

## **Bracknell Forest Borough's Wild Orchids 2019**

Sites inspected, orchid species observed, and date of count shown.

### **Wykery Copse (SU 851 687).**

**Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*.** The count of 51 EPO at Wykery Copse was down on the 75 of 2018. Since the building of nearby houses in 2011, the numbers have declined from the low hundreds.(25 April 2019)

### **BMW grass bank (SU 857 684).**

**Common Twayblade *Neottia ovata*,** c250. (20 June 2019)

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*,** c150. Parts of site scrubbing up (20 June 2019)

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

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*,** C47 PO. (9 July 2019)

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** 8 counted. (17 June 2019)

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** BO zero. (17 June 2019)

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

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*,** 9 PO. (9 July 2019)

### **Running Horse Roundabout (SU 883 691).**

**Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*..** 10 mature EMO flowering spikes; 6 vegetative. (4 June 2019)

### **Lily Hill Park (SU 888 693).**

**Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*.** 0 EMO (0 hybrids CSO x EMO). Second zero count since 2004 . (4 June 2019)

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** West field C30 CSO. A low count, the site is not well managed at present. East field c150 CSO (26 June 2019)

### **Twin Bridges Roundabout complex (SU 863 689).**

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** South of Subway 37, BO x 21 highest count here (20 June 2019). Zero BO at subway 32.

### **Crowthorne Wood (SU 854649).**

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** CSO x 2. (27 June 2019)

**Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*.** SMO x 3. (27 June 2019)

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** BO x 4. (27 June 2019)

### **Englemere and Swinley Road (SU 900684),**

**Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine*.** Total 8 spikes. (22 July 2019)

**Swinley Road, from opposite entrance to Englemere, towards London Road traffic lights**  
**Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes*. 27 spikes counted. (22 July 2019)**

**Long Hill Park (SU892 693).**

**Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*. 4 SMO found by Rob Solomon (18 June 2019). Note: Zero found by JWS. (4 June 2019)**

The following sites (with orchid species found there previously) were not surveyed for orchids during 2019:

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

**Heath Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata***

**Harvest Ride (SU 862 706).**

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis***

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

**Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes***

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

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera***

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