

Lead by Alan Roman

7 of us walked the proposed route on 18th April - please get in touch if you want to be a member of the group walking at this venue.

Update 6 June

The first walk took place on 23 May 2017. It was a dry, warm but overcast day with very little insect/bee activity. Bramble thickets made it impossible to use the net and the bees were too far away to catch in the pots. Identification was difficult but a check list organised by Sue Bates helped us narrow down the possibilities. A 23-05-2017 Record of our finds was produced by Sue Bates.

Update 22 June

We had a very successful walk on 19 June 2017. The bees we recorded were all on or near brambles. Once again we were unable to use nets but were very successful at capturing them directly into the pots. The makeshift cool bag I used at Millbrook earlier in the month again proved very useful.

19-06-2017 Record of our finds produced by Sue Bates.

Update 19 July

Another successful walk on a very hot afternoon. Bees were observed on a greater variety of vegetation.

17-07-2017 Record of our findings produced by Sue Bates.

Update 22 August

Yesterday was warm but overcast so we were pleasantly surprised to see carder bees on thistles. There were plenty of ripe blackberries as well - pity we did not have a bag to collect them!!!!

21-08-2017 Record of our findings produced by Sue Bates.

Update 25 September

Not much in the way of flowering plants. A few late flowering brambles and ragwort. Our only sighting of the day was of a buff tailed worker on ragwort next to the mausoleum. (*Bombus terrestris*)