

North West Fungus Group
2024 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** (ie arrive before) 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 small children. **No Dogs.**



Saturday 24th February: AGM
Risley Moss, north Warrington:
Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. **10am** (Coffee) for **10.30**.
SJ 664 920:WA3 6QX.
Social gathering or foray 13.30 to 15.00.

1) 24th March - Healey Dell Healey Dell LNR /SSSI.
Woodland around the valley and River Spodden gorge. Park & meet on Station Road either side of the viaduct, just off A671; Rochdale – Whitworth/Bacup road. (Toilets 200 yds away at junction of A671/ B6377/ Dell Road.)
From south, exit M65 J 20 and travel through Rochdale.
SD88160 16166: OL12 8RT: W3W camp.rate.shut
Leader -John Watt 07768 043 461

2) 28th April – Rostherne Mere NNR. 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. **WA16 6SB: SJ743 833**
Leader - Tim Rogers 07890949997

3) 19th May - Roudsea NNR, South Cumbria. M6 Jn 36, onto A590 and after Newby Bridge, turn left onto B6278 opp Steam Railway station into Haverthwaite, meet at Anglers Arms pub but park along Old Barrow road beyond; **LA12 8AJ; SD347841** from where at 10.30 we shall car shuttle for final mile into reserve, where limited parking. *Leaders - John Watt 07768 043 461/ Kerstin Nagel*

4) Sunday 26th May - Scutchers Acres, LNR, West Lancs. By popular request, for people wishing to improve on their plant ID skills .Bring your own books/handlens but check out this - <https://www.treeguideuk.co.uk/>
From M6, exit J27, A5209, turn left into Hall Lane just before Ring O'Bells garage and immediately R onto Hobcross Lane, and in 0.5km drive into Scutchers Wood just after chicken farm, and park within. **SD 45301047: L40 5UB:W3W reporters.reshape.flag**
Places not limited but **please book** with *Leader John Watt 07768 043 461*

Saturday 15th June - Microscopy - Beginners' Workshop, 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.

28th July - Rough piece Wood, Dobshill, Flintshire.
Part of the Hawarden Castle estate.
Take the A55 expressway into North Wales. Exit at junction 35 and take the A550 towards Buckley. After a few hundred yards join the Dobshill roundabout and take the first lefthand exit up Chester road. After approx. 1/2 mile turn right at the first crossroads and park on the left.
CH4 0ES: SJ3099 6359 W3W: apparatus.manages.slick
Leaders - John Ratcliffe 07752330120/ Clive Garnett

18th August - Moor Piece LWT NR, Bashall Eaves.
Meet in Bashall Eaves Village Hall car park at SD 696434 (Sheet 103) on right just past Red Pump Inn before onward car share to the Reserve. (Follow signs for Whitewell/ Trough of Bowland). Terrain is rough and wet. **BB7 3DA: SD687448.** *Leader - Irene Ridge (07484 242523).*

24th August, Saturday - Microscopy Improvers' Workshop, 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.

8th September - Fir Tree Farm, Pimbo Road, Kings Moss, Rainford. Leave the A580,taking the A570 toward Southport,but turn immediately right onto the B5201. Fir Tree Farm is signposted. Continue to follow the brown signs to Fir Tree farm for approximately 3 miles. Further details anon. **WA11 8RG. SD525013.**
Leader- Tom Ferguson 07702 038212

15th Sept - Lytham Hall. 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 NWFG). **FY8 4JX.SD 3592864** *Leaders Anne Horne 07855 135336/ Max Furmidge 07851 574751)*

22nd Sept - Centreparks, Whinfell site, CA10 2DW.

Take J40 off M6 either from North or South, follow signs for A66 EAST, Brough. Follow A66 bypassing Penrith and as you go up a slight hill several miles from Penrith you will see a sign, "dual carriageway in 2 miles", the next turning on the R is signpost Centreparks. Turn R for Centreparks. Meet up at a layby on the left approx 0.6 miles from the main road. **GR NY574 279, W3W global.sides.existence.** Only parking there for 6 or so cars, so share if you can. We will then proceed through the barriers together and park in the grounds of Centreparks. If you are delayed please let me know, together with your registration number, as Centreparks are very strict on admissions. Similarly please stop at the barriers on the way out to let them know, that you are leaving. *Leaders Jane Rushworth 07967 906787 /Colin Doull 07930 396991*

Friday 18th- Mon 21stOctober residential Foray, Keswick Convention Centre.Book with *Mike Walton*(07582 646 080)

13th October - Ainsdale NNR,

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. **PR8 3QW: SD 303112** *Leader:Tim Rogers, (07890 949997)*

10) 20th October "Beginners' Foray" (but all welcome). Wigg Island Community Park, Runcorn.

M56 Jct 11. Take the A56 towards Warrington then turn left onto the Daresbury Expressway/A558 towards Runcorn. Take the Astmoor/Industrial Area exit and continue along Astmoor Rd. Turn right just before the traffic lights/Busway-crossing towards Wigg Island.Cross the swing bridge to Wigg Island and head to the main car park. **WA7 1LU: SD525835**
Leader Paul Hamlyn 0161278 7322 / 07904 459280)

3rd November, 10.00 - Wigan Flashes National Nature Reserve. Meet at Welham Road entrance, Turn off Poolstock Lane(B5238) into Carr Lane (sign-posted Hawkey 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. **SD579032: WN3 5PA.**
Leader - Christopher Bowden (01772 812910/07597 921981).

17th November: 10.00 am – Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, PR3 0RY.

From A6 just south of Bilsborrow, take St. Michaels Road after ½ mile use 1st entrance car park just west of college's Stumble Inn **GR: SD49783 40046; W3W: snack.realm.engulfing;** Then we head to Security to log in and wear visitor ID badges.

2.30pm. Pilling Old Church St John's the Baptist + cemetery.

Continue west along St Michael's Road and turn north onto Hall Lane to reach St Michael's, north on A586, shortly turn west onto Rawcliffe Road ~4km, turn north onto Lancaster Road towards Pilling; merge with A588 for ½ km, turn West Taylors Lane passing St John's Church on to car park opposite the cemetery of Pilling Old Church. Toilets nearby at small car park at the start of School Lane opposite. **PR3 6HB GR: SD402484 W3W inflation.lurching.dads**

Leaders: John Watt/ Anne Horne/ Emma Dickinson

Some other national events of interest in 2024 include:
BMS Spring Field Meeting, 1st - 7th April Bideford National Fungus Day. <http://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/>
Saturday 6th October 2024
BMS Autumn foray, Forest of Dean
28st October- 4th November

- 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
- short talk at the 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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