

MKNHS Plant Group visit 13 July 2025 to Pilch Field

List of Plants observed

R = Seen only on Recce visit on 9 July

Common names follow *Milton Keynes: More Than Concrete Cows* by Roy Maycock (MKNHS 2000)

Numbered photographs refer to annex file "Photographs of plants observed, 13 July 2025"

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Entrance field		Not part of SSSI
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	All fields
Thistle, Creeping	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	All fields
Thistle, Spear	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	R, Photo 1
Grass, Crested Dog's-tail	<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	
Grass, Sweet Vernal	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	R, Photo 2
Grass, Timothy	<i>Phleum pratense</i>	+ Little Pilch. Photo 3
Grass, Tussock (or Tufted Hair-grass)	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Sharp edges to leaves
Grass, Yorkshire-fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Soft, bluish
Rush, Hard	<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Striated stem. Photos 4, 5
Greater Pilch		
Agrimony	<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	All fields. Photo 6
Bedstraw, Lady's	<i>Galium verum</i>	
Betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	+ Little Pilch. Photo 7
Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	All fields
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	In hedge
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	All fields
Burnet, Salad	<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> ssp. <i>minor</i>	
Buttercup, Meadow	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	All fields
Cat's-ear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	R
Cinquefoil, Creeping	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Photo 8
Clover, Red	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	R Spring flowering (seedpods only). Photo 9
Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	R
Daisy, Ox-eye	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	
Dock, Broad-leaved	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	
Fleabane, Common	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Photo 10
Goat's-beard	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i> agg.	R
Hawkbit, Rough	<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	Photo 11 Other hawkbits to be confirmed
Hawkweed, Mouse-ear	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	
Hedge-parsley, Upright	<i>Torilis japonica</i>	
Knapweed, Common	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	+ Entrance field. Photo 12
Lords-and-Ladies (Wild Arum)	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	
Plantain, Hoary	<i>Plantago media</i>	R
Plantain, Ribwort	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	
Ragwort, Common	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	
Ragwort, Hoary	<i>Senecio erucifolius</i>	
Restharrow, Spiny	<i>Ononis spinosa</i>	Photo 13
Saxifrage, Pepper	<i>Silene silaus</i>	Indicator of unimproved meadows
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Photo 14
St John's-wort, Perforate	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+ Little Pilch. Photo 15
Thistle, Creeping	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Spineless stems

Thistle, Marsh	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Dense cluster of flowers at top. Photo 16
Thistle, Dwarf (Stemless)	<i>Cirsium acaule</i>	Photo 17
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	+ Little Pilch
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Seedheads only now
Grass, Meadow Barley	<i>Hordeum secalinum</i>	R Obvious awns
Grass, Crested Dog's-tail	<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	+ Entrance field
Grass, Perennial Rye	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	
Grass, Quaking	<i>Briza media</i>	R + Little Pilch
Greater Pilch, furrows, fen, wetter areas		
Bedstraw, Fen	<i>Galium uliginosum</i>	Prickles at end of leaves. Photo 18
Bird's-foot-trefoil, Greater	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	R Hairy leaves
Creeping-Jenny	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	
Dropwort	<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	R
Fleabane, Common	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Photo 10
Marigold, Marsh	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	R Spring flowering
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	+ Little Pilch
Mint, Water	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	+ Little Pilch
Nightshade, Woody	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Close to hedges
Orchid, Common Spotted	<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	+ Little Pilch
Pignut	<i>Conopodium majus</i>	
Plantain, Hoary	<i>Plantago media</i>	
Ragged-Robin	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	R Declining species. Good patches here in spring
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Leaves only
Valerian, Marsh	<i>Valeriana dioica</i>	R Near threatened species. Good patches here in spring
Vetchling, Meadow	<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	R
Water-cress, Fool's	<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	R
Willowherb, Great	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	
Willowherb, Hoary	<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	R, Photo 19
Rush, Hard	<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Photos 4, 5
Little Pilch		
Apple, Crab	<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Lone shrub among Meadowsweet
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Abundant sloes
?Cudweed, Marsh	<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	To be confirmed
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	More here than in Greater Pilch
Mint, Water	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	+ Greater Pilch, wetter areas
Rose, Dog	<i>Rosa canina</i>	
Saw-wort	<i>Serratula tinctoria</i>	Photos 20-22
Vetch, Tufted	<i>Vicia cracca</i>	
Rush, Blunt-flowered	<i>Juncus subnodulosus</i>	Yellow green, a fen species. Photo 4
Rush, Hard	<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Photos 4-5

Birds

Blackbird, Blackcap (**R** heard), Buzzard **R**, Carrion Crow, Chiffchaff (**R** heard), Great-spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Jackdaw **R**, Linnet (**R** family party), Magpie, Pheasant, Red Kite (flyover), Swift (**R** flyover), Woodpigeon, Wren (**R** heard)

Mammals

Brown Hare **R**; Roe Deer

Other Invertebrates

Meadow Grasshopper (*Chorthippus parallelus*) **R**, **Photo 5**; Field Grasshopper (*Chorthippus brunneus*); Knapweed Plant Bug (*Oncotylus viridiflavus*) **Photo 12**; Anthills of Yellow Meadow Ant (*Lasius flavus*); Ladybirds (many including 7-spot)

Butterflies

Red Admiral; Brown Argus **R**; Common Blue; Meadow Brown **R**; Gatekeeper (**Photo 23**), inc. pair mating in flight; Small Heath **R**; Peacock **R**; Small Skipper; Large White **Photo 22**; Marbled White

Odonata

Common Blue Damselfly, **R**; Broad-bodied Chaser Dragonfly; Emperor Dragonfly **R**

Moths

Common Red and Gold (*Pyrausta nivalis*) **R**; Grass-moths (several different species)

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