

***Salvia pratensis* (Meadow Clary) in Abel Wood  
(SP40212-14708)**

**Survey on 23 June 2018**

Members of the Wychwood Flora Group present:

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Unfortunately, despite wire fencing, the one remaining plant of *Salvia pratensis* on this site has disappeared. Tall vegetation filled the wire enclosure, brambles and other vigorously growing vegetation. There was no evidence at all of the Meadow Clary plant.

Despite annual clearance work the Meadow Clary plant has become smothered. The small glade in which the plant grew is surrounded by woodland, which is increasing in height each year, making the glade feel small as a site for the Meadow Clary, and potentially favouring plants that can tolerate fewer sunlight hours.

We removed as much of the encroaching vegetation from the enclosure as possible, and scarified the soil so that if seeds remain in the seedbank, they might have the opportunity to germinate and re-establish the colony. We will continue to monitor the site next year.

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