

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2008

2007 started in SJ68H at Lumb Brook Wood where we added 165 including *Dryopteris affinis* ssp *affinis* & *borreri*, and *Polystichum setiferum*. In SJ66E Newchurch we walked along the old railway to the flooded sand quarries and over to the bog where *Andromeda*, and *Vaccinium oxycoccus* were still surviving. Along the way a new site for *Filago vulgaris* was pleasing along with much *Ornithopus perpusillus* and *Cerastium semidecandrum*. 189 additions to the tetrad were made. In SJ57B at Manley we added 185 of which *Triglochin palustre*, *Lepidium heterophyllum*, *Carex binervis*, and *Umbilicus* were noteworthy. The old railway (now an international walkway) and canal at Dunham Massey (SJ78P) added 171. *Pilosella praealta* was on the railway, huge *Osmundas* and an unexpected *Hydrangea macrophylla* were by the canal along with *Bryonia dioica*, not common in east Cheshire. A surprising field of *Ammi majus* was the highlight in SJ76W with *Frangula alnus* and *Sanguisorba major* in the hedgerow. 163 were added. Replete with lunch, the afternoon in SJ76V yielded 174 new records including *Myosoton*, *Stachys x ambigua*, *Potentilla x mixta*, and *Agrostis castellana*. The highlight of the year was the visit to Baddiley Mere (SJ55V) despite wind and rain! *Rumex maritimus* was plentiful along with hybrids with *R. conglomeratus* and *obtusifolius*, the latter spotted by Martyn Stead, new to VC58. The mere seemed somewhat nutrient rich which no doubt explained the huge *Bidens cernua* var *radiata*. 127 taxa were seen. Finally the hills east of Tintwistle (SK09J) were even wetter and windier and we were glad to retreat after seeing that *Wahlenbergia* and *Scutellaria minor* were doing well. We only added 7 species but did get *Linaria repens* in SK09I.

Elsewhere notable records were *Dipsacus laciniatus*, *Anthemis austriaca*, *Calla palustris*, and good safe colonies of *Carex elongata* and *Bromus racemosus*.

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 2008

Meetings begin at 2pm unless otherwise stated and last until 5pm or so! It is usually a gentle stroll and all are invited but these days it is at your own risk.

Sunday 13th April 2pm Marple

Meet in small car park by allotments down lane by Rose Hill Station, SJ949887 to record spring flowers in local woodland.

Saturday 17th May 2pm Haslington

Park on verges at SJ735570 for footpaths and lanes.

Saturday 14th June 2pm Faddiley

Park on verge at SJ592533 to explore lanes to the south. The Thatch Inn at ca SJ591530 will see some of us lunching from 12noon-ish.

Thursday 3rd July 11am Peckforton

Park at SJ538582 and proceed to the south and west. Bring packed lunch! Is *Clinopodium ascendens* still there?

Saturday 12th July 2pm Audlem

Park on verge at SJ669428 for lanes and footpaths.

Sunday 17th August 2pm Tintwistle

Park in layby at SK035979. If the weather is better than in 2007, we will make for the Coombes Clough area, but record the reservoir edge if not.

Saturday 6th September 2pm Tiverton

Park in layby at SJ554602 to walk by the canal, etc.

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Ammi majus at Arclid (admired by Priscilla Tolfree)



Bidens cernua var *radiata* seen by Baddiley Mere



Rumex x knafii (conglomeratus x maritimus) by Baddiley Mere