

16 of us met on a dry but breezy afternoon at Cow Green Reservoir (Wednesday, 8th May). Sadly the sun did not make an appearance so the gentians, bar a few, did not open up their petals. Despite this we all enjoyed identifying Bird's eye primrose, Blue moor-grass, Field woodrush, numerous Mountain Pansy and Common Violet, Ribwort Plantain, Gentians, Spring sand wort/leadwort and Wood Anemones.

After Cow Green a number of us proceeded to Langdon Beck where 24 flowers were identified including Early Purple Orchid spotted by a keen-eyed member.

We adjourned to the Langdon Beck Hotel for refreshment.

We had an extra walk on Tuesday, 21st May when 14 of us met at Bowlees and identified 50 plants.

We congregated in the car park then headed in the direction of the Visitor Centre identifying flowers as we went. As we ascended the steps we almost trod on a Scarab Beetle!

Proceeding down the road in front of the Visitor Centre we followed the route down to Wynch Bridge, crossing over towards Holwick stopping for a rest on the hump-back bridge. Then re-tracing our steps to Wynch Bridge we walked along the riverside towards Scoberry Bridge catching the last of the Bluebells. We were rewarded by sightings of Globeflowers, Cowslips, Wild Violet and Bird's eye primrose. Again we re-traced our steps to Wynch Bridge and adjourned to the Visitor Centre for refreshment.

(a complete list of flowers identified has been circulated to the Group members)

Coming up: Wednesday, 12th June - Hannah's Meadow

Tuesday, 25th June (extra) - Demesnes.



