



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the sixth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) will be held at 12.30pm on Saturday 23 November 2019 in the Flett Lecture Theatre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD.

ELECTIONS

Members of the Society are invited to nominate individuals for election under agenda items 7 (Trustees) and 8 (Members of Council) below. Nominations, accompanied by the consent of the proposed candidate and the name of a seconder, should be submitted to the Company Secretary at steve.gater@bsbi.org by midday Saturday 19 October 2019. Details of nominees will be published on the BSBI website by midday Saturday 26 October 2019.

PUBLICATION ON BSBI WEBSITE

Materials relating to the AGM, and a final agenda once nominations for the elections have been received, will be posted on the BSBI website (www.bsbi.org/annual-general-meeting) as they become available and at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Paper copies will be available at the AGM and may be requested in advance from the Company Secretary.

PROXIES

Any member wishing to vote by proxy should submit a request to do so in writing (including by email) to the Company Secretary by midday Saturday 16 November 2019. The proxy should indicate how to vote on each resolution, or that votes should be in favour of all resolutions as proposed by the Board of Trustees.

By Order of the Board

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Agenda

1. *Chair's welcome, apologies for absence and opening remarks.* The Chair will introduce those present beside him and describe the content and conduct of the meeting and the members' participation in it.
2. *Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM.* Members will be asked to approve the minutes of the fifth AGM of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, held on 17 November 2018.

3. *Annual Review.* After a report by the Chair on the activities and outcomes during the year under review and of more recent achievements and future plans, members will be invited to take note of the publication of the sixth Annual Review of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, covering the year ended 31 March 2019.
4. *Annual Report and Accounts.* A presentation will be given on the Annual Report and Accounts and other financial matters. Members will be invited to adopt the sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, covering the year ended 31 March 2019.
5. *Independent Examiners / Auditors.* The appointment of an Independent Examiner / Auditor will be proposed to report on the year ended 31 March 2020. The Trustees also seek approval to fix the remuneration of the Independent Examiner / Auditor. (If BSBI does not require an audit under company or charity law and none is requested by the members or Trustees, an Independent Examiner will report on 2020, otherwise an Auditor will report.)
6. *Approval of proposed BSBI membership rates effective from 1 January 2020.* BSBI membership rates last increased in Jan 2015 when the ordinary rate rose from £25 to £30, +20%. Having considered this history and context, cost to BSBI, member affordability and timing, BSBI Board of Trustees has agreed, and Council has endorsed, that membership rates should increase for 2020 as per the table below:

	2019	2020	2019	2020
	£	£	€	€
Ordinary	30	35	38	40
Family	4	5	5	6
Student	12	15	15	18
Senior	22	25	28	28
Ord o'seas	32	40	40	45
Senior o'seas	24	30	30	35

7. *Election of Trustees.* There are two resignations and a vacancy for Honorary Treasurer. Members will be invited to elect Trustees to serve on the Society's Board. One nomination has been received for Hon. Treasurer:
Ms Susanna Reece. Nominated by Chris Miles, seconded by Ian Denholm.
8. *Election of Members of Council.* There are three retirements and members will be invited to elect or re-elect members to serve on the Society's Council. Three nominations have been received:
Mr Robert Northridge. Nominated by John Faulkner, seconded by Edwina Cole.
Mr Oli Pescott. Nominated by Jodey Peyton, seconded by Jonathan Shanklin.
Mr Jonathan Shanklin. Nominated by Stephen Hartley, seconded by Oli Pescott.
9. *BSBI Volunteers.* The Society wishes to thank all those members who have served, both nationally and regionally, as officers, on committees, as authors, editors and indexers, in leading and arranging meetings and as assistant secretaries and minuting secretaries; and the many members who have participated in surveys, prepared reports, represented the society at outreach events and promoted our work via social media. BSBI would especially like to thank our network of 193 Vice-County Recorders and 110 expert plant Referees, acknowledging the invaluable work they do and their huge contribution to BSBI's success.
- 10 *Any Other Business.* A special general meeting will be held, 13:10 - 13:20, to explain the launch of a Committee for England. All members resident in England, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man are invited to attend.