

Pavement plants in Witney recorded by Brenda Betteridge on 19 July 2026

Common name	Latin name	Status	Comment
Perennial Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Native	In flower
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Native	In flower
Wood Avens	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Native	Gone over
Traveller's Joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Native	Dead
Greater Plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Knotgrass	<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Native	In seed
Creeping Bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Native	Dead
Green Alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Introduced before 1700 to gardens from SW Europe; recorded in wild by 1724	In flower and seed
Oxford Ragwort	<i>Senecio squalidus</i>	Introduced to Oxford Botanic Garden from Sicily; escaped in 1794; spread by railway	In flower
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Native	Dead
Bristly Oxtongue	<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Ancient introduction	In flower and seed
Bread Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Introduced	In ear
Wood Dock	<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>	Native	In seed
Fat Hen (called Lamb's Quarters in USA)	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Native	In seed
Smooth Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Brambles	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Native	In flower and fruit
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Native	In seed
Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Native	No flowers or seeds
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Native	Dead
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Native	No flowers or seeds
Wall Lettuce	<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Native	In seed
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertium</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Introduced to gardens from S. Europe; recorded in wild by 1640	In flower and seed
Nipplewort	<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Native	In seed
Petty Spurge	<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Ancient introduction	In flower and seed
Annual Meadow-grass	<i>Poa annua</i>	Native	Mostly dead
Rough Chervil	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Hedge Woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Native	Gone over
Hedge Mustard	<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Ancient introduction	In seed
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Native and introduced	In seed
Little Robn	<i>Geranium pupureum</i>	Native. Coastal moving inland. Scarce	In flower and seed
Bittersweet (Woody Nightshade)	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Native	In flower
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Native	In flower and seed and seedlings
Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis</i> sp.		Dead
Common Mallow	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Ancient introduction	In flower
Canadian Fleabane	<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>	Introduced from N. America; recorded in London area since 1690	In flower and seed
Barren (Sterile) Brome	<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Ancient introduction	In seed
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Black Medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Native	In seed
American Willowherb	<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Introduced from N. America; first recorded in 1891	In flower and seed
Yellow Corydalis	<i>Pseufofumaria lutea</i>	Introduced into gardens from the Alps by 1596; first recorded in the wild in 1796	
Fern Grass	<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Native	In seed
Pineappleweed	<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Introduced into gardens from E Asia by 1781; first recorded in the wild in 1871	
Wall Barley	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Ancient introduction	In seed
Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Ancient introduction	In seed and dead
Pearlwort	<i>Sagina</i> sp.	Native	Dead
Procumbent Yellow Sorrel	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Introduced into gardens by 1656 (origin unknown); first recorded in the wild in 1770	Flowering
Pellitory-of-the-wall	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Native	Flowering and in seed
Greater Celandine	<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Introduced in Roman times; once cultivated as a medicinal plant	Non-flowering
Perennial Rye Grass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Native	In seed
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Native	Gone over
Cornsalad	<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Native	Gone over
Hoary Willowherb	<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	Native	In flower
False Oat-grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	Native	In seed
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Introduced by Romans	In flower
Prickly Lettuce	<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Introduced; first recorded in 1632	In flower
Mexican Fleabane	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Introduced into gardens from Mexico and Central America	In flower

Dove's-foot Cranesbill	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Common Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	Native	
Mexican Feather Grass (Pony Tails)	<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Garden escape	In seed
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Native	In seed
Square-stalked St John's-wort	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	Native	In flower
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Native	In flower
Greater Willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Native	In flower
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Brambles	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Native	In flower and fruit
Meadow Vetchling	<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Native	In flower
Common Bistort	<i>Bistorta officinalis</i>	Native	In flower
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Cut-leaved Cranesbill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Ancient introduction before Roman period	In flower
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Native	In flower
Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Native	Vegetative
Fool's Parsley	<i>Aethusa cynapium</i>	Native	In flower
Wild Onion (Crow Garlic)	<i>Allium vineale</i>	Native	In seed
Wild Marjoram	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Native	In flower
Catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Common Fleabane	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Native	In flower
Wild Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Smooth Hawksbeard	<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Vervain	<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Introduced in Stone Age	In flower
Purple Toadflax	<i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Introduced to gardens from Italy; recorded in wild c. 1830	In flower
Sicilian Honey Garlic	<i>Nectaroscordum siculum</i>	Introduced to gardens; native to parts of Europe and Middle East	Gone over
White Deadnettle	<i>Lamium album</i>	Ancient introduction	In flower and seed
Black Horehound	<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Introduced in Iron Age	In flower and seed
Red Valerian	<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Introduced to gardens from S Europe by 1597; recorded in wild from 1763	
Common Ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Native	In flower and seed
Lords-and-ladies	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Native	Berries
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Introduced to gardens in 1817 from N America; recorded in wild by 1863	Berries
Purpletop Vervain	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Introduced in the early 18th century from Buenos Aires	In flower
Swine Cress	<i>Lepidium coronopus</i>	Ancient introduction	Mostly in seed
Lesser Swinecress	<i>Lepidium didymium</i>	Introduced in early 18 th century; recorded in the wild from 1778; unknown origin	
Balm	<i>Melissa officinalis</i>	Introduced to gardens from S Europe by 995; recorded in the wild from 1763	Flowering
Buddleia	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Introduced into gardens in 1890s from China; recorded in the wild by 1922	
Trailing Bellflower	<i>Campanula poscharskyana</i>	Introduced to gardens from SE Europe in 1931; first recorded in the wild in 1957	In flower
Lamb's-ear	<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Introduced to gardens from Turkey, Armenia and Iran	In flower
Common Poppy	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Ancient introduction	In seed
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Introduced from SW China during, or possibly before, the 15th century	In flower and seed
Love-in-the-mist	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Introduced from the Mediterranean region to gardens possibly before the 16th century	In seed
Wall Rue	<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Native	
Rose (seedling)	<i>Rosa</i> sp.		
Sycamore (seedling)	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Introduced from Central Europe and Western Asia in 17 th century	
Feverfew	<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	Ancient introduction; in gardens before 995	In flower
Common Groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Native	Seedlings and in flower
Nemesia	<i>Nemesia</i> sp.	Garden escape. Introduced from S Africa	In flower
Common Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Native	Dried up
Total number plants recorded = 109			
Total number of garden escapes = 16			
Total number of plants native to UK = 65			