

SPIKED RAMPION

2018 Project Summary



Site Summaries

Site name	
Abbots Wood	Walk Central- 1 plant in April, 0 in June; Translocation plots - 0; Lake Glade - 26 (6 flower spikes); Walk North - 15 (3 flower spikes eaten).
Maynards Green; Bottle Shaw	One plant decrease, condition still good
Dower House Farm	Clearance carried out, which will hopefully result in future increase despite drop in this year's count. Advised to fell edge of woodland to reduce shading
Mill Wood, New Sapperton Farm	Caged plant intact with ten flowering spikes. No plant found next to coppiced single-poled hornbeam. Plant on other side of gully bank about halfway down present. One flowering spike.
Riverside road verge (Tinkers Lane)	Very good count this year. Kate to visit and observe bracken regen throughout the year. Photos show that by July Bracken looks as thick as ever, so we should maybe step up our efforts to reduce the cover
Little England Farm; Homegrove Wood	10 plants compared with 14 in 2017 and 24 flowering spikes compared with 34 in 2017. It appears that 3 new recruits are present in the unprotected area. As last year, none of the wild plants found in 2018. None of the plants in the enclosure could be found. No evidence of animals entering.
St Dunstons Farm	<p>Bramble cut back on 10 Dec 2018 throughout enclosure area and piled in lower left corner, and leaves raked from main slope etc to expose bare soil to encourage spring germination (see related notes below)*. A visit to the enclosure by the owner David Hobden a month later (13 June), revealed the gate appeared to have been forced open (top part of frame had rotted at its fixings) and no flowering spikes (or plants, though the bramble had grown higher) were evident. David felt that either deer had got in (and out again) or a human with mal intent. Rampant slugs could be another possibility.</p> <p>*Seed collected in 2017 and sown in pots at home the same autumn appeared as plentiful seedlings from early April 2018 (after cold spring), thus confirming the viability of seed produced by this small group of plants. These soon developed into small plants (see photo below) with growth ceasing in the mid-summer, before new leaves emerged in autumn after rain. After dying back for the winter, new leaves emerged once again in late Feb (2019).</p>
Rushlake Green; Millpond Wood & private garden	Strong population still holding itself well
Brown Lane	Group agree good site for re-intro once more plants are ready

Population

Site name	1995/6	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Abbots Wood	23	11	8	16 (+3)	21	17	28	42 (9)	3
Abbots Wood Intro					75	17	1	0	0
Newplace Farm	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maynards Green; Bottle Shaw	14	4	8	8	8	9 (4)	7 (6)	7	6(9)
Dower House Farm; Butlett's Wood	2	6	10	14	9	17 (24)	NR	20	11
Mill Wood, New Sapperton Farm	unknown	2 (2011)	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Riverside road verge (Tinkers Lane)	285 (220)	148 (105)	*c. 189 (140)	c.137	135	257 (359)	188 (273)	113	269
Little England Farm; Homegrove Wood	5	1	2	4 (26)	3 (+12)	3 (+10)	19 (47.5)	14(34)	10(24)
St Dunstans Farm	4	5	5	4	3	5 (5)	4 (4)	6 (11)	10 (17)
Rushlake Green; Millpond Wood & private garden	4	22	32	36	40	49 (37)	42 (65)	42	41
TOTALS	339	200	256	220	230	376	308	246	349

Bracketed number = flower spikes