



# BSBI 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 very 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 2022

The BSBI [meetings web page](#) (from early December) and the 2022 Yearbook will give full details of the meetings. The final programme is still being compiled. Updates are likely to occur again 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. Some meetings have been carried over from previous years, and those who booked then will be given first refusal, but participants do need to re-confirm their booking.

Date	Location / Subject	v.c.	Type	Organiser
January 1 - 4	New Year Plant Hunt	All	GR	BSBI
January 5	Winter talk / Fred Rumsey / Azores		G	BSBI
January 29	Gogerddan Woods	46	T	BSBI
February 2	Winter talk / Jonathan Shanklin / Virtual field meeting	29	G	BSBI
February 27	England Annual Meeting	Zoom	G	Country
March 19	Scottish Spring Conference	TBC	G	Country
April 2	Irish Spring Conference	Zoom	G	Country
April 24	Westport House Demense	H27	G	BSBI
May 6 – 9	Portpatrick / Taraxacum	74	RST	BSBI
May (TBC)	The Mash	H14	G	BSBI
June 4 – 5	The Burren	H9	GR	BSBI
June 10 – 12	Bangor / Wales AGM	49	G	Country
June 11 – 12	Inishown	H34	GR	BSBI
June 23	Alness	101	GR	BSBI
June (TBC)	Tarn Moss & Eycott Hill / Sedges	70	T	BSBI
June (TBC)	Doune / SHARPP	87	GR	BSBI
July 2	Glen Douglas	99	GR	BSBI
July 3	Ranscombe Farm Plantlife Reserve	16	G	BSBI
July 4 – 11	Glynhir	44	G	BSBI
July 9	SE Longford along Lough Ree	H24	G	BSBI
July 11 – 17	Rubus study week	6, 7, 8, 34	ST	BSBI
July 15 – 18 (TBC)	ASM	Scotland	G	BSBI
July 23	Grass, Sedges & Rushes	88	T	BSBI
July TBC	Caerleon	48	G	BSBI
August 6	Composites workshop	85	T	BSBI
August 7	Murvagh	H34	G	BSBI
August 12 (TBC)	Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses	40, 50	GR	BSBI
August 13	Plumlumon	46	G	BSBI
September 3	Clydach Quarries and Cwm Clydach	35, 42	G	BSBI
September 17	Daventry Country Park	32	G	BSBI
September 24	Irish Autumn Meeting and AGM	Ireland	G	Country
November 5 (TBC)	RBGE / Scottish Botanists' Conference	83	G	Country
November	AEM & AGM	Hybrid ?	G	BSBI
Winter	Euphrasia workshops	Various	TS	BSBI

Type: B=Beginners, G=General, R=Recording, S=Specialist, T=Training.



# 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. We hope to hold the 2022 Meeting 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

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, re-finding species apparently lost from hectads 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](#) 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