

Preliminary results of pitfall trapping at the Cemetery Park in 2021

Total spiders trapped : 2001 representing 62 spp. It has been a rather wet year and this has resulted in rather fewer spiders than last year (2576 individuals, 63 spp.) and particularly in fewer wolf spiders which seem to be disproportionately affected by poor weather: the commonest species (*Pardosa pullata*) showed a big reduction of almost 50% : 136 individuals compared with 260 in 2020, and the second wolf spider *P. prativaga* showing even greater decline from 278 to 78 between the two years.

Covid and illness delayed some of the collections: There were two months when the traps were emptied late.

No new species were recorded this year.

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