

Burton Well Scroggs SD 4675

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Burton Well Scroggs is a small area of land off Bottoms Lane It is limestone pavement surrounded by trees. It has always had a rich flora and is one of the few areas where Spurge Laurel is flourishing with lots of new seedlings springing up over the past 5 or 6 years.

It is a Lancashire Biological Heritage Site.

History: The area was originally used as a source of stone by the villagers and also for the adjacent `Lime Kiln. The two adjacent houses were originally Almshouses. In 1970 the Silverdale Parish Council set up a charity to own the land (Public Quarries rcn 500270). They now manage Burton Well Scroggs with the help of volunteers





Seen from above the area of 50m by 100m shows the cover in 2022. The main path south has been cleared back since then.

View
Top woodland in May 2023



View
Pavement
Feb 2024



It is one of the areas which was recorded in the 1980's by Dr Margaret Baeker. She recorded 131 of our more uncommon species in this monad in 1987. However this site is only a part of the monad.

To date there have been over 200 species recorded, 119 in 2024.

These are listed in the following table. We have left out subspecies of things like Dandelions and Brambles.

There is quite a lot of management by Silverdale Parish Council especially to keep the scrub and brambles from the pavement. The photo below shows the site after path strimming in October 2024.



Taxa	Common Name	2024 month	Taxa	Common Name	2024 month
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	05	<i>Lysimachia punctata</i>	Loosestrife, Dotted	07
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground elder	05	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black medick	08
<i>Alchemilla glabra</i> x <i>mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle (sp)	06	<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's mercury	03
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard or Jack b	04	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Forget me not, Field	06
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	04	<i>Myosotis discolor</i>	Changing Forgetmer	06
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	05	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forgetmenot	06
<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	Parsley piert	04	<i>Odontites vernus</i>	Bartsia, Red	07
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	Oat Grass, False	06	<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Orchid, Early purple	04
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords and ladies (cucko	03	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse ear Hawkwee	06
<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i> (Phyllitis)	Harts tongue	04	<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	Burnet Saxifrage	07
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	05	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Plantain, Ribwort	05
<i>Betonica officinalis</i> (Stachys)	Betony	07	<i>Plantago major</i>	Plantain, Greater	06
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	05	<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	07
<i>Calystegia silvatica</i>	Bindweed, Large	06	<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadowgras	06
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Bittercress, Hairy	04	<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Smooth Meadowgras	06
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Sedge, Glaucus	06	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Meadow Grass, Rou	06
<i>Carex panicea</i>	Sedge, Carnation	06	<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal	05
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Knapweed (Black), Com	08	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody	04
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Mouse-ear, Common	06	<i>Potentilla tabernaemontani</i>	Strawberry, Barren	04
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's Nightshade	07	<i>Poterium sanguisorba ssp sanguisorba</i>	Burnet, Salad	05
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Thistle, Spear	06	<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	05
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	05	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self Heal	07
<i>Cotoneaster agg</i>	Cotoneaster,	06	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	03
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	Cotoneaster, Wall	06	<i>Quercus agg</i>	Oak,	08
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	04	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Buttercup, Meadow	05
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Sowbread	08	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	06
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cocks Foot	06	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	06
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	03	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Buckthorn	06
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	06	<i>Rosa arvensis</i>	Rose, Field	06
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern	05	<i>Rosa canina</i>	Rose, Dog	05
<i>Epilobium agg</i>	Willowherb,	08	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Bramble agg.	06
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle Tree	05	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry	04

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Euphrasia officinalis agg.	Eyebright	07	Rumex crispus	Dock, Curled	07
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	05	Rumex sanguineus	Wood Dock	06
Festuca ovina	Sheep's Fescue	06	Saxifraga tridactylites	Saxifrage, Rue Leav	04
Festuca rubra	Fescue, Red	06	Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop	06
Ficaria verna (Ran. ficaria)	Celandine, Lesser	03	Sedum album	Stonecrop, White	07
Filipendula vulgaris	Dropwort	06	Sedum spurium	Stonecrop, Caucasie	07
Fragaria vesca	Strawberry, Wild	05	Senecio jacobaea	Ragwort, Common	07
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	05	Sesleria caerulea	Moor grass, blue	07
Galanthus nivalis	Snowdrop	01	Sonchus asper	Sowthistle, Prickly	06
Galium aparine	Cleavers	03	Sorbus aria	Common Whitebean	05
Galium verum	Bedstraw, Ladies'	05	Stachys sylvatica	Woundwort, Hedge	06
Geranium dissectum	Cranesbill, Cutleaved	06	Symphoricarpos albus	Snowberry	04
Geranium lucidum	Cranesbill, Shining	06	Tamus communis	Bryony, Black	06
Geranium molle	Cranesbill, Dove's foot	04	Taraxacum agg	Dandelion	03
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	04	Taxus baccata	Yew	06
Geum urbanum	Herb Bennet	05	Teucrium scorodonia	Wood Sage	07
Glechoma hederacea	Ground ivy	04	Torilis japonica	Upright Hedge Parsl	07
Hedera helix	Ivy	03	Trifolium campestre	Hop trefoil	08
Helianthemum nummularium	Rock Rose, Common	05	Trifolium dubium	Trefoil, Lesser	07
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	07	Trifolium pratense	Clover, Red	06
Hieracium agg	hawkweed	08	Trifolium repens	Clover, White	06
Hyacinthoides non-scripta/ hybrid	Bluebell sp	04	Ulmus glabra	Elm, Wych	05
Hypericum androsaemum	Tutsan	07	Urtica dioica	Nettle, Common	04
Hypericum perforatum	St.John's Wort, Perforate	08	Veronica arvensis	Speedwell, Wall	05
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	03	Veronica chamaedrys	Speedwell, German	05
Larix decidua	Larch, European	04	Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme leaved Speed	06
Ligustrum vulgare	Privet, wild	04	Vicia cracca	Vetch, Tufted	07
Lonicera nitida	Honeysuckle, Wilson's (f	06	Vicia sativa subsp. nigra	Vetch, Common (ssp	06
Lotus corniculatus	Birdsfoot Trefoil	05	Vicia sepium	Vetch, Bush	06
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny	06			