



2018 BSBI ANNUAL EXHIBITION MEETING AND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 17th November 2018, 10:30-17:00

Faculty of Health & Social Care, Edge Hill University,
St Helens Road, Ormskirk, Lancs. L39 4QP

Everyone is welcome at the BSBI Annual Exhibition Meeting. You don't have to be a BSBI member or an expert botanist, and you don't necessarily have to book in advance, although it helps if we know who is coming so we can make you a name-badge! We particularly welcome Edge Hill University Biology/ Plant Sciences students and would like to thank the University for hosting this Meeting.

Exhibits: We welcome exhibits on any aspect of the British or Irish flora, especially from first-time exhibitors. Please use the online booking facility or the print booking form to state your requirements.

Book-sellers: Both Summerfield Books and Acanthophyllum Books will be present so there will be a wide selection of natural history books for sale, including rare and second-hand books, many with reduced prices for BSBI members. A range of hand-lenses will also be available for sale.

Identification Help Table/John Poland's Vegetative ID Table: Please bring along any live or pressed specimens you find difficult to identify. Challenge some of the best botanists in the country!

Behind the scenes at Edge Hill University: guided tours: Visitors will be offered the chance to visit the newly opened Tech Hub with its state-of-the-art DNA, microbiology and cell culture facilities plus the recently developed plant physiology research lab. The Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) will also be up and running with some plant material available to view. If you would like to join one of the guided tours, you'll need to book in advance (online if possible please). Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Getting to the Meeting: For detailed instructions of how to get here by road or rail, please see the University's website: <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/location/>
Free parking spaces for delegates will be available c700m from the venue, which will be clearly sign-posted: just follow the purple flags!

Accommodation in the area: For those wishing to stay overnight on Friday and/ or Saturday, a list of local accommodation options has been put together for us by Edge Hill University and is available on the BSBI website at <https://bsbi.org/annual-exhibition-meeting>

Refreshments: Attendees can use the University's caf  s and restaurants to purchase refreshments or they can bring their own lunch and eat it in the Garden Room inside the Faculty of Health & Social Care.

Options include:

- The caf   inside the Faculty of Health & Social Care is being opened from 10:00 to 15:30 for our use; it sells hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and cold snacks.
- There's a range of other places to eat on campus, serving hot meals as well as drinks and snacks; they will be open on the day: <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/food/where-to-eat/>

Botany at Edge Hill University: Head of Biology, Prof Paul Ashton says "Biology at Edge Hill University covers the full range of the subject with degrees from the molecular through to the ecological. Botany has always been a part of the department as we have maintained traditional skills in identification and field work. Adding the modern molecular side to that approach allowed us to develop a degree in Plant Sciences, which had its first intake this autumn". BSBI looks forward to meeting Edge Hill University students at this Annual Exhibition Meeting, which will showcase BSBI's long history of support for the next generation of botanists and plant scientists.

Wi-fi Internet access: This is available to everyone attending the Exhibition Meeting via either The Cloud or (for those from participating institutions) via Eduroam. Further details will be sent to you once you have booked.

Photographs and video streaming: Please note that we request permission to take photographs of botanists viewing the AEM exhibits for publicity purposes. We are also hoping to pilot a project to video and live-stream some of the AEM talks. Please let us know when you sign in if you do not wish to be included in any such photographs or videos. We also encourage you to take photographs at the event and will set up a Dropbox folder where these can be shared – we'll send you the link when you book.

Social media: If you use Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, we would encourage you to take photographs of the meeting and share them using the hashtag [#BSBIexhibitionMeeting](#) where you can also see posts about last year's Exhibition Meeting. If you email us at meetings@bsbi.org and let us know your handle, we'll be able to follow you back.

After the Exhibition Meeting: There won't be a formal dinner afterwards but we are looking at reserving a room at a local pub/ restaurant so there will be the option to go for a drink and/ or a bite to eat together before we head home. We'll send you details once you've booked but you may want to bear this suggestion in mind when arranging transport.