

## Shropshire Invertebrates Group

### Programme 2015

#### Main Programme – Sunday Field Meetings

- March 22**      **Earnwood Copse, Wyre Forest**  
A chance to explore the spring fauna of this area.  
Meet at **11:00** at the car park marked 'Earnwood Copse' on the B4194 north-west of Buttonoak at **SO 745 785**.
- April 19**      **Weir Coppice**  
A humid dingle woodland rich in wild flowers including Herb-paris.  
Meet at **11:00** in the layby at **SJ 469 096**. There is room for 4 cars here so please share transport if possible.
- May 17**      **Bettisfield Moss**  
The Shropshire part of this site offers an excellent variety of heathland habitats and is a stronghold of alder buckthorn.  
Meet at **11:00** at the car park at **SJ 480 349**.
- June 7**      **Nipstone Rock and The Bog**  
The open heathland here is little grazed and promises rich finds in many invertebrate groups.  
Meet at **11:00** in the Nipstone Rock car park at **SO 356 971**. We shall move on to The Bog later to sample that habitat and the tearoom refreshments.
- July 12**      **Mason's Bank**  
This former plantation was clear-felled around 2008 and has reverted to heathland. Parking on site is limited, so we shall meet at **11:00** at the car park on the right just before Lower Short Ditch at **SO 223 878** and then either walk back to Mason's Bank or transfer to fewer cars and drive back.
- Aug 9**      **Wollerton Wetlands**  
A series of pools by the R. Tern created during the building of the Hodnet bypass.  
Meet at **11:00**, parking beside the Village Room at **SJ 624 293**. This holds only 4 cars so please share transport.
- Sept 6**      **Prees Heath**  
An outstanding heathland on dry acid sands. Our meeting is timed to explore the late summer fauna.  
Meet at **11:00**, parking along the track that leads off the A49 almost opposite the turning to Steel Heath, at **SJ 557 362**.
- Oct 11**      **Eastridge Wood, Habberley**  
For leaf mines, plant galls and fungi. The wood is steep in places and intersected by mountain bike trails so we shall exercise caution when moving around the site.  
Meet at **11:00** at the car park at **SJ 391 027**. Please note that this car park is along a narrow lane, so take care when approaching.

### **Midweek Field Meetings**

These are not formally arranged in the annual programme, but anyone who plans to visit a site and would like to invite other SIG members along can do so via [blunt.sig195@btinternet.com](mailto:blunt.sig195@btinternet.com)

### **Indoor Meetings**

These are informal get-togethers for a chat and convivial company. We meet at the Riverside Inn, Cound, on the first Wednesday of each month from about 20:30 onwards.

In 2015 the dates to put in your diary will be as follows:

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please note especially the dates **for April, July, September** and **December** as they fall on the first or second day of the month.

### **Contacts**

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