

North West Fungus Group
2025 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 22nd February: AGM
Risley Moss, north Warrington: SJ664920. Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. **10am** (Coffee) for **10.30. WA3 6QX.** Guest Speaker Fay Voller, EHUni. Social gathering or foray 13.30 to 15.00.

9th March – Gawthorp Hall, Padiham, SD804339.
Meet at 10.00. From M65 take Junction 10 (from east) or 8 (from west) . Follow A671 towards Padiham for about 2 miles. Right into South drive and immediately sharp right again into Stockbridge drive. Follow to the end. Car park on the left. (NT)
BB128SQ: W3W: SWORDFISH. CHROMATIC. SPORTS
leaders Steve Hurley (07816 932296) /John Watt (07768 04341)

30th March – Low Park Wood/ Sizergh SD503 878

Leave A591 west on A590 and after 500m cross over dual carriageway onto Nannypie Lane passing Strickland Arms and after going under A590, sharp left to Lower Sizergh Barn and park just beyond, **LA8 8AE.** (NT)
– Kerstin/ John W

Saturday 26th May – Saturday Introduction to Fungi & Identification workshop. Risley Moss.

10 to mid-afternoon. Bring packed lunch. Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted. Places still available; book with Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946). *£10.00 non-members.*

Saturday 28th June - Microscopy - Beginners' Workshop, Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QX). 10 – mid pm. Places still available; book with Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946). *£10.00 non-members.*

Saturday 26th July Microscopy Improvers' Workshop, Risley Moss, nr Warrington (WA3 6QX). 10 to mid-afternoon. Bring packed lunch. Must bring your m'scope +/- spore print /fungi. Places still available; book with Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946). *£10.00 non-members.*

10th August – Eaves Wood, Silverdale, NT: SD 471 759 for lichens and fungi.

From M6, J35, follow A6 North for about 2,7 miles, turn left (signposted Silverdale). Turn left at Yealand and after passing Leighton Moss at the left, take right turn passing Silverdale Station and turn left onto Park Road, where Eaves Wood Parking (free, limited) is shortly on the right. **LA5 0UQ; W3W chatted.geologist.ketchup**
Leaders: Allan Pentecost, John Watt (07768 043 461), Kerstin Nagel.

7th September - Erddig Hall, NT Wrexham, LL13 0YT. SJ325485 Take the A483 towards Wrexham/Oswestry. Exit at junction 3 (follow the brown signs to Erddig) and go left on the B5152 for approx. 1 mile. Turn right onto Hafod Rd and continue to the main NT car park to the far end.
W3W: mingles.slang.combines *Leaders: John Ratcliffe (07751 330 120) and Clive Garnett (07944 924 530)*

14th Sept - Brookside/ Bury Meadows, SD723277, Park on diagonal Road markings on Stanhill Road, B6234, between Blackburn & Oswaldtwistle. **BB5 4PP W3W** insist.than.chained (NB Haslingdon Old Road B6236 closed for 12 months.) *Leaders: Steve Hurley (07816 932296) /John Watt (07768 04341)*

28th Sept - Tandle Hill Ali McKernan SD906087. Meet at Tandle Hill Road main entrance, **OL2 5UX.** From M62 (junc 20) join the A627. Right onto the A664. From M62 (junc 21) join the A6193 then A664. From the A664 turn onto Oldham Rd for approx 1.5m and turn into Tandle Hill Rd. Car park at the entrance to the park, with additional st parking available. Mixed level walking, some gentle inclines and slopes in mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland. Toilets and cafe usually open at park entrance.
Leader: Ali McKernan (07919 282914)

5th Oct – Lindow Moss SJ833814 Jeanette Maddy / Tom Ferguson Lindow Moss
Meet 10.30am at Lindow Common car park. **W3W rattled.slanting.departure.** M56 Jn 6 then A538 to Wilmslow (several miles). Turn right into Racecourse Rd immediately after Hickory's Smokehouse on right (set back a little from road). Car park entrance is a short distance on the left.
Leaders: Jeanette Maddy (07548 838946), Tom Ferguson (07702 038212).

12th Oct – Nant Mill, Coedpoeth, Rhos Berse Rd, Wrexham LL11 3BT. SJ290501
Take the A483 towards Wrexham/Oswestry. Exit at junction 4, Ruthin A525 and travel right for approx. 1mile. Turn sharp left at the top of the hill onto Rhos Berse Rd and after approx. ½ mile turn right down a dip into the visitor centre car park (cash or Justpark). **W3W: refrain.workflow.positive**
Leaders: John Ratcliffe (07751 330 120) and Clive Garnett (07944 924 530)

19th October - Ainsdale NNR, Tim Rogers

Raven Meols Hills, Formby, SD275065. From A565 Formby Bypass, turn west to Formy at Tesco traffic lights, to B5195 Altcar Road. Continue west to Formby Ponit, passing Railway station to the end of Kirkdale Road (1.8 miles). Turn left past church to Shorrocks Hill Night Clube (**L382EB**) then right on to Lifeboat Road to car park in Bay one. *Leader: Tim Rogers (07890 526058)*

26th October “Beginners’ Foray” - 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)

2nd November, 10.00 - Black Beck Wood SD338 860; LA12 8JL

From A590 westbound to Barrow –in–Furness, at the crossroad just after Haverthwaite, take the turning north, signposted to Grizedale, Bouth and Rusland. After 400m turn left signed Bouth, Colton & Oxen Park. Follow “The Causeway” for 750m, over Rusland Pool then turn right immediately after the track to Black Beck Caravan Site and the little white cottage (not signposted to anywhere!). Drive 660m up this narrow lane, past the Kennels and turn first right down a lane where you can see Black Beck Farm and Caravan Park. Go down the lane through the farmyard and drive for about 800m. At the very small parking area on Crooks Farm lane, just after cattle grid. **W3W:- worlds.scarcely.gliding.**
Leaders: Anne Horne 07855 135336) John Watt (07768 043 461)

9th 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).

16th November: 10.00 – Stanley Bank Wood, St Helens. SJ 535 966 (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).

- 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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The NORTH WEST FUNGUS GROUP

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Some other national events of interest in 2024 include:
BMS Spring Field Meeting, 31st - 6th April Norfolk
BMS coprinoid workshop, 11-14th Sept..
National Fungus Day. Sat/Sunday 3/4th October 2025
BMS Autumn foray, Galloway, 6th - 13th October
Joint foray with Isle of Man fungus group 24-27th October (fully booked)