

# Field Botany in vc76 - Renfrewshire

## Fieldwork Programme, 2022

Here is the first instalment of our programme - for the period April to July 2022. You will receive updates as the programme evolves.

(Some events planned elsewhere, or by other organisations, may be included in italics for your interest. Further details of official BSBI events, such as Workshops, can be found on the BSBI website: we would encourage you to consider extending your plant knowledge in this way.)

We are hunting for 'new finds' (things not seen in a place before) and 're-finds' (things seen in a place before, but not recently).

We normally work in **monads** (i.e. single map squares). We have listed below the map reference for the monads we are targetting (e.g. **NS4164**).

Some of the locations are remote, or suffer from restricted access or parking. It is therefore more important than ever that we know who will be present. If you wish to take part in any event, **please email or text both Michael Philip and Peter Wiggins at least 24 hours in advance.**

It would also be helpful for us to have confirmation of your mobile phone number, in case of any last-minute alterations or hitches.

Please take note of the start time: it varies from outing to outing, so do check!

Sometimes finding the meeting-place will require some navigation skills. The grid references below will be more accurate than the postcode/satnav method, especially in open countryside. Please allow enough time to arrive on time. We expect reasonable standards of time-keeping, only because latecomers hold back the group. If you know you're going to be late, please phone (the mobile numbers are given below).

Michael's car is a blue Honda Jazz and he wears a red jacket. Peter's car is a blue Toyota C-HR and he wears a dark jacket.

We recommend that you bring your own food and water with you (less crucial for afternoon or evening events).

Finally, please be aware that your participation in any of these events is at your own risk. We have indicated on the programme the kind of terrain to expect. Take precautions over clothing and equipment, and be sensible about steep or boggy ground, climbing gates or fences, and pacing yourself. If you feel uneasy about distance, terrain or time, please say so - we won't ask anyone to go beyond what they feel they can do.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
24th April	Sunday all day	10.00	Linwood (west) & Brookfield	A chance to look for early-season plants
<b>NS4164</b> <b>NS4264</b>			Meet 10am at Woodlands Primary School Abernethy Drive, off Clippens Road, Linwood Postcode: <b>PA3 3EX</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS435644</b>	(roadsides, paths, open ground, woodland)
11th May	Wednesday evening	18.00	Erskine	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS4769</b>			Meet 6pm at St. Anne's Primary School just off Park Drive Postcode: <b>PA8 7AE</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS474698</b>	(roadsides, waste ground, open ground)
14th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	<b>BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)</b>
<i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621461">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621461</a></i>				
15th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh	<b>BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)</b>
<i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621498">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621498</a></i>				
22nd May	Sunday all day	10.00	Howwood (east) & Skiff Wood	Varied habitats in an interesting area
<b>NS4060</b> <b>NS4059</b>			Meet 10am at Howwood Village Hall Postcode: <b>PA9 1AU</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS397604</b>	(roadsides, paths, open ground, woodland, steep ground)
28th May	Saturday all day	10.00	River Tummel, near Ballinluig	<b>BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)</b>
<i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on application)</i>				
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
11th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Gourock	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS2477</b>			Meet 10am at Gourock Station carpark Postcode: <b>PA19 1QR</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS242779</b>	(roadsides, waste ground, open ground)
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18th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Parkgate, Dumfries	<b>BSBI Sedge &amp; Rushes Workshop</b> (fee charged)
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on Sedge and Rush identification)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/626299">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/626299</a></i>				
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22nd June	Wednesday evening	18.00	Johnstone	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS4362</b>			Meet 6pm at Overton Road (east end, near Thorn Brae) Postcode: <b>PA5 8JF</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS434629</b>	(roadsides, waste ground, woodland, open ground)
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25th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Chatelherault Country Park, near Hamilton	<b>BSBI Grasses Workshop</b> (fee charged)
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on Grass identification)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/622039">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/622039</a></i>				
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2nd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Glen Douglas to Arrochar	<i>A point-to-point walk from Glen Douglas to Arrochar (4-5km) and exploration of west side of Tullich Hill</i>
NN2600	NN2800		Meet 10am	<i>(demanding terrain, with the option of track or hillsides)</i>
NN2700	NN2801		Full details for the day, including parking	
NN2701	NN2802		arrangements, will be provided when you book.	
<i>Contact Michael Philip: <a href="mailto:botany@opus44.co.uk">botany@opus44.co.uk</a></i>				

**Please note:** This is a **BSBI Field Meeting**, bringing people from anywhere in the country. Advance booking is essential as logistics are complex. Also, please note that the Luss Highland Games is on this same day: traffic will therefore be busier than usual on Loch Lomondside!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
<i>9th July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Barrhead or Lochwinnoch area</i>	<b><i>Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification</i></b> <i>(a one-day course on Bramble identification)</i>
<i>This is an informal BSBI Workshop: advance booking required (details on request)</i>				
<i>Contact Michael Philip: <a href="mailto:botany@opus44.co.uk">botany@opus44.co.uk</a></i>				
<b>10th July</b>	<b>Sunday all day</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>The Heddles &amp; Craig Minnan</b>	<b>Challenging walk in rough hill country!</b>
<b>NS3164</b> <b>NS3264</b>			<b>Meet 10am at Muirshiel Visitor Centre Calderside Road, near Lochwinnoch Postcode: PA12 4LB Grid Ref: NS311631</b>	<b>(paths, open ground, woodland, steep ground, wet areas)</b>
<i>23rd July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Ben Lawers, Perthshire</i>	<b><i>BSBI Training Field Meeting (fee charged)</i></b>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application) (Training, with an emphasis on Grasses, Sedges &amp; Rushes)</i>				
<i>Contact Faith Anstey: <a href="mailto:faithanstey@gmail.com">faithanstey@gmail.com</a></i>				
<i>6th August</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Kinghorn, Fife</i>	<b><i>BSBI Composites Workshop (fee charged)</i></b>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on identifying those yellow Dandelion-like plants that aren't Dandelions!)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/623636">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/623636</a></i>				

**The Outings Programme for Renfrewshire from early July until October will be published in early June.**

If you wish to attend any of the BSBI events in italics, please follow the booking instructions and book early if you can.

In addition to the programme outlined above, we very much encourage members of the Renfrewshire Botany network to record plants on your own, or in collaboration. If you would like some guidance on the recording method, checklists of plants previously recorded, or suggestions of places where the record needs to be refreshed, please get in touch.

We are very keen to hear from people who would be prepared to 'host' an outing from time to time. This simply means committing to a date and venue and being there to welcome folk and explain the task for the day. The 'host' need not necessarily be the one who does the recording! Full briefing will be provided: the more 'hosts' come forward, the more outings we can organise.