

Wildflower April 24 Report

Four of us met at Egglestone Abbey.

We set off in rain which soon turned into a pleasant dry afternoon, we even had some sunshine that was surprisingly warm.

As we walked down from the car park we could see the yellow flowers of gorse at the other side of the River Tees.

We ventured down to the Tees riverside where we identified Butterbur, Forget-me-knot, Primrose and Wild Garlic.

Back along the lane on our way to the woods we saw Dog's Mercury, Moschatel (town hall clock), Toothwort and Yellow dead-nettle also known as Yellow Archangel/golden dead-nettle/aluminium plant.

As we crossed Abbey Bridge and entered the woods we were greeted by Wood Anemones and Bluebells on the bank. Due to very muddy conditions underfoot we didn't venture very far into the woods.

Arriving back at the car park it was suggested that we took the public footpath across towards the houses. We descended a bank of primroses into the meadow where we found Golden Saxifrage growing at the water's edge and Dog Violet at the gate.

(a full list of wild flowers identified has been sent to the Group members)

Future walks:-

Wednesday, 8th May - Cow Green Reservoir to, hopefully, view the spring gentians.

Tuesday, 21st May (an extra walk) - Bowlees.

Wednesday, 12th June - Hannah's Meadow.