

MKNHS Plant Group Visit: Linford Wood 10 May 2026

Consolidated List of Species Observed

Habitat: Semi Natural Ancient Woodland, owned and managed by the Parks Trust

National Vegetation Classification: W8 Fraxinus excelsior - Acer campestre - Mercurialis perennis woodland.

Weather: Mainly cloudy, dry, windy and cool

Grid Reference: Car park Enfield Chase: SP845402

Abbreviations: R seen only at Recce visit on 03 May 2026; AKA Also Known As; tbc to be confirmed

*not in flower; AWI for Ancient Woodland Indicator

Photo numbers refer to the Photo Annex to the event report

Herbaceous Plants

Species		Comments/queries	Photo
Anemone Wood (<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>) *		AWI	
Archangel, Yellow (<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>)		AWI	1
Avens Wood (<i>Geum urbanum</i>)			
Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>) (plus 1 x white variety)		AWI - almost over	
Bramble sp. (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg. – type unknown)			
Bryony, Black (<i>Tamus communis</i>) *			2
Buttercup, Creeping (<i>Ranunculus repens</i>)			
Buttercup, Meadow (<i>Ranunculus acris</i>)	R		
Bugle (<i>Ajuga reptans</i>)			3
Burdock sp. (<i>Arctium</i> sp.) *	R		
Campion, Red (<i>Silene dioica</i>)			4
Celandine, Lesser (<i>Ficaria verna</i>)			
Cinquefoil, Creeping (<i>Potentilla reptans</i>) *	R		
Cleavers (<i>Galium aparine</i>)			
Clover, Red (<i>Trifolium pratense</i>)	R		
Crane's-bill, Cut-leaved (<i>Geranium dissectum</i>) *			
Crane's-bill, Shining (<i>Geranium lucidum</i>)	R	- path to left on walk from car park	5
Creeping-Jenny (<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>)			6
Cuckooflower (<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>)	R		
Daisy, Field (<i>Bellis perennis</i>)		- adjacent to car park	
Dandelion (<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.)			
Dock Sp. (<i>Rumex</i> sp.) *	R		
Dock, Wood (<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>) *		AWI	7a, 7b
Dog-Violet, Common (<i>Viola riviniana</i>)			8
Figwort sp. (<i>Scrophularia</i> sp.) *			
Forget-me-not Sp. (<i>Myosotis</i> sp.)	R		
Ground-ivy (<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>)			
Herb-Robert (<i>Geranium robertianum</i>)		AKA "Stinky Bob"	

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Herb-Paris (<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>)		AWI, only found in ancient sites	9
Hogweed (<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>) *	R		
Honeysuckle sp. (<i>Lonicera</i> sp.)		- cultivar	
Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera periclymeum</i>)	R		
Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>) *			
Lords-and-Ladies (<i>Arum maculatum</i>) *			
Meadowsweet (<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>) *			10
Mercury, Dog's (<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>)		AWI, male and female plants	11a,11b
Mustard, Garlic (<i>Allaria petiolate</i>)			12
Nettle, Stinging/Common (<i>Urtica dioica</i>) *			
Nettle, Red Dead (<i>Lamium purpureum</i>)	R		
Nightshade, Enchanter's (<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>)			
Orchid, Early Purple (<i>Orchis mascula</i>)		AWI, 2 poor specimens	13
Parsley, Cow (<i>Anthriscus sylvestis</i>)			
Pignut (<i>Conopodium majus</i>)		AWI	
Plantain, Greater (<i>Plantago major</i>)		- broad-leaved	
Plantain, Hoary (<i>Plantago media</i>)			
Primrose (<i>Primula vulgaris</i>) *			
Ragwort Common (<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>)	R	- near entrance	
Sage, Wood (<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>)			
St John's-wort, Hairy (<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>)*			
Shepherd's-purse (<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>)		- near entrance	
Silverweed (<i>Potentilla anserina</i>)			
Speedwell, Germander (<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>)	R		14
Speedwell, Ivy-leaved (<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>)	R		
Speedwell, Thyme-leaved (<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>)		tbc	
Strawberry, Wild (<i>Fragaria vesca</i>)		AWI	15
Stitchwort, Greater (<i>Stellaria holostea</i>)		AWI	16a, 16b
Thistle, Creeping (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>) *			
Vetch, Common (<i>Vicia sativa</i>)			
Willowherb, Greater (<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>) *			

Trees and Shrubs

Species		Comments/queries	Photo
Apple, Crab (<i>Malus sylvestris</i>)	R	Along the art trail	
Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)			
Blackthorn (<i>Prunus spinosa</i>)			
Cherry, Wild (<i>Prunus avium</i>)			
Dewberry (<i>Rubus caesius</i>)			17
Dogwood (<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>)			
Elder (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)			
Elm sp. (<i>Ulmus sp.</i>)			
Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)			
Hawthorn, Midland (<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>)		AWI - Not definitely identified but acknowledge Roy Maycock's historical record	18a, 18b
Hazel (<i>Corylus avellana</i>)			
Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)			
Horse-chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)			
Maple, Field (<i>Acer Campestre</i>)		AWI	
Maple, Norway (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)	R		
Oak, North American sp. (<i>Quercus sp.</i>)			
Oak, Pedunculate (<i>Quercus robur</i>)			
Privet, Wild (<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>)	R	- black berries	
Rose, Guelder (<i>Viburnum opulus</i>)	R		
Rose sp.	R		
Rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>)		sapling	
Spindle (<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>)		AWI, in flower	19
Service-Tree, Wild (<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>)		AWI, when not planted	20
Willow, Goat (<i>Salix caprea</i>)			
Willow, Grey (<i>Salix cinerea</i>)		tbc	

Grasses, Sedges and Ferns

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Cock's-foot grass (<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>)			
False Brome (<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>)		AWI	
Fern, Male (<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>)			
Fox Tail, Meadow (<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>)	R		
Hair-grass, Tussock (<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>)			
Rush, Hard (<i>Juncus inflexus</i>)			
Sedge, Blue (<i>Carex flacca</i>)			21
Sedge, False Fox (<i>Carex otrubae</i>)			22
Sedge, Pendulous (<i>Carex Pendula</i>)	R		
Sedge, Remote (<i>Carex remota</i>)		AWI	23
Sedge, Wood (<i>Carex sylvatica</i>)		AWI	24