

# May: a scent of summer

## Weather data

Monthly rainfall: 18mm (36% of average 50.0mm).

Average temperature: 12.2°C (daily min. + max. / 2) Normally 13.7°C

Lowest temperature: 1.6°C, 13<sup>th</sup> (average May extreme min: 2.6°C)

Highest temperature: 28.1°C, 23<sup>rd</sup> (average May extreme max: 26.1°C)

## Attenborough Weather Notes

A generally dry and sunny month at the Reserve with some cool days in the first half and some very warm days in the second half. The first few weeks saw some light and patchy rain although there were some sunny days mixed in, and our annual Sunflower Sunday event on the 9<sup>th</sup> enjoyed a glorious day. With the winds coming from the north or northeast, the Reserve experienced some cool days and cool nights with woolly hats and coats being worn by some visitors. Unfortunately, the cool night on the 8<sup>th</sup> affected our moth watch event as these insects tend not to be active during cool clear nights.

The second half of the month experienced plenty of warm days and a mini heatwave hit the Reserve with the hottest day of the year on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Visiting school groups enjoyed glorious weather for their trips, although copious amounts of water and sun cream were used.

The last week of the month was more unsettled with patchy light rain at times, although the rainfall for the month was well below average and led to dry dusty conditions on the footpaths.

