



**Chasewater Wildlife Group**

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### **Common adder's tongue** *Ophioglossum vulgatum*

A county rarity but abundant at Church Street Open Space, although threatened by invasion of hawthorn scrub north of Fly Pool. Unfortunately colonies were destroyed by the construction of the M6 Toll at Norton Canes and on the Raceway Heath.



### **Common polypody** *Polypodium vulgare*

One specimen on the overflow wall.

### **Bracken** *Pteridium aquilinum*

Abundant and invasive in several heathland areas.

### **Lemon scented fern** *Oreopteris limbosperma*

Present along Crane Brook and the canal.



### **Black spleenwort** *Asplenium adiantum-nigrum*

A county rarity. Several specimens are present near the canal.

### **Wall rue** *Asplenium ruta-muraria*

Common on the overflow wall.

### **Hart's tongue fern** *Asplenium scolopendrium*

One specimen near the canal.

### **Lady fern** *Athyrium filix-femina*

Common in most areas.

**Golden male fern** *Dryopteris affinis*

One specimen on the overflow weir.



**Narrow buckler fern** *Dryopteris carthusiana*

Present on the north shore and Crane Brook Heath areas.



**Broad buckler fern** *Dryopteris dilatata*

Common in wooded areas.

**Male fern** *Dryopteris filix-mas*

Common throughout the area.

**Hard fern** *Blechnum spicant*

One specimen at Anglesey Basin and one near Biddulph's Pool.



**American water fern** *Azolla filiculoides*

An invasive alien species that can turn the canal red.