



BSBI
Field Meetings

Each year the BSBI organises field meetings throughout Britain and Ireland that are designed for general interest, for training in identification skills (at all levels) and to help record the flora of a site, area or habitat. Meetings at a local level are organised by vice-county recorders or local groups. The main meetings are advertised on the BSBI meetings [web page](#) and in the BSBI Yearbook, whilst local meetings are advertised on the vice-county web pages, in the BSBI meetings diary and in local group newsletters. Meetings in the main programme are primarily for members, though non-members are welcome if there is space, and local meetings usually welcome anybody who is interested.



Photographing *Eryngium maritimum* and *Euphorbia portlandica* in rather windy conditions on Prestatyn dunes at the 2017 ASM.

Preliminary programme of meetings for 2021

The BSBI [meetings web page](#) and the 2021 Yearbook will give full details of the meetings shown here. The final programme is still being compiled. Updates are likely to be frequent in the coming season due to the uncertainties given by the coronavirus. The web page will be the primary reference and will show any additions and updates. Many meetings have been carried over from 2020, and those who booked then will be given first refusal, but participants do need to re-confirm their booking.

Date	Location / Subject	v.c.
March 27	Irish Spring Conference	Online
April 30 – May 3	Portpatrick / Taraxacum	74, 75
May 8	Isle of Bute	100
May 22	Trumpington Meadows	29
June 24	Muir of Ord	106
July 2 - 4	Bangor / Wales Annual Meeting and AGM	49
June 26 – July 2	Barra Islands, Outer Hebrides	110
July 9 - 12	Caerdeen	48
July 19 – 26	Glynhir	44
July (TBC)	Cambridgeshire / Elms	29
July 24	Ben Lawers / Grasses, Sedges, Rushes	88
July 25 (TBC)	Glenshee & The Cairnwell	89, 92
September 18	Cherry Hinton / Cotoneasters	29
September 25	Dublin / Irish Autumn Meeting and AGM	H21
November 6 (TBC)	RBGE / Scottish Botanists' Conference	83
November (TBC)	CEH, Wallingford / AEM & AGM	23

The Annual Summer Meeting



The ASM is an event that aims to bring together BSBI members and friends to share expertise and to see the flora of what for some will be a new area. Previous meetings have visited Anglesey, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Cumbria, Flintshire, the Isle of Man and Malham Tarn. Due to the uncertainty of covid there is no meeting in 2021, but in 2022 the Meeting will be held in Scotland. There will be site visits, recording outings and evening workshops. We plan to visit Guernsey in 2023.

An after-dinner id session at the Blencathra ASM in 2016.

New Field Projects

In 2021 the BSBI will be developing new projects, which may include grid square surveys, monitoring important plant species, surveying best local sites, visits to targeted habitats and recording for local Floras. Field meetings will be organised to help with these projects, to teach beginners the skills needed to identify and record plants, to support recorders and just to show off interesting plants and their habitats.



Recording urban habitats is likely to feature in some country projects. Two species that are scarce in their native habitats are spreading in towns: Left *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* (**Four-leaved Allseed**). Right *Gnaphalium luteoalbum* (**Jersey Cudweed**).

Do come along on one of our botanical excursions. They cater for all levels and there is always time to explain features of a plant to beginners. For further information about the BSBI meetings see the web pages, or contact your country field secretary or vice-county recorder.

For more information about BSBI field meetings see the [web page](#) at or email one of the contacts on the next page.



Plant id and recording at a Cambridgeshire Flora Group meeting at Shepreth L-moor. The species of note were *Avenula pratensis* (**Meadow Oat-grass**) and *Danthonia decumbens* (**Heath-grass**).



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John Poland looking at *Saxifraga nivalis* (**Alpine Saxifrage**) at Cwm Idwal during the 2013 ASM