

## North West Fungus Group 2026 Foray 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. All 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 21st February: AGM**

**Risley Moss, North Warrington: SJ664920.** Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. **WA3 6QX.** Reserve signposted.

**10am** (Coffee) for **10.30.** Guest Speaker: Helen Speed “Beatrix Potter – Mycologist” followed by a short introduction to Mary Lloyd Wynne by John Ratcliffe. Social gathering or foray 13.30 to 15.00.

### **29<sup>th</sup> March – Risley Moss, North Warrington:**

**SJ664920.** Access from M62 Jct 11. Continue along A574 to first island, turn left. Reserve signposted.

**BB12 8SQ:**

Leaders: *Julie Deakin* (07754 678834) / *John Watt* (07768 043461)

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Rixton Clay Pits WA3 6EE: SJ685905**

Park along Moat Lane, North off A57 Manchester Rd

**W3W: chucked.hacking.overhead**

Leader: – *Tom Ferguson* (07702 038212)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Little Budworth, Country Park, Cheshire CW6 9EJ/CW6 9BN** Follow the signs for Oulton Park from the A49 or A54  
**SJ590654:**

**W3W: crate.toolbar.ruffling**

Leader: *Jeanette Maddy* (07648 838946)

### **Sunday 28th June –**

**Microscope Workshop (provisional)**

**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 *Jeanette Maddy* (07648 838946) £10.00 non-members.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July Aberduna**

**CH7 5LD: SJ205617** from Mold. Follow the A494 and take left turning to Maeshafn. Car park on right at first sharp bend.

**W3W: mistress.pointed.bullion**

Leader – *John Ratcliffe* (07751 330120)

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Moor Piece, Bashall Eaves**

**Irene Ridge Memorial Walk**

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.**

Leaders; *Steven Hurley* (07816 932296) and *Anne Horne* (07855 135336)

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**Rigmaden Hall**

**SD610848** Head North from Kirkby Lonsdale on B6254 turn right at Kearnstwick. Signed posted

Rigmaden. Follow for 3 miles, Rigmaden H all on right. **W3W turned.punctured.currently**  
Leaders; *Steven Hurley* (07816 9322960) and *John Watt* (07768 043461)

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham, Burnley**

From M65 take Junction 10 (from east) or (from West). Follow A671 towards Padiham for about 2 miles. Right into South Drive and immediately sharp right into Stockbridge drive. Follow to the end. Car park on left. (NT) BB128SQ:

**W3W: swordfish.chromatic.sports**

Leaders; *Steven Hurley* (07816 9322960) and *John Watt* (07768 043461)

### **6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Wray Castle, Cumbria.**

**Beatrix Potter Fungi walk.**

**LA22 OJA: NY375010** From B5286 West of Lake Windermere, follow road sign-posted Wray. The castle turning will be on your left.

**W3W: keyboard.blurs.slyly**

Leader: *Helen Speed* (07900 915328)

### **20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Walkmill Wood, Whitehaven**

From A5086 Cockermouth/Frizington Rd. Turn into Dub brow, at sign Moresby park 4. Car park two and half on right

**W3W: crunched.sports.commuting**

Leader: *Colin Doull* (07930 396991)

### **4<sup>th</sup> October**

**RHS Bridgewater**

**M28 2LJ SD735003** Occupation road, off Leigh road A572

**W3W: crucially.consonant.scorecard**

Leader: *Brad Hoffman* (07765 838688)

**11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Styal Mill**

M56 exit at jtn 5, follow A555 Manchester Airport relief rd. At traffic lights turn right onto Styal rd B5166, After a mile turn right into Quarry Bank rd. Meet at Large car park straight ahead on left. **SK9 4HP; SJ835830**

**W3W: played.reduce.shiny**

Leader: Ali McKernan (07919 282914)

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Beginners' Foray, Wigg island Community Park, Runcorn WA7 1LU: SD525835**

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.

Leader: Paul Hamlyn (0161 2787322 / 07904459280)

**8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Heysham Nature Reserve**

**LA3 2UW SD407601** Turn left into Moneyclose lane, just before entrance to Ferry Terminal; then first right. Car park 100 yards ahead.

**W3W: formation.object.magma**

Leader: Steven Hurley (07816 932296) and John Watt (07768 043461)

**15<sup>th</sup> November:**

**North Walney Nature Reserve**

**LA14 3UE : SD171699**

Over the bridge from Barrow. Turn right onto Promenade, then left into Mill lane and right again into West shore rd. Follow to car park at end.

**W3W: before.mirror.thank**

Leader: George Clarkson (07720 159970)

Some other National events of interest in 2026 include:

**BMS Spring Field Meeting, 20 - 26 April Exmoor**

**Beginners' Workshop**

**7 – 12 June 2026, Northern College, Barnsley**

**Fungus Identification Workshop**

**25 – 27 September 2026, Wheatfen N.R. Norfolk**

**Autumn Field Meeting**

**12 – 18 October 2026, West Cheshire**

**Workshop on Aquatic Hyphomycetes**

**28 October – 1 November,**

**Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre Windermere**

**10<sup>th</sup> October**

**National Fungus Day**

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 £7.50**

**Membership: Family - £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, 12 Cove Drive, Silverdale LA5 0SD

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