

Meetings of the Dumfriesshire Botany Group for 2018

We are starting up a new group to look at plants growing in the wild in Dumfriesshire. Please join us, whatever your level of skill, and if you are new to field botany you are welcome. The aim is for this to be relaxed and enjoyable while helping to map the occurrence of wild plants in the county. You can keep asking what is this and why until you feel more confident. What we find will be part of the countrywide monitoring that is co-ordinated by Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI).

Please contact the leader, by email or phone, close to the day of the meeting to confirm attendance as they need to account for everyone!

Please consult the BSBI's Code of Conduct and Safety in the Field documents beforehand – both are available to download via the [Field Meetings](#) page.

All field meetings are either on Wednesday or Sunday with one training course on a Saturday and start at 10:30 a.m. Bring a packed lunch if staying for the afternoon and suitable clothing for being outdoors in the cold and wet (but hope for sun) and off road.

March 28th (Wednesday): A meeting to see what early season plants are about predominantly in woodland. NY37 (Hollows) – Leader Chris Miles. Meeting-place: car park along road at NY387782.

April 18th (Wednesday): Coastal communities. NY16 (Newbie) – Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: small car park at end of road at Newbie NY178644. Depending on numbers we may need to double up and leave some cars in town.

May 19th (Saturday): Identifying Wild Flower Families training day at Barony College. 10:00-16:15. Booking essential. A charge will be made to cover expenses. Further details will be available for those who book. Book online here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/20910/cb94/>

June 24th (Sunday): Moffat Hills. NT11 (Carrifran) – Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: small gated car park at NT160115. This will be on steep and craggy ground and may be exposed if weather is poor.

July 11th (Wednesday): Moorland. NS90 (Durisdeer) - Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: small car park at Durisdeer Church. NS894037.

July 29th (Sunday): River Nith. NX89 (Thornhill) Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: The cross roads, Thornhill. Park on main street.

August 15th (Wednesday): Kinmount Estate. NY16 (Kinmount) – Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: to be advised

September 2nd (Sunday): Castle Loch aquatic plants. NY08 (Lochmaben) – Leader Chris Miles. Meeting place: Car Park by bowling club NY084821

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