

## North Western Naturalists' Union: Bryophyte and Lichen Section Field Meetings 2019

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All meetings are on Saturdays starting at 10:30 and will commence whatever the weather.

Please bring food and clothing adequate for a full day in the field and check with the leader or Section Secretary a day or so before the meeting in case of venue changes. Beginners are welcome at ANY meeting and there is usually a more experienced field bryologist present who will be more than happy to name and talk through the identification features of species encountered. There may not always be a Lichenologist present.

### Saturday 23rd February

**Roddlesworth.** Meet at visitor centre (SD665215) Adjacent to the Ryal Arms. Leader - John Lowell.

### Saturday 23rd March

**Dean Wood, Gathurst, WN5 0LL.** Leave M6, J27, A5209 west, turning left immediately towards Appley Bridge; turn left to follow B5375 under motorway; turn left onto B5206 on Gathurst Lane, finally turning in to Garhurst Station (+Inn) to park on Ackhurst Lane, **SD540073**. Half km walk under motorway to reach Dean Wood, SD 5306 0643. Leader - John Watt (01695 578843/ 07768 043 461).

### Saturday 13th April

**Ainsdale** Meet at Ainsdale Discovery Centre Car Park (SD297146) Take Shore Road towards the coast from the Coast Road Roundabout adjacent to Pontins Camp. Then left along Promenade. Leader – Joshua Styles. Joshua will show us some of the interesting new discoveries.

### Saturday 12th May

**Reddisher Wood, Holcombe Brook.** Meet at the entrance to Woodhey Road. (SD780153). First right off A676 after its Junction with B6214 heading towards Ramsbottom. Leader – Norman Bamforth.

### Saturday 15th June

**Tideswell Dale.** Meet at Tideswell Dale Peak District N.P. Car Park (Charge) SK153741. On left side of B6049 south of Tideswell village. Joint meeting with Sorby NHS. Leaders – Joan Egan and Norman Bamforth.

### Saturday 14th September

**Silverdale.** Meet at Eaves Wood National Trust car park, SD 47117 75949, just next to the bus stop on Park Road. This is walkable from the station, but it's not a very nice walk as it can be quite a busy and narrow road. I'll be happy to pick up and drop off people from the station if they want to come by train. Trains go through to Preston, you have to change now for trains to Manchester or further.

As well as typical limestone specialists there's a site with some nice *Marchesinia mackai* and a quarry which has some different species to elsewhere in the woods.

### Saturday 19th October

**Mytholm Mill, Dobcross.** Meet near the skips in Newbank Garden Centre Car Park SD9935 0627 at Dobcross. This is on the A6052 near its junction with the A670. There is a café and (I think) toilets at the garden centre. This is at the junction of the River Tame and Diggle Brook with the Huddersfield Narrow canal and the Delph Donkey disused railway all close at hand so plenty of bryophyte habitat.

### Saturday 9th November

**Cosh Beck, Littondale.** Meet at Halton Gill (limited parking, please car-share where possible) SD 8806 7646 Leader Gordon Haycock.

We will be heading out into limestone country to a relatively remote location at the head of Littondale. Parking at Halton Gill we will be north-west around 1.5km to an unexplored beck and associated waterfalls and springs. Please come prepared for a good hike and unpredictable Dales weather!

