

Wildflower Group September Report

In September the wild flower walks group enjoyed a pleasant walk looking for wild flowers in the Bowlees area.

The group walked up to the quarry which was abundant with a magnificent display of Devil's bit scabious, these were all over the quarry area. Normally the flowers are purple but unusually we saw a few pink and some white ones. There were masses of bees on the Devil's bit scabious and quite a few butterflies. The group were delighted to find Fairy flax, a delicate flower with white petals.

The group walked over Wynch Bridge and turned right to walk along the River Tees. The group saw lots of Sneezewort and a group of Saw wort plants although the flowers had gone over. Members saw three different types of plantain, including sea plantain even though the location is miles from the sea. In all 67 different plants were seen in flower which was great so late in the season.

Members noticed quite a few spring flowers having a late show including cross wort and garlic mustard.

After the walk the group retired to the visitor centre cafe for welcome refreshments.

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