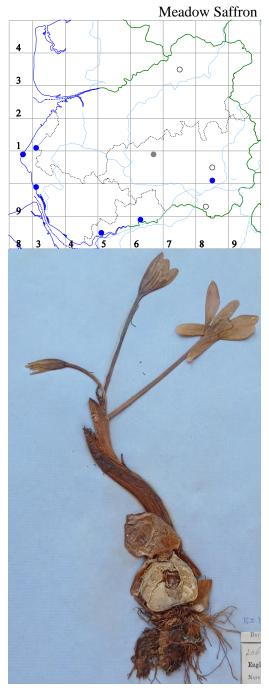
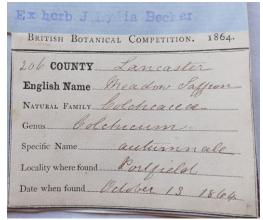
## COLCHICACEAE

Meadow Saffron family

## Colchicum autumnale L.





Status & distribution: Naturalised in South Lancashire; established planting under pines at Freshfield (SD2708, PA Lockwood, 1999 & B Allen, 2009); dunes by housing at Ainsdale (SD3011, 2008); Warrington Cemetery (SJ6288, 2009); Spike Island, Widnes (SJ5184, 2012) & Queen's Park, Harpurhey (SD8500, 2012) DP Earl.

Former distribution: The records for between Whalley and Accrington (Mr. Leigh, Grindon 1859); meadow at Portfield Bar (SD73M, Fl. Preston 1865); Clerk Hill (Fl. Stoneyhurst 1872) are all though to be a single location from which there is a voucher specimen dated 1910 at BON. Plants were last recorded at Portfield Bar (JW Nixon, 1912). In 1909 CC Ritching noted that over 2,000 plants were uprooted from the Portfield Bar field by the farmer and thrown in a corner of the field with many being carried away. Also recorded from near Middleton (SD80M, Buxton 1849) with additional records for Lostock (SD6708, EB Bangerter, 1953) & Withington (SJ89G, Ex n.d. Ex herb. Schill).

**Habitat:** Planted amongst the sand dunes; in amenity areas and formerly in damp meadows.

**Comments:** Some records might be errors for *Crocus nudiflorus* and vice-versa.