

Bracknell Forest Borough's Wild Orchids 2020

Sites inspected, orchid species observed, and date of count shown.
Observer JWS unless otherwise stated.

Wykery Copse (SU 851 687).

Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*. The count of 50 EPO at Wykery Copse was virtually the same as in 2019 (51), down on the 75 of 2018. Since the building of nearby houses in 2011, the numbers have declined from the low hundreds.(4 May 2020)

BMW grass bank (SU 857 684).

Common Twayblade *Neottia ovata*, c100. (15 June 2020)

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*, c130. (15 June 2020)

Grass Bank behind Old Manor and Roman's (SU 873 694).

Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, c335 PO. Magnificent display. Best ever(7 July 2020).

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*. 16 counted. (6 June 2020)

Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*. BO zero. (16 June 2020)

Also *Orobanche minor* 7 spikes (7 July 2020).

Grass bank between Subways 10 and 11, between Old Manor and Easthampstead House (approx Grid ref: SU 873694).

Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, 10 PO. (23 June 2020)

Running Horse Roundabout (SU 883 691).

Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*.. 14 EMO flowering spikes; main group 12; 2 more a few metres away. Zero vegetative. (29 May 2020).

Lily Hill Park (SU 888 693).

Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*. 0 EMO (0 hybrids CSO x EMO). Third zero count in a row. (8 June 2020)

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*. West field 9 CSO. A very low count, the site is not well managed at present. East field c225 CSO (8 June 2020)

Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine*. Single spike near rugby club building. (8 June 2020)

Twin Bridges Roundabout complex (SU 863 689).

Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*. South of Subway 37, BO x 5. Grass bank very parched due to dry April and May (28 May 2020). BO x 21 found on the grassy slope between subways 32 and 34 (15 June 2020). Reduced mowing this year has helped at latter area.

Englemere and Swinley Road (SU 900684).

Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine*. Total 24 spikes. (15 June 2020)

Swinley Road, from opposite entrance to Englemere, towards London Road traffic lights

Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes*. 12 spikes counted. (10 Aug 2020)

Long Hill Park (SU892 693).

Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*. Zero found. (22 June 2020)

Felix Farm Trout Fishery, Binfield (SU 849 744).

Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*. None found (28 May 2020).

Outside Boerhinger Ingelheim, Southern Industrial Estate (SU 854 684).**

Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*. 4 flower spikes reported by Roger Britt (12 June 2020)

Larges Lane Cemetery (SU 876 690)

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*. CSO x 9. (20 June 2020)

Swinley Brick Pits (SU 907 668)

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*. CSO x 10. (25 June 2020)

Harvest Ride (SU 893 693), just north of entrance to Long Hill Meadow**

Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes*. 14 spikes found (20 June 2020)

Mill Pond, Wildridings SU 858 680) **

Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine* 7 spikes on patch of grass to N of cafe, between large oriental spruce and the pond edge. (27 June 2020)

Domesday Copse (SU 861 687)**

**Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine* and/or
Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes*.**

A total of about 20 Helleborine spikes, species undetermined.(27 June 2020)

Grass bank between Hazell Hill and Ranelagh School (SU 871 688)

Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine* 1 robust spike found after flowering season (1 Sept 2020)

The following sites (with orchid species found there previously) were not surveyed for orchids during 2020:

Owlsmoor Bog, Wildmoor Heath Nature Reserve (SU 847 628).

Heath Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata*

Harvest Ride (SU 862 706).

Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*

Crowthorne Wood (SU 854649).

Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.

Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*.

Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.

Gormoor Valley, Swinley Forest (SU 872 657)

Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*.

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