Long Eaton and District u3a Plant Study Group – 2027 programme

All meetings are for morning visits on Wednesdays.

24th Feb	**Snowdrops at DWT Dimminsdale SSSI** Park at Staunton Harold Reservoir car park SK378220 DE73 8BJ Google maps https://www.lrwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/dimminsdale	
7th April	**Oldmoor Wood and nearby Strelley Wood nr Strelley Hall** - -park at Strelley Hall- https://shorturl.at/TrHJe NG8 6PE Refreshments available here Cafe, Bakehouse, Catering | Strelley Hall	Roe
28th April	**St Chad's Water at Church Wilne** -car park free https://shorturl.at/68GOO DE72 3QG	David
5th May	**Bluebell woods** nr Richmond Retirement Village, Aston-on-Trent Park at Aston Recreation Centre Sports Ground on Shardlow Road. https://shorturl.at/kG1oB DE72 2AN	Marilyn
12th May	**Part of Derby and Sandiacre Canal** partially restored; park at Canal Cottage Cafe on Hopwell Rd, Draycott. https://shorturl.at/YIYtw David to ask Fran Smith about parking and café opening times	
26th May	**Atkins Cove and area south of River Erewash** Area between railway footbridge and River Erewash in Derbyshire – park at Asda in Long Eaton max 3h https://shorturl.at/y2zjg	
2nd June	**Beeston Sidings LNR** with parking at Lakeside near university south entrance - share cars or go by tram	
9th June	**Ticknall Limeyards** incl. orchids Park by the Village hall – donation asked for. Toilets here. https://shorturl.at/StqeP DE73 7JX	
23rd June	**DWT Woodside NR from Pit Lane** off north end of Hassock Lane South nr Shipley https://shorturl.at/sLf57	Brian
7th July	**Manners Industrial Estate, Ilkeston.** Park in the car park at Victoria Park off Drummond road. https://shorturl.at/EeYFz DE75 5HA Walk to a local reserve with small pond, then on to the Manners Industrial estate for ruderal species.	Brian
14th July	**Trent Lane, Long Eaton** from Jenny T's Park near home of Jenny T https://shorturl.at/FyBIn NG10 2FS	Jenny T
28th July	**Erewash canal via Britannia Mills Bridge** from Bennett Street, Long Eaton Park with extra care on Bennett Street https://shorturl.at/SFGvk NG10 4HN	Jenny S

4th Aug	**Carr Wood and Hammersmith Meadows** https://maps.app.goo.gl/rZNkJAESkLkGu4Ue6 https://share.google/idtFnas4aE1dvXo1J Follow the National Heritage signs for the Midland Railway Centre - Meet at Catch a bite café next to Butterley Reservoir DE5 3QZ Catch a bite cafe | Ripley | Facebook www.geograph.org.uk The sites visited might be modified closer to the date.	Brian
11th Aug	**Trowell Marsh -** Park in the Festival Inn car park [permission via Brian https://maps.app.goo.gl/caBcdphmncDHr63G6 NG9 3PX Follow the footpath from Notts over the river into Derbyshire and make our way to the Trowel reserve.	Brian
8th Sept	**NWT Attenborough NR Former car park area and nearby** https://maps.app.goo.gl/qeeNBWyWZYTijshk9 Park in village or at official NR car park which is free for NWT members who have registered their car https://maps.app.goo.gl/tJWi5rP8QhRdYNi57	
6th Oct	**Indoor meeting to study one Family** e.g. Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)	Jenny S
3rd Nov	**Lunch and Planning meeting for 2028**	David

Possible additional events to publicise – dates needed - ideas and offers of a car are welcome

Hoe Grange Open Day – (Ken Orpe)	Ask Stephanie	
LENS Wildlife Talks 27 Jan Archaeology of Attenborough 24 Feb Re-wilding of Erewash 24 March Wildlife on the Isle of Wight Also see programme of Walks	Ask Joan See FB	
DWT Events		
NWT South Notts Group Events e.g. Wilwell Cutting cowslips and green-winged orchids	Open Day	
Castle Donington Priest House Hotel woodland. Do a recce in April then, if wanted, add as an extra event. We have permission to park in the Hotels car park.	Brian	
334 Belper Rd, Stanley Common DE7 6FY on NGS Open Day or group by arrangement – 10 acres of woodland and glades to small lake There will be a £5 charge for NGS charities. See dates in right hand column for public events. Cakes and tea available.		tba

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