

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT u3a Plant Study Group

Venue and Travel details 2026 (CP=Car Park) Approx distances from WPLC

[This sheet follows on from the Outline Programme produced in late 2025.]

| DATE | VENUE |
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| 25 TH Feb | Snowdrops at Shipley Hall Woodland by site of old house. Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at CP by Mapperley Reservoir – parking charges apply DE7 6BR 10 miles Car park directions - https://maps.app.goo.gl/HUxkJrhguD1NWDfe7 |
| 25 th March | Indoor Meeting – details to follow |
| 22 nd April | Morley Hayes Wood - Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at or near Willow Close, off Glendon Street, Stanley Common DE7 6JH. 10 miles Grid Ref SK 411 425 https://maps.app.goo.gl/p7u1Dmpdo14uiG1h8?g_st=aw |
| 29 th April | Strelley Wood and Oldmoor Wood Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at the car park by the hall. Parking, cafe and toilets at Strelley Hall, Nottingham NG8 6PE 9 miles Oldmoor Wood - Woodland Trust – for management plan etc. |
| 13 th May | Aston on Trent Brickyards and Plantation LNR. Brickyard Plantation is at the side of Derby road on the north edge of the village just before the bridge over the A50 dual carriageway. Access on foot is on the west side of the road next to the vehicle gate. 8 miles. Aston on Trent Brickyard Plantation - Derbyshire County Council Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at the venue. |
| 27 th May | Orchid Wood, Breaston LNR – CP on Sawley to Draycott Road. Formerly a gravel and sand pit. DE72 3QF. 3.2 miles. Meet at 9.10 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at the venue. Orchid Wood - Google Maps |
| 3 rd June | Fallow Field - Stanley Common. Park on Belper Road near Top Club. DE7 6FY. Meet 9 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at Top Club. 10 miles. After parking, head west out of the village and after about 100 m you will see a metal gate with signage on the r/h side. The pavement is narrow and the traffic is fast. 338 Top Club, Stanley Common. - Google Maps |
| 10 th June All day | Thorswood near Stanton, west of Ashbourne. 150 acres of land that has not had fertilisers applied or been ploughed. Small CP on right on Dale Lane just past Thorswood Farm Shop. DE6 2BY (closest). 30 miles. All day. Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 10 am at the site. www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk |
| 24 th June All day | Pleasley Pit Country Park LNR. (Near Hardwick Hall) for orchids. Magnesium limestone. Cafe and toilets if open. Pleasley Pit CP at end of Pit Lane. NG19 7PH, 28 miles. Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 10 am at the site. Flora of Derbyshire p396. www.pleasleypittrust.org.uk |
| 1 st July | Ilkeston from Victoria Park. Local reserve with pond then to Manners Industrial estate for ruderal species. CP at Victoria Park off Drummond Road. DE7 5HA. 7 miles Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the car park. |

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| 8 th July | Picnic and botanical survey at Joan's in Long Eaton Details later |
| 22 nd July | Bennerley Viaduct Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. The Friends of Bennerley Viaduct This venue is being developed so parking details will be provided before the visit. |
| 29 th July | Change of Programme Morley Hayes Nature Areas - Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at or near Willow Close, off Glendon Street, Stanley Common DE7 6JH. 10 miles Grid Ref SK 411 425 https://maps.app.goo.gl/p7u1Dmpdo14uiG1h8?g_st=aw |
| 5 th August | Hammersmith Meadows LNR. This was on our 2025 programme but not visited. Follow the National Heritage signs for the Midland Railway Centre – meet at 'Catch a bite cafe' next to Butterley Reservoir. DE5 3QZ. 18 miles. Catch a bite cafe Ripley - Facebook Meet at WPLC 8.50 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. |
| 12 th August | Trinity Farm, Awsworth Lane, Cossall. An organic and biodynamic farm. Also shop and cafe. NG16 2RZ. 9 miles. Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 9.30am at the parking place. www.trinityfarmorganics.co.uk |
| 26 th August. | Castle Donington – near the Priest House. From Long Eaton turn right at the traffic lights in Castle Donington, just past the Donington Manor Hotel, onto Park Lane. Follow this road all the way to the Priest House Hotel. Park in the hotel car park (we have permission). DE74 2RR. 8 miles Meet at WPLC 9.05 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. The Priest House Hotel - Google Maps |
| 2 nd September | Codnor. Figure of 8 walk taking in the canal side. Park on the road called Golden Valley, next turn right after Coach road. DE55 4ES. 17 miles. Meet at WPLC 9.00 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. Golden Valley - Google Maps |
| 9 th September. | Beauty Spot Reservoir. Another attempt to see The Beauty Spot. Park on The Spinney off Little Hallam Road. DE7 4LZ. 6 miles. Meet at WPLC 9.05 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. DE7 4LZ - Google Maps |
| 23 rd September | Trent and Mersey Canal Cycle Track from Weston-on-Trent. Meet at 9.00 am at WPLC or 9.30 am at Weston-on Trent on the road near to the Parish Church near the Ukrainian Settlement. DE72 2BL. 9 miles. |
| 7 th October | Trowell Marsh LNR. A former open cast site with grassland and young trees. Park in the Festival Inn CP (we have permission). Follow the footpath from Notts. over the river into Derbyshire and make our way to the Trowell reserve. 6 miles Meet at WPLC 9.05 am for car sharing or 9.30 am at the parking place. Google Maps 6 miles from WPLC |

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