

## **Survey aims and techniques Workshop**

A brief introduction was given to the site (Hammersmith Meadows) and to the survey work that had been undertaken at the site. There was then a discussion about the various types of botanical surveying that can be used to assess a site. This covered brief walkover surveys using abundance values and more detailed methods such as NVC surveying. The importance of knowing exactly what you wanted to get out of your survey was emphasised.

The value of certain plants as indicators (e.g. great burnet, rough hawkbit, meadow vetchling) of favourable grassland condition was discussed and groups were shown how to identify a number of these plants.

Differences between surveys and monitoring were highlighted.

The workshop then discussed the aims of surveys and thought about what you might survey if interested in the condition of the site for different species e.g. butterflies.

The relationship between the vegetation and management was illustrated by looking at different areas of the meadows both in a favourable and an unfavourable condition.

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