

Wild Flower Hunt: Beyond the Mill Walls

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Spring Challenge: Use the paths to explore the meadow on Church Walk.
How many of these flowers can you find?

Forget-me-nots

There are many stories about how these little blue flowers got their name, but did you know they used to be called Scorpion Grass or Mouseear? They are now used on the logo of the Alzheimer's Society.



Water avens

These delicate purple and orange flowers thrive in damp habitats and can grow up to 50cm tall. Though the flowers look rather different, they are closely related to wood avens and can create hybrids, with yellow bell-shaped flowers.



Wild Garlic

These plants smell! The plant is popular with brown bears (hence its Latin name, *allium ursinum*) but is said to repel cats. (Don't worry though, you are unlikely to see any brown bears on Church Walk!)



Crosswort

Look carefully for tiny pale yellow flowers amongst pale green leaves. The leaves sit around the stem in groups of four, in the shape of a cross. The flowers smell a bit like honey!



Germander Speedwell

These little blue flowers are common in hedgerows, and are considered a good luck charm for travellers. Look for the 4 blue petals around a white centre to tell them apart from forget-me-nots, which have 5 blue petals around a yellow centre.



Hawthorn blossom

The thorny hawthorn tree can support over 300 different types of insect. It is historically connected to May Day and its white flowers are a sign that spring is turning to summer. Though pretty, the flowers do not smell nice and were considered bad luck if brought inside.



Fancy a challenge? Try and find these:



Wood avens



Cowslip



Red Campion



Sweet Violet

You might have to head up
Scarthin Rock to find this one!

These activities are designed for families to do together. Please take care, especially near water, and wash your hands before you eat anything.

If you take any good photos, share them with us!



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