



Further supporting materials

Note that all NPMS materials and guidance booklets for the NPMS are available digitally to download as PDFs at <http://www.npms.org.uk/content/resources>

From our survey guidance materials and forms: <https://www.npms.org.uk/content/survey-guidance>

To additional resources including a Plot Grid reference crib:

https://www.npms.org.uk/sites/default/files/PDF/NPMS_Plot_GridRef_Offsets.pdf

There are also a variety of external resources out there than can be helpful for starting out in botany and continue to be useful references as you develop:

BSBI Helpful hints for starting out in botany: <https://bsbi.org/get-involved>

The BSBI also have a great ID resources page on their website: <https://bsbi.org/identification>
Including their own great list of resources for getting started with ID, including helpful handbooks, keys and cribs. Many useful even for practice in the garden or on short walks once current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Identification Books

We do not expect volunteers to buy any reference books but you may find some of the following books useful:

“The Wild Flower Key” How to identify wild flowers trees and shrubs in Britain and Ireland (Francis Rose, revised by Clare O’Reilly) Warne, 2006

- Excellent reference combining good illustrations and descriptions together with comprehensive keys. List of words used in the keys is at the back of the book.

“Collins Flower Guide” (David Streeter) Collins, 2009

- Useful combination of descriptions, illustrations and keys (from family level downwards). Also includes grasses, sedges, rushes and ferns.

“Wild Flowers of Britain and Ireland” (Marjorie Blamey, Richard Fitter and Alistair Fitter) Bloomsbury, 2013

- Lovely illustrations and has mini distribution maps.

Getting to know your square:

Here are some handy tips and websites to help you get to know your square and can be done during Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

<http://wtp2recorder.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm> - useful for viewing an aerial photo of your -square alongside the Ordnance survey map. You can zoom in on either of them, and the blue box shows the position of the map on the aerial photo (or vice versa). Use the “binocular” icon to search for a place or grid reference.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/> - if you zoom in on Streetmap.co.uk you come to Ordnance Survey maps (smaller and then larger scale). You can print from Streetmap.co.uk – see print icon near the bottom of the page.

To find out where your survey map is in relation to nearby places, type the grid reference (printed on your survey map) into the search box on Where’s the Path or streetmap.co.uk, then (having checked the map looks like yours!) zoom out until nearby places appear around your square.

You can also print from Bing maps <https://www.bing.com/maps/> - make sure you select Ordnance Survey map at the top right of the map.

NPMS support

See our NPMS [FAQs](#) for further help with planning your surveys, and feel free to contact support@NPMS.org.uk with any further questions.

You can find further information about the scheme and data uses at our Conservation and Research page [here](#).