

## LONG EATON & DISTRICT u3a PLANT STUDY GROUP – PROGRAMME for 2024

Our programme can be found at: <http://u3asites.org.uk/long-eaton>.

Please ask about sharing transport and come dressed for all weathers. Wear strong footwear. Some sites are not easy to find and have limited parking.

Some sites will need reconnaissance beforehand - offers of help are welcome.

In good weather, some meetings last beyond 12 noon. Some meetings are all day and involve more walking.

Members are responsible for their own safety; please assist others where applicable.

Members are encouraged to bring an identification book & hand lens (x10). We often record the species seen. **Please indicate attendance before each meeting.**

**Most meetings are on Wednesdays starting at 9.30 am except where shown.**

**Some links are provided to assist research before a visit. More details before each meeting. For meetings further away, we often meet earlier at West Park Leisure Centre to share cars. This programme is subject to change.**

Date	Venue
Jan	No meeting
Feb	No meeting
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Indoors at home of David P</b> Bring plant samples or photos to look at or a short topic to consider.
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nottingham City Council LNR Martin's Pond, Wollaton</b> Russell Ave, Wollaton NG8 2BP
Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DWT Oakerthorpe NR</b> <a href="#">Oakerthorpe   Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</a> (west of Alfreton, close to the A38) DE55 7LP OS Map Reference SK 390 553
Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WT Sellers Wood (SSSI)</b> (west of Bulwell near M1) Grid ref: SK522 454 Can be great for woodland flowers <a href="http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk">www.woodlandtrust.org.uk</a>
May 8 <sup>th</sup> (Full Day)	<b>Lumsdale</b> (east of Matlock) is a spectacular gorge with waterfalls (Brian) Full and half day possible. NB Lots of steps! Meet at 9.30 am at WPLC. Parking at SK313605 near bridge over Bentley Brook <a href="#">Lumsdale Valley - Wikipedia</a>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>EBC Trent Meadows, Meadow Lane, Long Eaton</b> - Corn salad on the old car park. Introduction to grasses
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NWT Attenborough NR wild flower garden by visitor centre</b> – toilets, café, <a href="https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/nature-reserves/attenborough-nature-reserve">https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/nature-reserves/attenborough-nature-reserve</a> also Barton Lane if time
Jun 5 <sup>th</sup> (Full Day)	<b>Hartington Meadows NR</b> <a href="https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/hartington-meadows">https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/hartington-meadows</a>
Jun 12 <sup>th</sup> (Full or half day)	<b>Outrams Wharf, Little Eaton incl. a new area</b> -parking details grid ref SK36243/40804 enter industrial estate, visitor parking on the left. (Brian)

Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stanhope Wildflower Meadow</b> and nearby Park at the Bubble Inn, Stenson, Derby and walk along the canal.
Jul 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trinity Farm, Awsworth Lane, Cossall NG16 2RZ</b> (Brian)
Jul 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WT New Lount LNR</b> <a href="#">New Lount Nature Reserve - Woodland Trust</a> Walk anticlockwise and a new area – possibly Helleborines Optional extra to Cloud Wood to maybe see more Helleborines
Jul 31 <sup>st</sup> Full Day (Half Day possible)	<b>National Stone Centre near Wirksworth</b> – toilets, café, pay for parking (£5?) <a href="#">The National Stone Centre</a> DE4 4LS Helleborines, Scabious, Hoary Plantain and others. Optional extra to another nearby area
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Gotham Sandbanks SSI NR</b> in Leics (Half Day) optional extra Gotham Pastures NR Park in Gotham village then walk to the British Legion. Follow the green lane beside it. <a href="#">Rushcliffe Wildlife Sites - Gotham Sandbanks NR SSSI</a> <a href="#">Rushcliffe Wildlife Sites - Gotham Pastures</a>
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EBC Stanton Gate LNR</b> Park by houses at DE7 4QS
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nutbrook Trail Meadow near Kirk Hallam</b> Park on St Norbert Drive, Kirk Hallam near A6096 on left after coming down Little Hallam Hill. DE7 4EG grid ref: SK 460 403
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Toton Sidings</b> – park at the Greenwood Community Centre, Chester Green, Toton NG9 6LN We'll be walking through the first area to reach the further part for study.
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Water Meadows near bridge 12 on the Erewash Canal</b> Park at car park by St. Giles Park near Sandiacre Football Club on Stanton Road, Sandiacre NG10 5DE
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stanley Marsh</b> – park at the White Hart PH in Stanley – (we'll ask for permission) We'll be following a series of footpaths to the marsh (Brian).
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Butterley Reservoir</b> DE5 3QZ Follow the National Heritage signs for the Midland Railway Centre. <a href="#">Fishing Lake Derbyshire   Butterley Reservoir</a> Car park, toilets
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 12 for 12.30pm	<b>Lunch then Review &amp; Planning</b> (indoors) Bring drinks and food items as arranged. Advance preparation needed so please let David have ideas for 2025 in advance. Finish approx. 3.30pm

Visit [www.dnhs.org.uk](http://www.dnhs.org.uk) , <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/>,

[Nature Reserves | Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust](#)

Visit [www.lensweb.wordpress.com](http://www.lensweb.wordpress.com) for LENS (Long Eaton Natural History Society) winter and summer dates.

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