

friends of WARTON CRAG LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

19th June 2021

BLOOMIN MARVELLOUS

This month's task was to find out how special our limestone grasslands really are...



Carrying out plant surveys allows us to look at the abundance and diversity of plants, and helps us to understand the health of different habitats. This information will also help drive and support our management of the site.

We recorded ten plant transects across the quarry carpark site and we were not disappointed. To name a few lady's bedstraw, birds foot trefoil and bee orchids. All signs of a healthy limestone grassland. We plan to do this survey on an annual basis so that we can monitor the health of the grasslands in years to come.

Most of the volunteers had limited knowledge but by the end of the session they could identify 6-10 species. Well done! I think we have a few potential botanists!

Save the date: 17th July - More information to follow