

Wildflower Group – May 2025

Report by Jane Harrison

Nine members met on a sunny afternoon at The Station in Richmond to identify the wildflowers in the meadows along the south bank of the River Swale. The meadows are three of five owned by the Richmondshire Landscape Trust.

The weather has been very dry recently so plants preferring wetter areas such as Brooklime or Bog Stitchwort were absent, but the Yellow Flag Iris, Marsh Marigolds and Water Avens were out around the small, permanent pond. Buttercups and Pignut were dominant in the grass. One observant member spotted Solomon's Seal.

There was greater variety in the shadier parts of the meadows under the trees. A few spring flowers such as Wood Anemone, Lesser Celandine, Wild Garlic, Common Dog Violet and Barren Strawberry were in flower amongst later varieties such as Wood Cranesbill.

Afterwards we adjourned to The Station (formerly the railway station) for much needed refreshments.