

Biodiversity survey in Waterlow Park, spring-summer 2022

A small group of us did our first group botanical survey in Waterlow Park on Saturday April 16, on section A1a. It was interesting and enjoyable - not least because we had to penetrate the jungle of that particular section! (Other sections are much less wild). We managed to do about half.

Building on this experimental start, we are contacting the Friends of Waterlow Park, for the first time, to gather up more volunteers. It is hoped that these surveys will give us a better idea of what is growing in our park, and therefore what could be done to improve its biodiversity.

After the first meeting, we decided two things: a) that one hour is probably enough for concentrated work (it was hot); and b) that we should meet regularly on on **every other Saturday**, at **4pm** (when it is less hot). Of course, anyone can still do the surveying on an individual basis, when it suits them; it just gives us a basic 'crew' to work with.

Therefore, any volunteers wishing to come along on **alternate Saturdays at 4pm-5pm** are very welcome. We meet at the **Lauderdale House café at 4pm** before working in the park, weather permitting. Please bring any plant guide you may have, and a clipboard to put the survey sheets on. Friends and family are welcome.

For any queries, use the contact form on the website or email info@waterlowpark.org.uk

Here are the dates we will be there:

May 14, 28.

June 11, 25.

July 9, 23.

August 6, 20.

September 3, 17.

October 1, 15, 29.

November 12, 26.

December 10 (resuming in April 2023!).

N.B. We also urgently need some more **group leaders** to help with the Saturdays. We provide the survey sheets - you just have to lead people to whichever section has been chosen, and gather in the survey sheets afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing some of you one Saturday!

With best wishes,

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