

LONG EATON & DISTRICT u3a PLANT STUDY GROUP – OUTLINE PROGRAMME 2026

Most meetings are on Wednesdays starting at 9.30 am. More details before each meeting. For meetings further away we often meet at West Park Leisure Centre to share transport. Please indicate attendance before each meeting. Wear strong footwear and come dressed for all weathers. This programme is subject to change. CP=Car Park

DATE	VENUE
25 th Feb	Snowdrops at Shipley Hall Woodland by site of former house Meet at WPLC at 9.00 am or 9.30 am at CP by Mapperley Reservoir – parking charges apply. SK435 436, DE7 6BR
25 th March	Indoor Meeting – details to follow
22 nd April	Morley Hayes Wood next to the golf course. Park on or near Willow Close, off Glendon Street, Stanley Common. SK411 425, DE7 6JH
29 th April	Strelley Wood and Oldmoor Wood – parking, cafe and toilets at Strelley Hall. SK497 419, NG8 6PE
13 th May	Aston-on-Trent Brickyards and Plantation. CP details to follow.
27 th May	Orchid Wood , CP on road between Sawley and Draycott. SK454 325, DE72 3QF
3 rd June	Fallow Field – Stanley Common. Park on Belper Road near Top Club. SK411 426, DE7 6FY
10 th June All day	Thorswood NR – near Stanton, west of Ashbourne. Unimproved flower rich grassland incl. Greater Butterfly Orchid, Slender St John's wort and Mountain Pansy. Small CP SK115 470, DE6 2BY (nearest).
24 th June All day	Pleasley Pit Country Park. For orchids. Magnesium limestone. Cafe and toilets if open. CP SK499 643, NG19 7 PH.
1 st July	Ilkeston from Victoria Park. CP at Victoria Park off Drummond Way. SK461 421, DE7 5HA Local reserve with pond then to the Manners Industrial estate for ruderal species
8 th July	Picnic at Joan's- opportunity to list wild flowers in the garden
22 nd July	Bennerley Viaduct - Car parking details to follow.
29 th July	Change of programme Morley Hayes Nature areas next to the golf course. Park on or near Willow Close, off Glendon Street, Stanley Common. SK411 425, DE7 6JH
5 th August	Hammersmith Meadows LNR - Butterley Reservoir. Park at 'Catch a bite café' next to Butterley Reservoir SK402 519, DE5 3QZ
12 th August	Trinity Farm, Awworth Lane, Cossall. SK482 435, NG16 2RZ
26 th August	Castle Donington, near The Priest House Hotel - From LE turn right at traffic lights and follow Park Lane to the end. Park in hotel CP (we have permission) SK418 225, DE74 2RR
2 nd Sept	Codnor - Park on Golden Valley Road. SK 424 512, DE55 4ES. Figure of 8 walk taking in the canal side.
9 th Sept	Beauty Spot Reservoir - Park on The Spinney, off Little Hallam Road. SK463 405, DE7 4LZ. Another attempt to see The Beauty Spot.
23 rd Sept	Trent and Mersey Canal cycle track from Weston-on-Trent. Park near the parish church SK 402 280, DE72 2BL
7 th October	Trowell - Park in the Festival Inn car park (we have permission) SK483 398, NG9 3PX. Take the footpath from Notts over the river to Derbyshire and to the Trowell Reserve.
4 th Nov	Planning Meeting

JT/JS/DP 28/11/2025