

## Summary

## Horseshoe Vetch

## Hippocrepis comosa

Horseshoe Vetch is a native hardy perennial of limestone and chalk grassland and limestone cliffs. 2023 was a difficult year for it as the drought meant that many of the plants dried up before they flowered. However it is drought-tolerant and should recover next year.

It is one of the food plants for the Dingy Skipper.



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4 figure	Site	Grid Ref	Recorder	Date	Number	Comments
4377	White Creek to Arnside Point	SD4370977108	AK	17/05/23	1 large clump	In a grassy patch on the clifftop path overlooking the estuary with rock rose.
4476	Heathwaite	SD4484476765	LF	01/06/23	2 flowering plants	2 flowering plants only, lower down the slope facing SSW. Very shallow soil. About 25m above the scrub line.
4476	Heathwaite	SD4486376771	LF et al	01/06/23	5 clumps	on SE facing slope at 44863.76771 with Asperula cynanchica.
4573	Jack Scout	SD4588473737	JW	01/06/23	2 clumps	very dried up but still there.
4575	Holgates shore	SD4533675923	LF/SB	22/10/23	clumps	About 10 clumps with Crithmum on rocky cliff
4575	path to Cove	SD4566775456	FN/LF	17/05/23	good colony	LF 23/04/24 looking healthy.
4778	Carnforth road Carr bank	SD4740478559	LF	31/05/23	1 clump	same field as anacamptis morio
4778	hazelslack farm field.	SD4755378846	LF	31/05/23	several clumps	on a rock outcrop in corner of the field near road
4972	Warton Crag	SD4937572441	LF	06/05/23	large colony	photo to come lots
4972	warton crag	SD4955472524	RS	17/05/23	large colony	extends all the way to 4924872108



Horseshoe Vetch can be mixed up with Kidney Vetch. Horseshoe Vetch has no leafy bracts underneath the flowerheads.



