

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2009

2008 got off to a very muddy start at Marple where 97 new records were added to SJ98P and 20 to SJ98J. Peter Owen's find of *Polystichum munitum* on a soil heap was new to Cheshire and it was good to find that the *Monotropa* site had not (yet?) been destroyed. In SJ75I Haslington, many of the 156 additions were on a housing estate, eg. *Trifolium micranthum* and *Valerianella carinata*, but a native Black Poplar on a stream bank was pleasing. In June, after lunch at the Thatch Inn, we explored Faddiley where the common had some nice un-mown damp areas with good sedges including *Carex pilulifera* along with *Lychnis flos-cuculi* and *Nardus stricta*. *Polystichum setiferum* was later found in the hedgerow making 176 for SJ55W. The all-day excursion to Peckforton failed to spot *Calamintha ascendens* but *Soleirolia soleirolii* was well naturalised and *Moehringia trinervia* was on the wood edge among 86 additions to SJ55J. SJ55I had another nice Black Poplar and abundant *Ceratocarpus claviculata* and *Dryopteris affinis* ssp *affinis* making 87 new. The Audlem square SJ64R proved quite interesting with *Rumex maritimus*, *Hordeum secalinum*, *Hypericum humifusum* and even an abundance of *Echinochloa crus-galli* amid a crop giving 187 new. A loop along the canal in SJ64L added 37 species including *Stachys x ambigua* and *Butomus*. In SK09P the weather drove us down to the reservoir where 135 additions were made which is many more than the uplands would have produced! Highlights were *Hypericum humifusum*, *Epilobium brunnescens* and *Hieracium umbellatum* as well as a golden ferret spotted hunting by the reservoir. The final meeting by the canal at Tiverton SJ56K engaged a select few in what felt like a struggle to find records but in fact the total was the biggest of the year at 200! *Cicuta virosa*, *Rosa tomentosa*, *Echinochloa crus-galli* again and *Anisantha diandra* all made for a varied list.

New species for VC58 in 2008 included *Sisymbrium irio* found by Mrs Boucher on a visit to Chester, *Carex lasiocarpa* at Wybunbury by Iain Diack and the pretty *Schizostylis coccinea* found at Lindow by Barry Shaw. I finally pinpointed *Rubus chamaemorus* by the Cat and Fiddle and got *Epilobium x limosum* as another new one.

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CHESHIRE PLANT RECORDING MEETINGS FOR 2009

Meetings begin at 2pm unless otherwise stated and last until 5pm or so! It is usually a gentle stroll and all are invited but these days it is at your own risk.

Saturday 18th April 2pm Styal

Meet in small car park at SJ83958215 accessed from B5166 and walk along by the river in Styal Woods.

Saturday 9th May 2pm Church Lawton

Park at entrance to golf-course at SJ802546 for roads and footpaths.

Sunday 14th June 2pm Little Budworth

Park on verge at SJ583662 to record to the NE.
Meet in Cabbage Hall (SJ581674) just N of A54/A49 Xrds at 12 noon for lunch

Sunday 26th July 2pm Barbridge

Park in old road at SJ616567 and walk briskly in a circuit via Cholmondley Bridge. Meet in local pub at 12noon for lunch.

Thursday 6th August 10.30am Ridley

Park on verge at SJ555547 (N side of triangle) for lanes and footpaths to the north. Bring packed lunch.

Saturday 22nd August 2pm Brindley

Park on verges S of Brindley Hall Farm approx SJ591547 for more footpaths and mud!

Saturday 12th September 2pm Delamere

Park at SJ537724 for a circuit to the south.

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Populus nigra ssp *betulifolia* at Haslington.



Schizostylis coccinea at Lindow



Monotropa in Marple