

North West Fungus Group
2023 Foray Recording Programme: -
in association with the British Mycological Society

Contact Foray Leader if unsure about the weather/terrain/access/cancellations. Read Risk assessment. [Cover arms/legs against ticks, checking for them after; consider insect repellent](#); carry whistle or mobile phone. Planned 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 25th February: AGM
Risley Moss, north Warrington:
SJ 664 920(Sheet 109);**WA3 6QX.**
Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. **10am** (Coffee) for **10.30.**
Lunch requests to be sent to *Mike W.*
Social gathering or foray 13.30 to 15.00.

23rd April - Ainsdale NNR, PR8 3QW
Meet at car park at Reserve Manager's Office
SD 303112 (sheet 108) Take A565 north past Woodvale Airport, turn on to Coastal Road, over railway bridge and left into private drive. *Leader: Tim Rogers, (07890 949997)*

28th May - Moor Piece LWT NR, Bashall Eaves, BB7 3DA.
SD687448(Sheet 103). Meet in Bashall Eaves Village Hall car park at SD 696434 (Sheet 103) on right just past Red Pump Inn before onward journey to the Reserve. (Follow signs for Whitewell/Trough of Bowland). Terrain is rough and wet. *Leader: Irene Ridge (07484 242523).*

17th June, Saturday – Microscopy - Beginners’
Workshop#1 Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QX). 10 to mid-afternoon. Bring packed lunch. Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. Limited numbers so book early with *John Watt (07768 043 401).* £10.00 non-members.

23rd July, Sunday - Microscopy Improvers’
Workshop#2. Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QX).

10 to mid-afternoon. Bring packed lunch. Must bring your m’scope +/- spore print /fungi. Number limited so book early with *John Watt (07768 043 461).* £10.00 non-members.

13th August - Hay Bridge Nature Reserve, Low Hay Bridge, Bouth, Ulverston, LA13 8JG: SD335876.

Leave M6, J 36, bear left onto A590 (speed cameras); after ~ 3 miles, take 1st left signpost Barrow. At Newby Bridge roundabout, 1st exit staying on A590 then after ~ 4 miles turn right to Bouth. At Bouth village, turn right at White Hart Inn and follow this lane ~ ½ mile. Where it swings left, continue ahead on small narrow lane ‘Hay Bridge only’ until you reach car park in ~ 2 miles. Facilities in centre building; suggested donations of £2.00 for non-members welcome. Leader - *Helen Speed (07900 915328).*

20th August -Wigan Flashes National Nature Reserve.
SD579032 (Sheet108/Explorer 285) Meet at Welham Road entrance, **WN3 5PA.** Turn off Poolstock Lane(B5238) into Carr Lane (sign-posted Hawkley Hall High School) and follow this for approx 1 m. Street parking in vicinity of high school. Level walking on good canal-side paths with wet carr woodland. Leader - *Christopher Bowden (01772 812910/07597 921981).*

27th August - Quernmore park/Knot Wood:
at western edge of Bowland AONB.
Exit M6 at J 34 and follow A683 east to Caton, and immediately take first right onto Quernmore Road and follow for ~4 km to reach Postern Gate Lodge where road ahead forks, but take sharp right turn into Private drive for Quernmore Park Hall, and continue along driveway for 250 metres and park on hardstanding to the right before reaching group of houses. **SD51547 62428.** (Post code **LA29HG** too diffuse). Knots Wood is a

mixed woodland with lovely trees and rocks and woodland rides. (Old Post Office cafe in Caton is open on Sunday from 10-3pm; other facilities when pubs open.) (*Leader: John W: 07768 043 461*)

3rd September - 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).*

17th September - Gait Barrows NNR SD 47897 77543
Option 1) Leave M6, J35 onto A6 northward 3 miles, going L at crossroads to Yealand Redmayne to T junction in village, then R and R at next fork onto Thrang Brow Lane and next L on Brackenthwaite Rd and bear left at Cold Well Farm junct. **LA7 7LF** following Ford Lane.
Option 2) from Milnthorpe via B5282 turning L after railway bridge away from Arnside onto Black Dyke Road. Keep left then turn right onto Ford Lane at Cold Well Farm junction **LA7 7LF.** Turn L after 250 m along narrow track for Reserve parking. Limited Sunday rail service to Silverdale station- liaise if to be collected from there. *Leader - Kerstin Nagel (07521 317306) & Helen and John R. (Please note that there is a poor G4 signal in this region.)*

24th September - Wepre CP, Flint SJ 295 684 (sheet117). From east follow M56 to the end and continue A494, cross River Dee and after 1km take exit to Queensferry, B5129. Take 4th exit at roundabout towards Connah’s Quay. After 1 mile (just before Motorworld on L) turn L into Wepre Drive. Continue ~ 1km to Wepre Park on left **CH5 4HL.** *Leaders Clive Garnett and John Ratcliffe 07751 330120*

Friday 29th Sept- Mon 2nd October – Residential Foray, Keswick Convention Centre.

Details to follow:

Contact *Mike Walton* (07582 646 080).

1st October - Stanley Bank Wood CP, 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* (07702 038212).

8th October - Rixton Clay Pits LNR, nr Warrington.WA3 6EE, SJ 684 906 (Sheet 109). Leave the M6 at J 21 & take the A57 (Manchester Road) toward Irlam. After about 1 ½ miles turn left into Moat Lane. Roadside parking after about ½ mile near the ‘Anglers car park’.
Leader *Ken Burgess* 07984 946898

15th October - Mere Sands Wood, LWT Nature Reserve SD449 160: mixed woodland and grassland. From the east join A59 in West Lancs to reach Rufford, from where take Holmeswood Road turning off at **L40 1TG**. Ample parking in new area to the east of the visitors’ Centre, where there is a cafe + toilet. Ensure your car Reg number is clocked in at the desk to avoid parking fee, allowing short time for this please.
Leaders Irene Ridge (07484 242523) & *Tim Rogers* (07890949997)

22nd October - Alderley Park, Nether Alderley, Cheshire. At bypass roundabout on A34 between Wilmslow and Congleton, follow Congleton Road, direction Nether Alderley, for 0.5km and turn into the northern of the two entries to Alderley Park, Conference Centre; shortly after passing security building, turn left direction Radnor Car Park, from where park at far northern end. **SD10 4TG. SJ8452876036.** Our route will take us past the cafe and toilets at some stage or available from southern road access before the roundabout.
First recorded in the Doomsday Book, it is a Site of Biological Interest, Grade 1, with its heronry and had been a NWFG foray site from 1991-2002 with 240 species recorded.

There is a mix of veterans trees in grazed parkland and mixed woodlands.
(*Leader John: 07768 043 461*)

5th November, 10.00 - Dunham Massey Park (NT), Trafford. Dunham Massey is located on Woodhouse Lane in Altrincham, off the A56. Exit at junction 19 off the M6; and junction 7 off the M56. Sat nav postcode for Dunham Massey is **WA14 4SJ**. GR ref: **SJ73 2874**. Level walking, but some distance may be involved depending on route.
Leader -*Jeanette Maddy* (07548 838946).

12th November, 10.30 – Hardcastle Craggs Joint event with **Mid-Yorks FG**, *Leaders: Anne Bowers/Ian Forward.* (07908 709483); **NWFG** with *Steve Hindle.*
From Hebden Bridge, take the A6033 towards Keighley. Take the left turning onto Midgehole Road (signposted for Midgehole and Hardcastle Craggs). (If coming from Keighley, this is a very sharp turning; maybe better to continue into Hebden Bridge and circle round back onto the A6033.) Continue on Midgehole Road for about 2 miles (NB – extremely narrow road: note passing places in case of having to give way to oncoming traffic). First car park is on right, after about 2 miles (**SD988291**). If this is full, take the next right to two further parks on both sides of the road (**SD988292**). National Trust parking rules apply (people with NT cards can park free; pay and display for others - £5, coins only). Nearest postcode is **HX7 7AL**. Toilets at Hebden Bridge or Gibson Mill a mile north along Hebden Beck.

19th November, 10.00- Rostherne Mere **Rostherne Mere, WA16 6SB: SJ743 833**(Sheet 109). 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).

Some other national events of interest include:
BMS Spring Field Meeting, 10-15th April N Wales
BMS Microscopy Workshop 16-18th June, Barnsley
BMS Ascomycete Workshop 24-28th August, Ambleside
National Fungus Day. <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>
Saturday 7th October 2023
BMS Autumn foray, Cober Hill, Scarborough 21st - 28th 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, Greater 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

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.**

Chair: Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946)
Membership Secretary: Kerstin Nagel,
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