

# Manor Vale in Summer

## Manor Vale 4th July 2015

*led by Ken Hutchinson*



This meeting was the second of our two visits to Manor Vale, Kirkbymoorside in 2015 forming this year's study of a specific area. Background details on Manor Vale are contained in the first report of 10th May 2015. Eight members attended on a glorious summer's day with temperatures in the lower twenties as opposed to the high twenties of recent days.

Manor Vale is a wood at its best in Spring as we discovered on our last visit. As the season progresses the wood becomes dense with vigorous growth. Foliage of dogs mercury, ransoms and cow parsley dominate. Field rose and dog rose in flower were welcome additions along the eastern side. There were plenty of speckled wood butterflies in the sunny glades along this route.



**Hoverfly (*Volucella pellucens*), Fly *Chloromyia formosa*,  
Ringlet butterflies and Meadow cranesbill**

At the north eastern edge the small area of grassland revealed small pockets of salad burnet in flower and lady's bedstraw just coming into flower. It was disappointing not to find other limestone-loving plants or common spotted orchids. It is understood that volunteers have started to work on this area and have already conducted one cut and clear here at the end of last year's season. This may prove fruitful in encouraging other flora. This area did harbour numerous ringlet butterflies as well as chimney sweeper moths. The only other butterflies were a comma and two red admirals.



**Speckled wood butterfly**



**Comma butterfly**

Birds were slightly up on the previous visit with 23 species. A nuthatch in the ancient ash was a treat.

The meeting was again concluded with cake.



**Cutting the cake!**

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## **Species lists**

This is not a complete list, but we tried to note everything we did not see in May

## Plants

Latin name	English name
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground elder
<i>Alchemilla</i> sp.	Lady's mantle
<i>Alchemilla xanthochlora</i>	Lady's mantle
<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	Parsley piert
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Burdock
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False oat
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Cuckoo pint
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	Slender false brome
<i>Calystegia sylvatica</i>	Large bindweed
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's purse
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood sedge
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common knapweed
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's nightshade
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear thistle
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock
<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Smooth hawksbeard
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested dogstail



**Detail of Enchanter's nightshade flower**

Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted hair grass
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male fern
Elymus repens (Elytrigia)	Couch
Epilobium ciliatum	American willowherb
Epilobium montanum	Broad-leaved willowherb
Epilobium obscurum?	Short-fruited willowherb?
Festuca gigantea = Schedonorus giganteus	Giant fescue
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Galium odoratum	Woodruff
Galium verum	Lady's bedstraw
Geranium pratense	Meadow cranesbill
Geum sp. (G. × intermedium)	Hybrid avens
Geum urbanum	Wood avens
Glechoma hederacea	Ground ivy
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog
Hypericum androsaemum	Tutsan
Lamium album	White dead nettle

Lamium purpureum	Red dead nettle
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow vetchling
Leontodon hispidus	Rough hawkbit
Lolium perenne	Perennial rye grass
Lonicera periclymenum	Honeysuckle
Lotus corniculatus	Common birdsfoot trefoil
Matricaria discoidea	Pineapple weed
Medicago lupulina	Black medick
Melica uniflora	Wood melick
Myosotis arvensis	Field forgetmenot
Papaver rhoeas	Field poppy
Petasites hybridus	Butterbur
Phleum pratense	Timothy
Phyllitis scolopendrium = Asplenium scolopendrium	Hartstongue
Pilosella aurantiaca	Fox and cubs
Poa nemorosa?	Wood meadow grass?
Poa trivialis	Rough meadow grass
Polygonum aviculare agg	Knotgrass

Polystichum aculeatum	Hard shield fern
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed
Prunella vulgaris	Self heal
Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup
Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild radish
Rosa arvensis	Field rose
Rosa canina	Dog rose
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved dock
Rumex sanguineus	Wood dock
Sagina procumbens	Mossy or procumbent pearlwort
Sanguisorba minor = Poterium sanguisorba	Salad burnet
Scrophularia nodosa	Common figwort
Senecio vulgaris	Common groundsel
Silene dioica	Red campion
Sinapis arvensis	Charlock
Sonchus arvensis	Corn sowthistle
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge woundwort

Tamus communis	Black bryony
Trifolium pratense	Red clover
Trifolium repens	White clover
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow oat
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander speedwell
Veronica montana	Wood speedwell
Vicia sativa	Common vetch
Vicia sepium	Bush vetch
Viola arvensis	Field pansy

## Birds

Wood Pigeon, Blackbird, Goldfinch, Swift, Swallow, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Song Thrush, Chaffinch, Marsh Tit, Chiffchaff, Nuthatch, Crow, Garden Warbler, Wren, Magpie, Stock Dove, Jay, Buzzard, Blue Tit, Robin, Dunnock, Collared Dove.

## Others

Chimney sweeper moth

Ringlet

Comma

Speckled wood

Red admiral

Hoverflies (*Eristalis sp.* and *Volucella pellucens*)

*Chloromyia formosa* Fly - thanks to Stuart Dunlop for these IDs.