

## NATURE APPRECIATION GROUP

July was a mixed month! We took up an offer from group member, Kay who had invited us to visit her home and garden where she told us she had an organic field containing trees and flowers and also a pond that we could explore. Eight members were able to visit on the 12<sup>th</sup> July - a very hot, humid and muggy day despite there being no sunshine.

We received a very warm welcome from Kay and husband Kel who, whilst taking us into their garden told us a little about their move to Devon and the work they had done there. Much to our surprise and delight the 'pond' was in fact a small lake! The group split up to investigate and after about an hour we all reconvened under a gazebo to enjoy coffee and discuss all that we had seen and also to express our sincere thanks to both Kay and Kel for their hospitality.



Of course the warm weather was just the prelude to the heatwave that followed throughout July with temperatures reaching into the high 30's C and it was because of this extreme heat that our July group meeting was cancelled.

However this was made up for in August when we were delighted to welcome well-known local nature enthusiast, Vernon Whitlock to our meeting who gave us an extremely interesting, informative and amusing talk and demonstration. He had brought with him some of the equipment he uses in pursuit of his hobby - ranging from the expensive (specialist camera and binoculars) to everyday objects you find in the home.



The heatwave carried on from July into August and had a devastating effect on plants, fields and hedgerows as, with no rain and such extreme heat, many plants began to wither and die!

However, members of the group have still taken some wonderful photos - flowers, bees, moths, seeds, fruits and berries as can be seen in the following pages and which have also been added to our Photographic Portfolio.

### *GROUP MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHS – JULY & AUGUST 2022*





Jenny Roberts - Himalayan Balsam



Val Froid - Burrhead



Val Froid - Orange Flowers



Val Froid - Purple Loosestrife



Val Froid - Mallow



Val Froid - Chicory



Janet Driscoll - Corn Cockle



Janet Driscoll - Wild White Lupin



Janet Driscoll - Queen Anne's Lace



Andrea Ward - Jersey Tiger Moth



Andrea Ward - Underside of a Jersey Tiger Moth



Janet Hood - Tortoiseshell Butterfly



Val Froid - Hummingbird Moth



Brenda Head - Meadow Brown Butterfly



Brenda Head - Ringlet Butterfly



Speckled Wood

Gatekeeper Butterfly

Val Froid - A Moth and 3 Butterflies

Six Spot Burnet Moth

Skipper Butterfly



Andrea Ward - Red Tailed Bumble Bee



Val Froid - Hover Fly



Andrea Ward - Golden Ringed Dragonfly



Gill Sperry - Peacock Butterfly



Brenda Head - Mayfly



Jenny Roberts - Field Maple



Jenny Roberts - Thruspale Weed



Jenny Roberts - Creeping Thistle



Janet Driscoll - Purple Flowers



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