

**North West Fungus Group 2020 Foray Programme
In association with the British Mycological Society**

Contact Foray Leader if unsure about weather/terrain/access; strong footwear; cover arms/ legs against ticks, consider insect repellent, and check for them after; whistle or mobile phone. Last minute changes will be notified by email. Most events start on **Sundays** promptly at **10.30** and continue into the afternoon with a pause for refreshments over lunchtime. Beginners are welcome at ALL forays. Please note that forays may not be suitable for very small children. **No DOGS.**

Saturday 29th February – Risley Moss, north Warrington: SJ 664 920(Sheet 109);**WA3 6QS. AGM & Presidential address from Geoffrey Kibby.** Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. Ample parking. **10am** (Coffee) for **10.30**. Short foray after your (free) snack lunch.

22nd March (10.00) - Duxbury Woods, Chorley. SD 588 155 (Sheet108); **PR74AS.** From A6 in south Chorley take A5106 at traffic lights. Take first R and follow signs to Duxbury Golf Course. Keep left at each junction until you reach Duxbury Park Golf Course car park.
Leader - *John Watt* (07768 0434 461).

26th April – Rostherne Mere, Cheshire. SJ 743 833(Sheet 109); **WA16 6SB.** Leave M56 at J 7, follow directions Northwich & A556 for 1 km, then slip road onto B5569, (signposted Knutsford) up to A5034 at traffic lights by Premier Inn; then turn immediately Left onto Cicely Mill Lane onto T-junction at centre of village; turn right to reach the car park 200 yards on left.
Leader- *Tim Rogers* (07890949997).

7th June – Scutchers Acres , Burscough. SD 449 108 (Sheet 108); **L40 5TD.** Follow A5209 from M6; turn L B5240 then immediately R for ½ mile; then R at Qualco Kennels for ⅓ mile, cross river in direction of Burscough & after ⅓ mile turn R into private drive, Forest View, parking on hardstanding off lane.

13 hectare mixed woodland and wildflower meadow habitats. (Privy on site for afternoon time.)
Leader - *John Watt* 07768 043 461.

21st June – Microscope Workshop and Beginners Foray. Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QS). Meet 10.30. A morning beginners' foray will be followed by an afternoon microscope workshop. Details and bookings with *Irene Ridge* (01254 247274).

Sunday 26th July – Abderduna NR (North Wales Wildlife Trust). SJ 20 60 6167 (Sheet 117); **~250 yards beyond CH7 5LD.** Take A494 Mold to Ruthin; after the long 1.5km hill and 0.5km before (east) of Loggerheads , turn left, signed Maeshafn. After 1km on this minor road, find car park on the right half way round a sharp left hand bend.
Leader - *John Ratcliffe* 07751 330120

16th August - Beginners' Foray at Moore NR, Lapwing Lane, Warrington. SJ 578 855 (Sheet 108); **WA4 6XE.** 2 miles south of Warrington on A56 turn north to Moore at traffic lights at Higher Walton. 1 mile turn R crossing railway and ship canal. Go to end of road to reach entrance. Car park to right of entrance road.
Leader - *Paul Hamlyn* (0161 434 1401).

30th August - Stanley Bank Wood, St Helens. SJ 536 977 (Sheet 108); **WA11 0AB.** Meet at Sankey Valley Visitor Centre, behind pub From A580 East Lancs Rd, take A58 south toward St Helens. After ~ ¾ mile at the bottom of a dip turn right immediately in front of Ship Inn.
Leader - *Tom Ferguson* 07702038212.

20th September Finsthwaite Heights, South Lakes. Meet at **10.00** at Haverthwaite Steam Railway - in cafe or car park. **SD 350 842** (Sheet 97); **LA12 8AL.** From M6, J 36, follow A590 Barrow-i-Furness Road to beyond Newby Bridge.
From here we need to car share to reach High Dam car park **SD 369 882**, with limited space. 2 mile circular, 150m ascent, mixed woodland, plus level ground around car park.
Leader - *Penny Hinsiger* 0798 44538570.

Friday 2- Monday 5th October – Residential Foray, Keswick Convention Centre. Cost inc. meals, exc bedding, will be £95.00 (£100 non-members). Booking form in Newsletter/website; 1st come 1st served. Contact *Mike Walton* (01606 259286).
+/- option for extra forays Thursday/Friday 1st /2nd B&B. Contact *John* 07768 043461.
Monday 5th foray at North Walney NNR.

11th October - Ainsdale NNR, SD 303 112 (sheet 108); **PR8 3QW).** Meet at car park at Reserve Manager's Office Take A565 north past Woodvale Airport, turn on to Coastal Road, over railway bridge and left into private drive.
Leader - *Tony Carter* (0151-724-4600).

18th October – Errwood; Goyt Valley. SK 013 758
Sheet (119).

From A6 take A5004 through Whalley Bridge, past A5470 crossing, through Fernilee, then turn R into Goyt Lane (signed Goyt Valley). Cross dam to T-junction with 'The Street' meeting at car park.

Leader - *Lynne Healey* (07938 663232)

1st November – Turn Slack Clough, Littleborough. SD 935 173 (Sheet 109); **OL15 9JZ.**

Meet @ **10.00** at Clough. Left off A58 onto Whitelees Road approaching Littleborough from west, continue along Calderbrook Road turning left at Clough Road.
Leader - *Norman Bamforth* (0161-336-3914).

8th November – Lytham Hall, SD 355 280 (Sheet 102) **FY8 4JX.** Meet @ **10.00** .

From M55 J4 take A583 (Kirkham) at first roundabout, and take first right (Whitehall Rd) after second then immediately left onto Peel Rd. After 1.6 m turn right onto Ballam Rd and after 0.6 m turn right into Lytham Park and proceed to Hall (free entry for NWFNG).
Leader – *Max Furmidge* (07851 574751)

Some other national events of interest include:

BMS Spring Foray, Didcot,

Friday 20th to 26th April.

Octoberth – National Fungus Day. To see events - <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>

10 courses at various Fields Studies Centres incl;
Advanced Macrofungi, Preston Montford FSC,
Geoffrey Kibby; Saturday 12th to 19th September.

Identification of Macrofungi, Preston Montford

FSC Intermed. course with Jeanette Maddy;
Fri 23rd to Mon 26th October.

BMS Autumn foray, Coalville,

19th to 26th October.

- About the North West Fungus Group

The North West Fungus Group is a regional group aiming to promote an interest in fungi across the counties of Cheshire, Lancashire, Grter Manchester, Merseyside, Cumbria and North Wales. Membership benefits include:-

- two newsletters per year
- Recording forays and special events
- Outreach activities centering around National Fungus Day
- Presidential address at AGM
- microscopy instruction

<p>Membership Individual membership - £7.50 Family membership - £10.00 Members joining after November 1st will receive membership for the following year. Membership Form available on website or from Secretary to whom cheque may be posted.</p>
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