

Why is the Local Nature Reserve so important?

Prestwick Road Meadows LNR has some of the most beautiful wildflowers in the district.

Up until the 1940s, flower-rich hay meadows and pastures were a common sight. Since then more than 97% of these habitats have been lost. Prestwick Road Meadows is one of the few meadows that survived untouched.

It is a small place, taking just half an hour to walk around but there is plenty to see. The site is a remnant of old farm meadows. The ancient hedgerows that separated the fields can still be seen. There is a seasonal pond that attracts frogs and herons in the spring. Summer is the best time to see the meadows in flower. The purple knapweed, yellow birdsfoot-trefoil and red clover create a tall colourful patchwork, with lots of insects. In autumn its hedgerows provide food for a wide variety of birds.

How do we keep it special?

The meadows are cut just once a year at the end of summer. Grass pathways are cut more regularly to allow people to walk easily throughout the meadows.



Oxeye daisy. Also known as the Moon daisy, the large white flowers with yellow centres are a favourite for hoverflies.

Hoverflies



Oxeye Daisy



Key

- Footpaths within Prestwick Road Meadows
- Footpaths outside Prestwick Road Meadows
- Entrance Points
- Bus Stop
- Bench
- View Point



Speckled Wood



Footpath to Oxhey Woods

Footpath to Lytham Avenue