

Forum report Wild Flower Group August 23

On the 9th of August the wild flower group met for a walk starting from the gate at the entrance to Widdybank Fell. The weather forecast for the afternoon was pleasant and cloudy and dry with some sunny spells. 9 of us turned out on the day. We followed Harwood Beck, at the start of the walk we were delighted to see Grass of Parnasus in flower and we saw many of these in the afternoon. We were also pleased to see fairy flax, lots of sneezewort and Northern Bedstraw.

Following the beck towards Saur Hill Bridge we noticed that the meadow had been changed since our last visit and a new scrape had been created which had filled with water and had a young coot swimming in it, this will be great for the wildlife.

We followed the beck along over the bridge and were rewarded with plants we had not seen earlier including fragrant orchid and sea plantain.

In total we saw 61 different flowers which is the most we have seen on our walks this year.

We ended the afternoon by having refreshments at the Langdon Beck Hotel. A very pleasant afternoon.

Kate Keen

Wildflower Walkers above Harwood Beck



Grass of Parnasus at Harwood Beck

