

Guided Walk 25th April 2026 "A Spring Walk along the Rivelin"



Gerry Firkins, a trained botanist, delighted and entertained a group of over 20 people with his knowledge of plants. Starting off at the former Spooners Wheel (a.k.a. Rivelin café) we barely crossed the river before Gerry was burrowing in the hedgerow and showing us all sorts of plants. He showed us how to identify them, what they indicated and how amazing the world of plants is. Unfortunately some he showed us were invasives and potentially a problem for the valley.

Although industry impacted on the valley in the 17th to 20th Century significantly reducing the ancient woodland, ancient woodland plants are re-establishing themselves if you know where to look. The walk finished with Gerry revealing a plant which he has not found anywhere else in Sheffield making it locally unique to the Rivelin!

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