



Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland

BSBI Recorders' Conference 2018

Getting Botany Out There!

**Location: FSC Preston Montford,
Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury SY4 1DX**

Dates: Friday 12th October – Sunday 14th October 2018

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday 12th October

Arrive at FSC Preston Montford – car parking available or shuttle bus from the train station (please pre-book).

Summerfield Books will be here for lunch and will be staying all weekend.

12:00 Registration opens

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Afternoon Talks – Chair: Sue Townsend

Keynote: Plants United - Jonathan Mitchley/Sarah Dalrymple

14:15 FISC review - Sarah Whild

14:35 FSC Fold-Out Charts for botanists - Rebecca Farley

14:55 Creating ID resources - Ken Adams

15:15 Atlas 2020: the final countdown – Pete Stroh

15:35 Afternoon tea

16:00 – 17:15 Choose one of four workshops:

- Recording Brambles - David Earl
- Recording Dandelions for beginners - Tim Rich
- Recording Docks (and a recap on Willow-herbs) - Geoffrey Kitchener
- Identifying Duckweeds: Fred Rumsey

17:15 Questions and summing up – Chaired by Sue Townsend

17:50 Bar Opens

18:30 Evening Meal

19:30 Bar Opens

Summerfield Books – opportunity to browse

Evening workshops or informal drop-in sessions:

- Aliens – Mark Duffell
- Vegetative ID – John Poland
- Conifers (*Abies* and 3/5-needled pines) – Matt Parratt TBC
- Roses –bring your specimens along for Referee Roger Maskew to ID
- Looking beyond Atlas 2020: what comes next? – informal drop-in session with BSBI President Chris Metherell

Saturday 13th October

09:30 Networking/ Summerfield Books

10:00 Talks begin – Sue Townsend in the Chair

10:10 A new look at lateral keys – Matt Parratt TBC

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11:00 Coffee

11:30 iRECORD to share and retrieve records - Oli Pescott

12:00 Some new Gentianaceae taxa - Tim Rich & Andy McVeigh

12:30 LUNCH

13:45 Recruiting new referees - Jeremy Ison

14:00 Dealing with the deluge: citizen science and the recorder – Geoffrey Hall

14:15 to 15:30 Seven workshops.....choose any two – change-over after afternoon tea

15:30 - 1600 afternoon tea

16:00 - 17:15 workshops:

- Identifying Grasses (for beginners and improvers): Jonathan Mitchley/ Sarah Whild
- Identifying Oraches OR Violets (depending on the season!): Paul Green TBC
- Identifying early Umbellifers: John Handley
- Plant pressing –Mark Carine TBC & Fred Rumsey
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Sunday 14th October

We are offering both outdoor and indoor options – no need to book in advance - you can decide once we've seen a weather forecast!

Field Trip:

This will focus on tree ID – native and alien, coniferous and deciduous, with and without leaves. John Poland will lead and we hope that he will be joined by Matt Parratt (TBC). We will visit a local site (location TBC) that gives us a wide range of trees to ID. A chance to road-test the new Twig Key alongside more traditional methods of tree ID.

Indoor options:

- Looking beyond Atlas 2020: what comes next? – drop-in session with BSBI President Chris Metherell
- Aliens workshop with Mark Duffell (final chance!)

Meet up back at FSC Preston Montford for lunch at 12.30 (if pre-booked).

Conference ends after lunch.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the Recorders' Conference, please don't hesitate to email the Organising Team – Ellen, Ciara and Louise – at this address: reconf@bsbi.org