

Vantastival 2019 Biodiversity Survey

On March 30 2019, a Biodiversity Survey was conducted at Beaulieu House estate by the ecological company Saol Glas, in advance of Vantastival Festival, which will be held on the grounds of the estate on the weekend of 31 May-2 June 2019.

The entire site was surveyed, and the plants and animals present in each area at that time were photographed, identified and recorded. Quadrats (see below) were used to count the number of different plants growing in certain areas at the time of the survey. The results of the quadrat survey will be used to measure the effects of the festival on the nature in heavily used areas, by repeating the quadrats in the same areas after the event, and comparing the number of plants and the amount of bare ground that were there before and after.



Quadrats from the Biodiversity Survey 2019

The field survey will be repeated twice – once at the end of the growing season in 2019, and once more in March/April 2020, to monitor how the land recovers before Vantastival 2020. The results of the surveys will be used to prepare a report called a “Biodiversity Impact Assessment” for Vantastival, which will help the Vantastival management team:

- have a clear picture of the biodiversity of the landscape at Beaulieu House;
- understand any impacts that the event may have on the biodiversity around Beaulieu House; and
- manage the festival in a way so that the nature at Beaulieu House is preserved and even enhanced.





