there should be worthwhile.

The meetings mainly begin at 2pm and last until 5pm-ish, though a couple are all day excursions. Everyone is welcome even if it is just for the walk! We stroll along, recording whatever people can spot. Maiden Castle and Mad Allen's Hole have what I believe is the biggest population of "*Asplenium pachyrachis*" in Britain, so it will be interesting to try and count them! I have (again) not managed to find any convenient pubs this year. Bring your own booze! (For those who don't know me, that is a joke!)

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!

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CHESHIRE PLANT RECORDING MEETINGS FOR 2005

Saturday April 23rd 2pm ANDERTON

Park in the boat-lift car park SJ649753 to walk along the canal and record Hopyards Wood.

Sunday May 29th 2pm COMBERBACH AREA

Park on verges at about SJ627776. Probably walking south.

Sunday June 12th 2pm BICKLEY

Park at SJ523481 in layby and walk north.

Sunday July 3rd 11am MAIDEN CASTLE

This is to survey the population(s) of *Asplenium trichomanes ssp pachyrachis* and see if *Scleranthus annuus* survives. Car park at SJ503530 up sandy track. Bring packed lunch.

Wednesday July 13th 10.30am MOORE RESERVE

Park by roadside to the left or right of crossroads at SJ577854. Probably more twitching than recording! Bring packed lunch.

Saturday August 13th 2pm EBNAL

Park on verge by *Vinca minor* SJ489489 and go west.

Sunday September 11th 2pm CLUTTON

Park on verge at SJ467547

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Carex vulpinoidea



Pyrola rotundifolia ssp. *maritima*