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BSBI: Who We Are and What We Do

The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland is for everyone who is interested in the wild plants of Britain and Ireland. We have welcomed both professional and amateur members since 1836, and the society remains the biggest and most active organisation devoted to the study of botany in Britain, Ireland, the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man.

BSBI's objectives are to:

- promote the study, understanding and enjoyment of British and Irish wild plants and stoneworts;
- support, encourage and participate in research into the taxonomy, ecology, biogeography and conservation of the British and Irish flora; and
- co-operate with Continental and other botanists in matters of mutual interest and concern.

BSBI has a long and influential publications history, including plant distribution Atlases and ID Handbooks. Our research, training and outreach programmes benefit botanists across Britain and Ireland, whether beginners or experts.

BSBI pioneers new approaches to data collection and distribution mapping, and has become one of the world's largest contributors of biological records. BSBI's distribution

mapping projects record new plant arrivals and changes in the distributions of both native and non-native plants.

These achievements are only possible thanks to our many volunteer members, whose records are validated by BSBI's network of almost 200 volunteer County Recorders and more than 100 specialist Referees, and to our voluntary officers, committee members and trustees, who are responsible for the governance of the society.

BSBI has a team of eleven paid staff who support our volunteers and keep the society active and functioning smoothly. This Annual Review includes messages and updates from many of these staff members and volunteer officers, telling you about our activities and achievements during 2017-8, starting with a message from BSBI President Chris Metherell.

Message from the President

“This Annual Review provides a summary of our activities during the year; I must however single out one or two for particular notice here.”

Atlas2020 monitoring has been a huge task likened by many to climbing a mountain and a rather high peak at that! In 2019 we shall be on the final slope to the summit: an achievement made possible by the dedication of BSBI volunteers and supporters who have gathered the millions of records of the British and Irish flora required. The challenge then will be to make the results of all that hard labour available. It will be our chance to show the world just what the BSBI has achieved. We should also remember that it is not only the volunteers who have contributed to this monumental task. It is right that we should also record our thanks to our dedicated team of paid staff who support our volunteers and ensure that the society runs smoothly and effectively, and of course to partners and others who provide funding elements to help us achieve our goals.

Andrew Branson has done a superb job in developing a new chapter in the life of *BSBI*

News and his efforts have won virtual universal praise. It is a great tribute to former editors Gwynn Ellis and Trevor James, who ran *BSBI News* for so many years, that their work proved to be such a solid foundation on which to build for the future. Changing times have also led to the cessation of the *New Journal of Botany* but its new electronic incarnation will be on our screens in due course.

Opportunities occasionally arise when one feels that it is possible to make a real difference. The conclusion of the monitoring phase of the Atlas2020 project provides just such a chance. What shall we do next? A group set up under the chairmanship of Robert Northridge has been consulting widely on this issue and a plan should be in place by the beginning of 2019 setting out the direction in which BSBI science should be proceeding for several years hence”.



BSBI President Chris Methereil working on his key to eyebrights



BSBI: Staff, Science and Projects

With 11 full-time or part-time staff, we have been able to provide more effective support to our members and ensure efficient management of the society and its finances.

BSBI Staff:

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| Jane Houldsworth | Head of Operations |
| Kevin Walker | Head of Science |
| Bob Ellis | Projects Officer (to August 2017) |
| Paul Green | Welsh Officer (from October 2017) |
| Gwynn Ellis | Membership Secretary |
| Julie Etherington | Finance Manager |
| Tom Humphrey | Database Officer |
| Maria Long | Irish Officer |
| Louise Marsh | Communications Officer |
| Jim McIntosh | Scottish Officer |
| Polly Spencer-Vellacott | Welsh Officer (to October 2017) |
| Peter Stroh | Scientific Officer |

As ever, a dedicated team of recorders, supported by BSBI staff and officers, continued to provide data of the highest quality, vital for achieving our scientific and conservation objectives. We have also forged partnerships with other organisations to launch new projects to deepen our understanding of changes in our flora. This year's achievements include:

Atlas 2020

Recording effort notched up another gear in 2017 in anticipation of the next Atlas, with national and local field meetings held across Britain and Ireland. Atlas 2020 coverage maps were prepared quarterly for every county in Britain and Ireland, and were disseminated via BSBI's Country Officers. Our network of County Recorders continued to do a splendid job recording, collating and uploading data collected by volunteers throughout Britain and

Ireland. Plans were firmed up for Atlas 2020 outputs: a book and online maps with edited captions and statistical analyses of how our flora has changed since the last Atlas (published in 2002).

www.bsbi.org/atlas-2020

National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS)

BSBI worked throughout the year alongside partners from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology and Plantlife to deliver this scheme, launched in March 2015 with funding from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. The NPMS enables volunteers at all skill levels to get involved in recording and BSBI has been leading on methodology and assessment of the results, as well as providing training in identification skills and promoting the scheme via social media. The NPMS aims to provide quantitative data on the status of widespread plants and the habitats on which they depend.

www.bsbi.org/npms

Species Accounts

By March 2018, 84 Species Accounts had been made available via the website, providing another valuable resource for botanists.

www.bsbi.org/species-accounts

BSBI Database (DDb)

Supported by our members' recording activity, our in-house Database of plant records has continued to expand. More than 4.4 million records were added during the year ending March 2018, taking the total to more than 39,000,000. The Database supports the ongoing recording and validation work for Atlas 2020 and provides external users with

reliable data for academic research, land management and conservation uses. Over the past year hundreds of people or organisations have continued to access the Database directly, alongside many others who made one-off requests for BSBI data.

In recognition of his work setting up and running the Database, the 2017 Presidents' Award was presented to our Database Officer

Tom Humphrey. The Award is made after consultation by the Presidents of both the BSBI and the Wild Flower Society and aims to acknowledge the year's most significant contribution to the understanding of the flowering plants and ferns of Britain and Ireland.

www.bsbi.org/presidents-prize

Globeflower (*Trollius europaeus*) in Teesdale



Training and Education

BSBI awarded 25 training grants in 2017 and 3 Plant Study Grants, and we continued to support the FSC Young Darwin Scholarships.

Our Training & Education Committee worked with the Communications Officer to promote BSBI training opportunities and successes via social media. We were also able to bring successful grant applicants into the fold, by offering each of them a guest spot on the BSBI News & Views blog and inviting them to attend, and/or exhibit at, the society's Annual Exhibition Meeting.

The Identiplant on-line plant identification course, supported by BSBI and the Field Studies Council, went from strength to strength and is rapidly becoming the "go to course" for new botanists.

Field Identification Skills Certificates (FISCs) ran in Leicester, Kent and Shrewsbury and we were delighted that all were fully subscribed. Most participants were consultants who use their FISC grade as an endorsement of their botanical field skills – a useful personal marketing tool in the jobs market, and one that an increasing number of employers are calling for – but FISCs are open

to anyone to take, whether amateur or professional botanists, beginners, improvers or experts. We also ran FISCs at several locations across England for staff at Natural England, who have adopted FISCs as their industry standard in assessing botanical field skills.

In October 2017, our 'Training the Trainers' event, aimed at supporting, enthusing and informing anyone involved in botanical training, attracted more than 40 participants. It featured a range of resources, from ID tips and mnemonics for teaching absolute beginners to exercises aimed at helping university lecturers in plant science deal with feedback. Presentations were shared on a new page on the BSBI website. www.bsbi.org/training-the-trainers

In January 2018 Byron's Gin was launched, using botanicals selected by one of BSBI's County Recorders; for every bottle sold, a contribution will be made to BSBI's Training and Education programme. www.bsbi.org/byrons-gin

Training the Trainers



Encouraging an Interest in Plants

In 2017 we again offered a varied programme of field meetings and indoor events, encompassing the whole of BSBI's geography and offering botanists at all skill levels opportunities for recording, training, networking and contributing to botanical research.

Volunteers from BSBI's Meetings & Communications Committee including Hon. Field Meetings Secretary Jon Shanklin worked in conjunction with country officers, local volunteers and the Training & Education Committee to deliver this programme. Meetings ranged from day-long excursions to week-long residential events and, while Atlas 2020 was the main focus, training meetings were also offered for both beginners and the more experienced botanist. Many thanks are due to all who contributed to making the 2017 programme such a success.

At national level, our 2017 Annual Summer Meeting, based in Flintshire and combined with the Welsh AGM, proved a great success, attracting 50 participants who enjoyed six training workshops, evening talks and a range of fieldtrips, on which they logged 7,400 records of 836 species. The BSBI Annual Exhibition Meeting, held at the Natural History Museum, London, saw the highest ever attendance (237 visitors) and social media platforms enabled hundreds more people to follow and comment on the day's activities. The Scottish Annual Meeting also attracted its highest ever number of visitors, with 150 participants, making it probably the biggest meeting of botanists in Scotland – ever! Presentations from these two indoor meetings were made available on the BSBI website.

During the period under review, 49 field meetings took place at locations around the four countries of the BSBI, across Britain and Ireland, as well as:

- ten training meetings and workshops on the identification of challenging plant groups:

- eyebrights, dandelions, sedges, ferns, brambles, roses and oraches; and on plant families, botanical keys, and using the BSBI Database;

- five longer residential Atlas 2020 recording meetings based at Glynhir and Caerleon (Wales), Kerry (Ireland), and Argyll and West Ross (Scotland).

England

National field meetings were held across England, from Hampshire to Cumbria and from Norfolk to Shropshire. These were complemented by meetings organised by the growing network of local recording groups and promoted via the BSBI website and social media. All skill levels, from beginner to expert, were catered for.

Wales

Polly Spencer-Vellacott stepped down as Welsh Officer and handed over to Paul Green in October 2017.

Twelve meetings were spread over the whole of Wales from Freshwater West, Pembrokeshire on the coast in the very southwest corner, to the 55th Welsh AGM held in Flintshire, in the far northeast. A winter twig identification day in January, led by John Poland, was very popular and helped trial his forthcoming *Field Key to Winter Twigs*. County Recorders also held many meetings for Atlas 2020 recording with their local groups.

Over 800,000 Welsh records were uploaded to the DDb during 2017, these included large backlogs from Breconshire, Carmarthenshire and Flintshire. 1558 'smarties' – unique hectad-taxon combinations – were made in Wales during 2017.

Encouraging an Interest in Plants (continued)

Two issues of the *Welsh Bulletin* were produced, including all the new Welsh Plant Records. Steph Tyler wrote an article on *Oenanthe silaifolia* (Narrow-leaved Water-dropwort), a new native species for Wales.

Eleven surveys of rare species in Wales were carried out by the Welsh Officer, with 18 BSBI members helping to survey *Antennaria dioica* (Mountain Everlasting), *Bupleurum tenuissimum* (Slender Hare's-ear), *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Narrow-leaved Helleborine), *Rosa agrestis* (Small-leaved Sweet-briar) and *Trollius europaeus* (Globeflower).

Ireland

With the conclusion of Atlas 2020 in sight, Irish recorders have had an exceptionally busy year in 2017, with over 230,000 records digitised and uploaded to the DDb. County Recorders were kept updated with hectad coverage in Ireland, resulting in far better coverage at the close of 2017, and a well-attended County Recorders' day held at the Botanic Gardens in October 2017 facilitated positive discussions on progress towards Atlas 2020; participants also enjoyed workshops on Polypodiums and Database validation.

Thirteen field meetings were held throughout the year to target under-recorded areas and training workshops were held on Atriplex and Using Botanical Keys. The main recording

event was held in June on the stunning Dingle peninsula, Co. Kerry, where more than 45 participants collected more than 5,700 records in remote hectads. The Rough Crew programme worked in tandem with the field meetings calendar to give more adventurous members the chance to botanise at less accessible altitudes, while the growing number of local groups around the country offered another opportunity to learn at a more relaxed pace. The Irish Field Meetings Secretary made a conservative estimate that over 13,000 plant records were collected at field trips across Ireland in 2017.

The Irish BSBI Conference held at the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin in March was well attended, with more than 70 attendees enjoying talks on D. A. Webb, Rough Crew Adventures, information on identifying aquatic plants, Veronica and Juncus identification tips, as well as a number of flash talks. Presentations were made available to all via the new Irish Conferences webpage.

www.bsbi.org/irish-conference

The BSBI Ireland Autumn Meeting 2017 in Co. Armagh was also a huge success and featured talks, a Willow Workshop and a fieldtrip the following day to Carlingford Lough to look at Atriplex and Salicornia.

Scotland

Scottish recorders had a very busy year in 2017: over 260,000 records were collected,

Botanists in a field of Yellow-rattle at the 2017 Summer Meeting





Mike Porter leads a Viola workshop at the Irish Spring Conference 2018

digitised and uploaded – many were collected during the 13 field meetings held in Scotland. Twenty-six recorders enjoyed a very successful residential weekend Recording Workshop at Kindrogan FSC, with sessions on progress with Atlas 2020, data validation, MapMate and making our data public.

The Rough Crew was also launched in Scotland – a small group of intrepid botanists had a great recording weekend in a remote (but deluxe) bothy in Glen Affric thanks to Adam Fraser & Trees for Life.

Training events in Scotland ranged from 36 complete beginners participating enthusiastically in two one-day Plant Family Workshops and follow-up field days, led by Faith Anstey, to six training mini-workshops held at the BSBI Scottish Annual Meeting in November – 116 members participated in this mass training event! Specialist training events included workshops on identifying and recording Dandelions in May 2017, and another for beginners on Roses and Brambles in September 2017.

The highlight of the year was making five million Scottish BSBI records publicly available on the NBN Atlas Scotland: a great step

forward in making our data freely available to conservationists, researchers, land managers – and to fellow botanists!

BSBI website

The BSBI website attracted more than 325,000 page-views during the period under review; the homepage and the Maps page were still our most popular pages but the Local Botany page proved increasingly popular. The greatest traffic (4665 page-views) was to the New Year Plant Hunt page during the period 31st December 2017 – 2nd January 2018.

Our booklet *So You Want to Know Your Plants*, a guide to getting started in plant identification produced by the Training & Education Committee, was the most popular download from the website, being downloaded more than 6,000 times by the end of March 2018. Philip Oswald's review of field ID keys currently in print remained very popular, especially among beginner botanists, as did the revised BSBI Code of Conduct, written by Sarah Whild and Fred Rumsey – it was downloaded more than 1500 times between November 2017 and the end of March 2018.

Spreading the word

We continued to build on our communications strategy of seeking out low-cost but effective ways to raise BSBI's profile. We focused on harnessing the power of social media, building up our network of media contacts and providing display material for volunteers attending national conferences and local and regional recording events and Bioblitzes.

Our network of local recording groups continued to flourish in 2017-8, with an increasing number of local groups having their own webpages hosted by or accessible via the BSBI website. Some groups also set up their own blogs and social media platforms to keep local botanists updated on activities and resources in their area.

The BSBI News & Views blog continued to attract a wide readership, with an average of more than 400 visits each day. Increasingly, posts were provided by County Recorders, local group administrators, staff, volunteer officers and "ordinary members" across Britain and Ireland, offering them all a chance to share the latest news about BSBI projects, reports on national events and local activities, and links to plant ID resources. By the end of March 2018, blogs by 68 BSBI members were also listed on the News & Views blog.

www.bsbi.org/news-views

We continued to build our social media profile and by the end of March 2018, more than 18,000 organisations and individuals were using the BSBI Twitter account to keep up with the latest botanical news from BSBI and partner organisations. Regular promotions such as the weekly #wildflowerhour helped new audiences take their first steps in plant identification, with BSBI staff and members leading the way in sharing photographs, offering ID tips and pointing people to further sources of information about plant distributions. Our Facebook pages also continued to attract interest and helped us reach different audiences.

[www.twitter.com/BSBIbotany](https://twitter.com/BSBIbotany)

www.facebook.com/BSBI2011

www.facebook.com/IrishSectionBSBI/

With the help of volunteers Ellen Goddard, Richard Mabbutt, Ciara Sugrue and Joanna Wright working alongside Head of Science Kevin Walker, Communications Officer Louise Marsh and Database Officer Tom Humphrey, our seventh New Year Plant Hunt in January 2018 was the most successful yet. More than 700 families, individuals or recording groups used our on-line recording form (either in the field via their smartphones or once home on their computers) to submit almost 10,000 records from across Britain and Ireland. They recorded a total of 532 wild or naturalised plant species or cultivars in bloom during the New Year holiday. Our increasingly popular social media platforms and growing network of print and broadcast media contacts made it easier than ever to publicise our activities and we were able to achieve widespread media coverage in both Britain and Ireland, engaging and enthusing new audiences. Two New Year Plant Hunts in Leicestershire (one rural, one urban) were broadcast on BBC1's popular 'Countryfile' programme; and Communications Officer Louise Marsh and local plant-hunters were interviewed about the Hunt.

www.bsbi.org/new-year-plant-hunt

BSBI membership continued on an upward trend, with an overall increase of c5% during the period under review, and an increase of more than 20% in the Republic of Ireland. We are very grateful to the many volunteers across Britain and Ireland who contributed their time and enthusiasm to join in activities such as the New Year Plant Hunt and #wildflowerhour.

Botanical Publications

Books

Two important new titles were added to BSBI's publications portfolio during the period under review. The first print run of *Threatened Plants in Britain and Ireland* by Kevin Walker, Pete Stroh and Bob Ellis was published in November 2017 and sold out within a few weeks. The book was based on survey work carried out over five years by more than 800 BSBI members during the Threatened Plants Project and considered the fortunes of 50 British wild flowers. As the year drew to a close we also published *The Discovery of the Native Flora of Britain & Ireland* by David Pearman. The book comprised accounts of the first records of 1670 taxa, supplemented by appendices covering historic Floras, periodicals and books on the history of botany.

Work continued apace on a Handbook for *Alchemilla* (Lady's-mantles) and the long-awaited Handbook for *Euphrasia* (Eyebrights) went to press in March 2018. *A Flora of Sussex*, which benefited from a BSBI grant, was also published in the period under review.

Periodicals

Under Ian Denholm's skilful editorship, the final volume of our scientific journal *New Journal of Botany* featured 17 scientific papers and two short notes from north-west

European authors, alongside Book Reviews and Plant Records. Steps were taken towards the launch of a new platform, *British & Irish Botany*, in autumn 2018. BSBI's membership newsletter, *BSBI News*, was refreshed in September under new editorship and with a new look, featuring full colour throughout and more content aimed at beginner and improver botanists, while still serving the needs of members with more advanced botanical skills.

The *BSBI Yearbooks* for 2017 and for 2018 contained information about BSBI and its officers, committees, vice-county recorders and referees, as well as comprehensive field meeting reports and obituaries. *BSBI eNews*, the monthly Recorder & Referee support newsletter edited by Jim McIntosh, BSBI Scottish Officer, and available to all via the BSBI website, proved a popular addition to BSBI's publications portfolio.

Summerfield Books

Summerfield Books have been a regular exhibitor at all national Society events this year selling the latest botanical publications and continuing to expand their range of natural history titles, as well as field equipment. BSBI members receive a discount on all BSBI Handbooks and other selected titles. Visit www.summerfieldbooks.com for more details.

Ellen Goddard finds Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) flowering during the New Year Plant Hunt





Heath fragrant-orchid (*Gymnadenia borealis*)

Financial Report 31 March 2018

Treasurer's Report

BSBI's Summarised Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA), Balance Sheet and Notes thereto appear on the next two pages of this Annual Review.

As the Society edges closer to 200 years old, it continues to go from strength to strength. BSBI's relevance in the 21st century is as great as it ever was, evidenced by continued growth in membership attracted from all ages, areas and backgrounds.

For the year under review, the Board reports a Deficit for the Year of £49k (2017 Surplus; £37k) and Net Assets at year end of £954k (2017; £1,003k).

It is important to highlight that this year's Deficit belies a significant and very pleasing reduction in the underlying Operating Deficit from £146k in 2017 to £61k in 2018. This is the outcome from initiatives undertaken during the year to operate in an increasingly financially sustainable manner; an example of these successes is described in the paragraph below. Also, the Surplus in 2017 arose from an exceptionally high level of investment gains which, as expected, were not repeated in 2018. This year, Total Return on investments (net gains and income) was instead £35k (2017: £212k). As a percentage, this amounts to 3.9% (2017: 22.0%) Total Return on the average investment during the year and represents a return to a level that more accurately reflects a long-term average.

We reported here last year that BSBI planned to seek out new funding streams to mitigate the year on year reduction in funding from UK Central Government and its national agencies. To achieve this goal, BSBI engaged an external fundraising consultant for the first time in 2017 to explore opportunities for generating funds from alternative sources such as charitable trusts. This was a hugely successful foray, generating almost £40k income, all of which has been applied to BSBI's charitable purposes and in particular towards the costs of the Atlas 2020 project.

The Society continues to benefit from generous donations, some of which are given anonymously, and it expresses its grateful appreciation for all of them. One example of the wonderful generosity of

those supporting BSBI is a total donation of £30k from a single anonymous donor, half of which was received specifically for the cost of the BSBI Scottish Officer post.

Although we continue to promote tax efficient giving, the proportion of total income from member subscriptions and the related Gift Aid remained static at just over a quarter. Subscription rates also remain unchanged for a third consecutive year and, at £30 for an individual and against a backdrop of inflationary pressures, this represents excellent value.

As should be expected of a small charity, BSBI continues to direct the use of its financial resources with great care. It also derives considerable benefit from the time generously and freely given by its volunteers without whom it simply could not exist. With the continued commitment and devotion of its loyal membership and talented employees, the future outlook for BSBI in delivering its charitable activities is positive.

In summary, the Board is satisfied with the Society's performance, the progress made and outcomes delivered this year and with its financial position and the level of total reserves held at the end of the reporting period. Looking ahead, the Board feels the organisation is in good shape to face the future.

While the search for a Treasurer continues, the Board collectively and capably manages its financial affairs and future sustainability with the support of BSBI's Finance Manager. The Board of Trustees has therefore delegated authority for preparing this Report to the three undersigned Trustees.

Ian Denholm
Chair of the BSBI
Board of Trustees



Paul Bisson
Trustee



Alastair Fitter
Trustee



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| SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA) | Year ended 31 March 2018 | Year ended 31 March 2017 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | | |
| <i>Voluntary Income</i> | | |
| Subscriptions and Donations | 170,447 | 125,629 |
| Core Grants | 95,127 | 80,872 |
| Legacies | 2,000 | 5,577 |
| Investment Income | 32,972 | 38,896 |
| <i>Charitable Activities Income</i> | | |
| Botanical Survey and Interpretation | 58,251 | 44,122 |
| Botanical Education | 18,407 | 42,095 |
| Botanical Publications and Website | 23,846 | 22,396 |
| | 401,050 | 359,587 |
| Resources Expended | | |
| <i>Cost of Generating Funds</i> | | |
| Membership Administration, Publicity and Investment Management | 49,821 | 36,526 |
| <i>Charitable Activities Expenditure</i> | | |
| Botanical Survey and Interpretation | 259,933 | 266,051 |
| Botanical Education | 25,794 | 56,416 |
| Botanical Publications and Website | 76,742 | 93,034 |
| Governance Costs | 49,319 | 53,705 |
| | 461,609 | 505,732 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | | |
| Unrestricted Fund | (60,309) | (146,145) |
| Restricted Funds | (250) | 0 |
| Surplus (Deficit) before Gains (Losses) on Investments | (60,559) | (146,145) |
| Gains (Losses) on Investments | 11,159 | 182,662 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the Year | (49,400) | 36,517 |

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| SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET | Year ended | Year ended |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 31 March 2018 | 31 March 2017 |
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Investments at Market Value | 878,483 | 973,300 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Stocks | 23,954 | 24,480 |
| Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income | 40,784 | 61,534 |
| Cash at Bank | 121,494 | 81,040 |
| | 186,232 | 167,054 |
| Other Liabilities | | |
| Creditors, Accruals and Deferred Income | (110,796) | (137,035) |
| Net Assets | 953,919 | 1,003,319 |
| Funds | | |
| Unrestricted Fund | 948,193 | 997,409 |
| Restricted Funds | 5,726 | 5,910 |
| Total Funds | 953,919 | 1,003,319 |

Notes to the Summarised Accounts

The Summarised Accounts presented here are not the full Statutory Accounts.

The full statutory Annual Report and Accounts of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland for the year ended 31 March 2018, which have been approved by the Board of Trustees and have been subject to Independent Examination, will be filed with the Charity Regulators and at Companies House during October.

The full statutory Annual Report and Accounts can be downloaded from the 'About Us' page on the BSBI website and a paper copy can be supplied to any member of BSBI upon request. www.bsbi.org/about-bsbi

Thank You

The Society wishes to thank all those members who have served, both nationally and regionally, as officers, on committees, as 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 Referees, acknowledging the invaluable work they do and their huge contribution to BSBI's success.

Many of these volunteers have served for very many years, and, whilst these are only a selection, the society notes the sad deaths during the period covered by this review of Ken Beckett, Paddy Braithwaite, Ken Butler, Dalton Glendinning, R. B. Ivimey-Cook, Quentin Kay, Edmund Launert, Jane MacKintosh, Michael Proctor, Walter Scott and Cliff Townsend.

Without the contribution of all these volunteers, and our wider membership, the work of the Society would not have been possible.

BSBI gratefully acknowledges donations, legacies, grant funding and continued support from:

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National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin
National Parks and Wildlife Service
National University of Ireland, Galway
Natural England
Natural Environment Research Council
Natural History Museum, London
Natural Resources Wales
The Nineveh Charitable Trust
Peter Coxhead (deceased)
Plantlife
Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Sabina Sutherland Charitable Trust
Scottish Natural Heritage
Teagasc
Thriplow Charitable Trust
Wild Flower Society

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