**Last four meetings of the KBG for 2018**

**31st Aug Cairnsmore of Fleet NNR**(NX 5464/5564) when we aim to explore some crags for upland species such as juniper, roseroot, etc - rough ground and a small climb in altitude. South part of VC. Meet at SNH car park (NX 554 637) Dromore.

**15th Sept  Loch Skerrow** (NX 6470/6570) and **Loch Stroan** (NX 6068), a relatively flat walk of several km on a long-disused rail line. General recording including aquatics.  Huge population of moonwort discovered here in 2017 and again in 2018. Central part of VC.  Meet at Loch Stroan (NX 648 700), approached along the FCS Raiders Road from Mossdale on the A713. There is a charge to use the forest road (£3?).

**28th Sept  Heart and Newlaw Mosses** **SSSIs** (NX 7647 & NX 7347), both wet mires with one definitely having the rare marsh fern and the other with a dubious record of the same species. To record the status of the fern and compile a list of all species on the two sites.  South part of VC. Meet at the layby on the A711 at NX 774 488 (information point).

**13th Oct  Stroanfreggan** (NX 6391/6392), part on the Southern Upland Way, looking at mire vegetation and searching a nearby crag.  There was a suspect record for Scottish asphodel (way, way south of its known range) some years back which needs following up. North part of VC. Meet at NX640 916 on the B729.

All meetings start at 10 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. Lunch and suitable outdoor gear needed. All are welcome.