

## **Bracknell Forest Borough's Wild Orchids 2021**

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 18 EPO at Wykery Copse was down yet again. Since the building of nearby houses in 2011, the numbers have declined from the low hundreds. (6 May 2021)

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

**Common Twayblade *Neottia ovata*, large numbers, but uncounted.** (12 July 2021)

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*, 140+.** (12 July 2021)

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

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, 160+ PO.** (8 July 2021).

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** 51 counted, numbers increasing each year. (23 June 2021)

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** BO zero. (23 June 2021)

Also *Orobanche minor* 10+ spikes present (29 June 2021).

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

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, 8 PO.** (8 July 2021)

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

**Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*.** 8 EMO flowering spikes. Two vegetative. (3 June 2021).

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

**Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*.** 0 EMO (0 hybrids CSO x EMO). Third zero count in a row. (24 June 2021)

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** West field c160 CSO. After last year's very low count, the site is now well managed again. East field c400 CSO (24 June 2021)

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

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** South of Subway 37, BO x 40. BO x 14 found on the grassy slope between subways 32 and 34 A further 5 BO were found on the mown section alongside the exit into Mill Lane. (11 June 2021). The rainy weather in May has produced many robust specimens.

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

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

**Green-flowered Helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes*.** 4 spikes counted. (21 July 2021). Verge had been mown recently

**Crowthorne Wood (SU 854649).**

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** 2 flowering spikes (9 July 2021)

**Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*.** 5 flowering spikes (9 July 2021)

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** 13 flowering spikes; flowers had gone over (9 July 2021)

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*,** 1 PO. (9 July 2021)

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

**Southern Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*.** One robust specimen found. (24 June 2021)

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

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** One found (5 June 2021).

**Larges Lane Cemetery (SU 876 690)**

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** CSO x 16. (8 July 2021)

**Swinley Brick Pits (SU 907 668)**

**Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*.** CSO x 9. (13 June 2021)

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

**Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine*** 2 robust spikes (8 July 2021)

**Harvest Ride Woodhurst, Warfield (SU 862 706).**

**Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*.** 11 flowering spikes in 4 clusters. One cluster on north side and three clusters on south side of road. (8 July 2021)

**Pocketts Copse, Binfield (SU 837 697)\*\***

**Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*.** Many

**Amen Corner ( SU 841 690, SU 842 690) and Cain Road (SU 848 692)\*\***

**Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*.** 40++ reported (15 June 2021).

**Nightingale Crescent, Harmanswater (SU 873 678)\*\***

**Broad-leaved Helleborine *Epipactis helleborine*** 5 spikes

**Swains Copse, (SU 835 703).** This site is outside, but is adjacent to, the Borough

**Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*.** C200 (30 April 2021)

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