

Fylde Naturalists Mid-Week Walk 4th August 2021

9 members of the Fylde Naturalists' Association started their mid-week walk on Hawthorne Park Thornton.

The Park was the inspiration of Jenie Phillips of the Thornton Action Group and Paul Clemence, vicar of St John's Church Thornton, in 2003. At that time Thornton was experiencing a massive growth in housing and the consequent loss in open space. Moreover these were homes for families with children and there was very little existing play space for them.

The aim was to create a Park for all ages from the muddy neglected field which was the Hawthorne Road Open Space. Equally it was imperative to provide a space for nature and increase the biodiversity. A Charity was formed – "The Hawthorne Park Trust" - and the land leased from Wyre Council for a period of 50 years. Funds were raised from numerous sources (they are listed on the Funders' Stone on the Park) and work began in 2007 finishing in 2010. Play equipment was provided for all ages from toddlers to teenagers and the western third of the Park was made into a wet wildlife area. Seats were situated around the Park so that people could rest and relax. Today the Trust and Wyre Council are responsible for maintenance of the Park and the Trust organises events on the Park such as the Easter Eggstravaganza, Music on the Park, and a Moths and Bats evening.

Jenie Phillips Chair of the Trust welcomed the Fylde Nats members and explained how the Park had come into being and how it functions today. A detailed survey of the plants and animals was carried out and is recorded below. This will help the Trust and Wyre Council in formulating its next 5 year Management Plan. So a big thank you to Owen, Carol, Jan, Mike, Anne, Barry, Malcolm, Howard and Jenie.



We think the vine has spread over from the neighbouring garden



The bio-surveyors with the refurbished Nature Panel

Bio-survey of Hawthorne Park 4th August 2021 by members of Fylde Naturalists' Association

Avens, Wood	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Barley, Wall	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Birch, Silver	<i>Betula pendula</i>
Bent, Creeping	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus</i>	Oak, Pendunculate	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Bittercress, Wavy	<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>	Osier	<i>Salix viminalis</i>
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg	Privet	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>
Buttercup, Meadow	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Cleavers N.I.F.	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Lichens	

Clover, Red	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>		<i>Xanthoria paretina</i>
Clover, White	<i>Trifolium repens</i>		<i>Xanthoria polycarpe</i>
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>		<i>Lecanora chlarotera</i>
Couch, Common	<i>Elymus repens</i>		<i>Lecidella elaeochrome</i>
Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>		<i>Physcia aipolia</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum agg</i>		<i>Ramalina farinaces</i>
Dock, Broad-leaved	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>		<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i>
Dock, Curled	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Alga	<i>Pleurococcus vulgaris</i>
Fleabane, Common	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Insects	
Foxtail, Marsh	<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>	Butterflies/Moths	
Fox-sedge, False	<i>Carex otrubae</i>	Holly Blue x3	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Horsetail, Field	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Iris, Yellow	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Green-veined White x6	<i>Pieris napi</i>
Ivy N.I.F.	<i>Hedera helix spp helix</i>	Speckled Wood x6	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
		Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>
		Grass Moth'	<i>Agriphila straminella</i>
		Dark Fleabane Neb Moth	<i>Apodia bifractella</i>
		Dragonflies	
Meadow-grass, Annual	<i>Poa annua</i>	Brown Hawker	<i>Aeshna grandis</i>
Meadow-grass, Rough	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Common Darter (M&F)	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>		
Melick, Wood	<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Bees, Flies, Hoverflies	
Nettle, Common	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Marmalade Hoverfly x2	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>
		Long Hoverfly	<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>
		Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>
Oat-grass, False	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>
Pineappleweed	<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Norwegian Social Wasp	<i>Dolichovespula norwegica</i>
Plantain, Greater	<i>Plantago major</i>	Black Sawfly	
Plantain, Ribwort	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Common Greenbottle	<i>Lucilla sericata</i>
		Plant Bug	<i>Phytocoris varipes</i>
Purple-loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>		
Ragwort, Common	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>		
Ragwort, Hoary	<i>Senecio erucifolius</i>		
Reed, Common	<i>Phragmites australis</i>		
Rush, Compact	<i>Juncus conglomeratus</i>		
Rush, Jointed	<i>Juncus articulatus</i>		
Rush, Soft	<i>Juncus effusus</i>		
Rye-grass, Perennial	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>		
Sedge, Pendulous	<i>Carex pendula</i>		
Sow-thistle, Smooth	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>		

Sweet-grass, Floating

Glyceria fluitans

Thistle, Creeping

Cirsium arvense

Timothy

Phleum pratense

Vetch, Tufted

Vicia cracca

Vetchling, Yellow

Lathyrus aphaca

Willowherb, Great

Epilobium

hirsutum

Woundwort, Marsh

Stachys palustris

Yorkshire-fog

Holcus lanatus



Marsh Woundwort *Stachys palustris*



An unknown bug needs to be identified