

The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 030 Aristolochiaceae)

PRE-DICOTS PRIMITIVE ANGIOSPERMS

ARISTOLOCHIACEAE Birthwort family

Asarum europaeum L. Asarabacca

Status & former distribution: Neophyte. Mr. Philip's grounds, Mere Clough (SD70C, C Bailey, 1863, MANCH); Shore (SD91I, Herb J Molineux, n.d.); Royle, Burnley (SD83, J Dugdale, LIV, c. 1850, det. JG Baker); Moss Cottage (SD91B, J Dugdale).

Habitat: Cultivated in woods and gardens.

Comments: Native to mainland Europe, known to occur in several woods in Lancashire *Ray* (1724). Plants were formerly cultivated for medical purposes. The estimated record for Moss Cottage might be the same as that from Royle, Burnley?