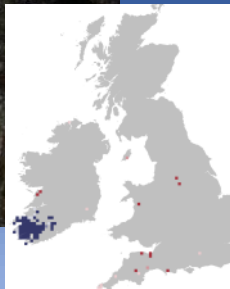


# The BSBI in Ireland



*Pinguicula grandiflora*,  
Large-flowered butterwort



Maria Long,  
BSBI Irish Officer

- New position,  
began Oct 2012
- Initially 2 days a week,  
now 3.2 (external  
funding for the 1.2!)

## KEY ROLES:

1. Support VCRs
2. Arrange training
3. Raise the profile of the  
organisation, and botany in general

# BSBI Irish Officer



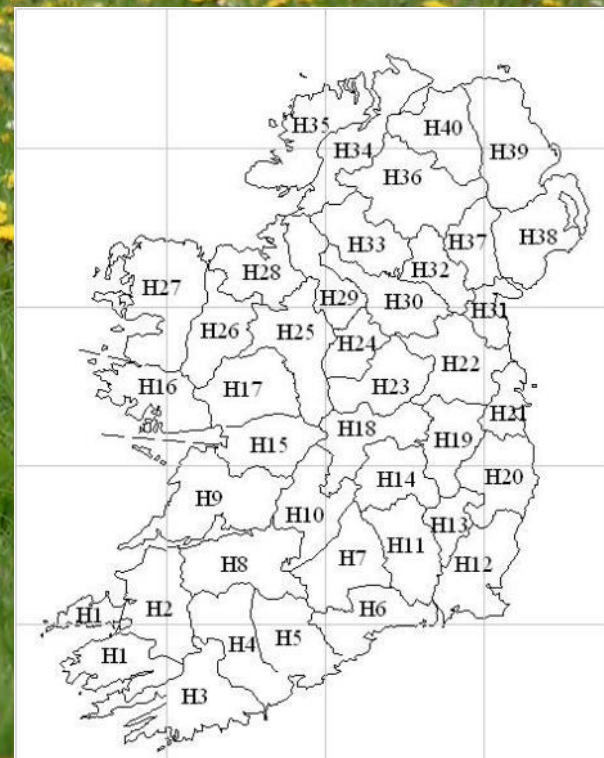
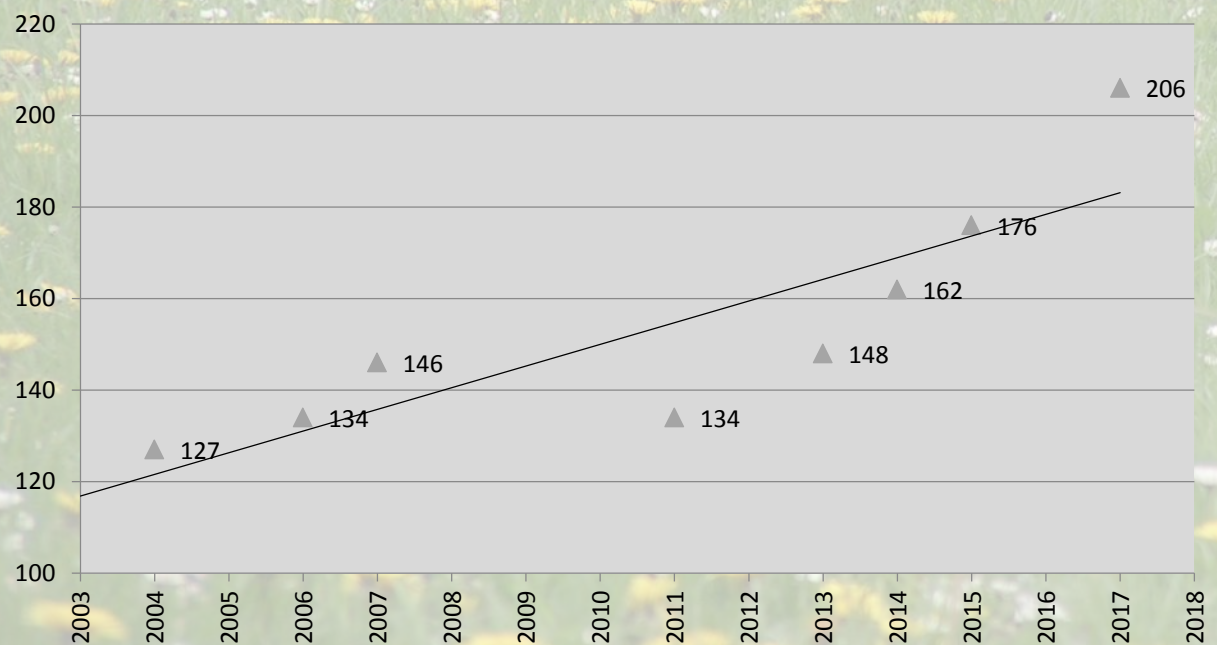
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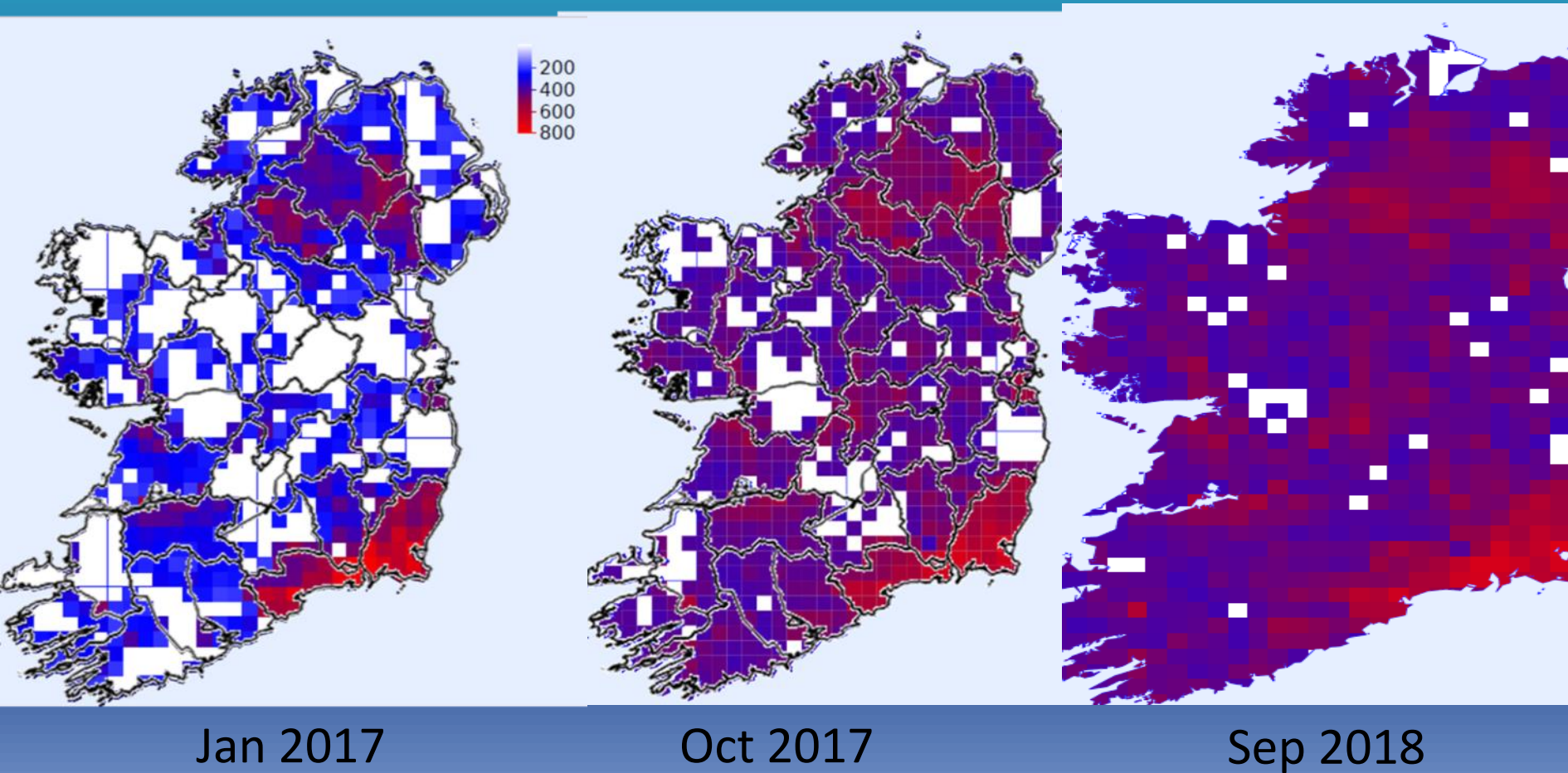
# BSBI members and recorders in Ireland

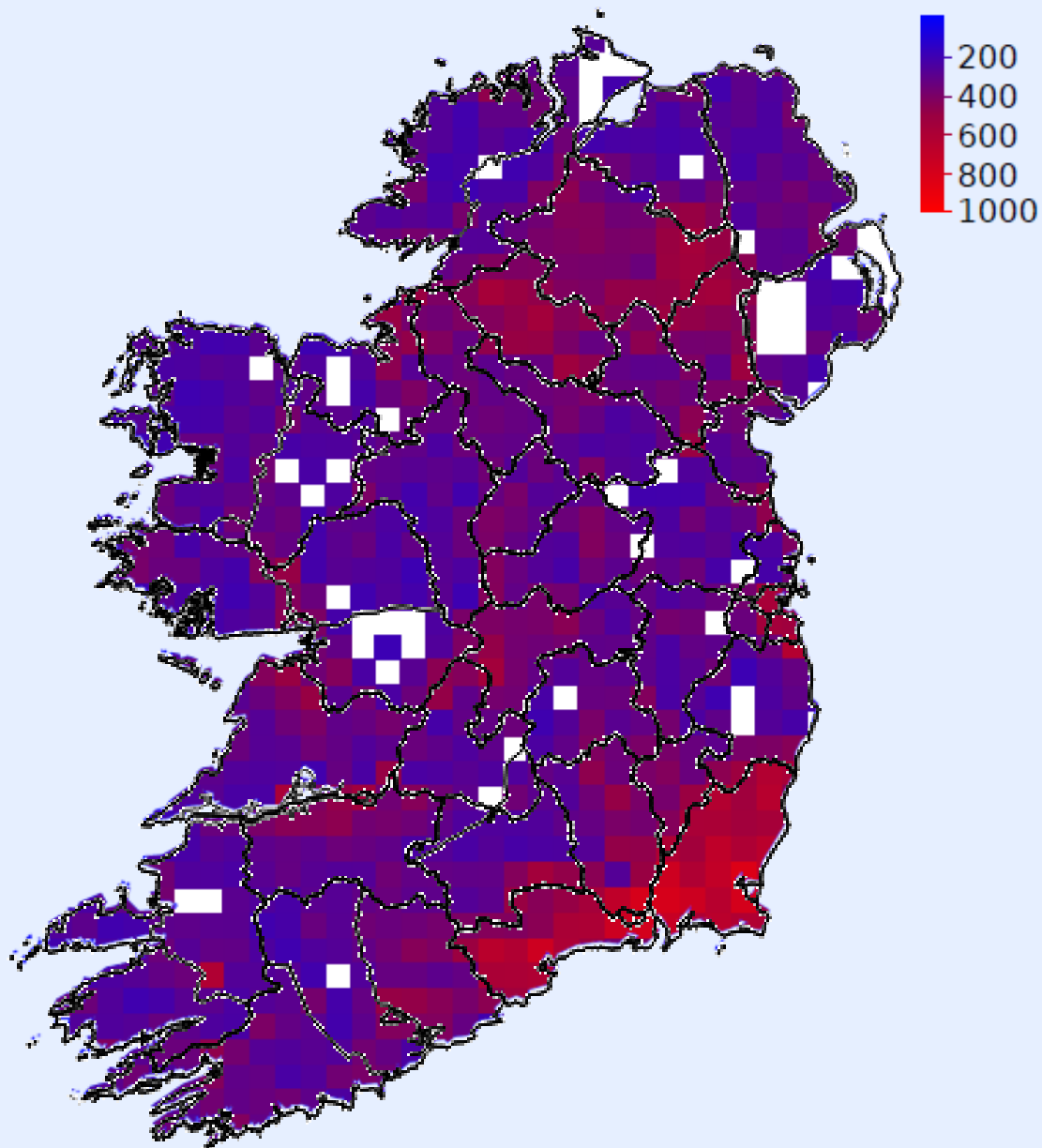
40 VCs, 2 countries  
46 VCRs, 224 members

**Number of BSBI members - Ireland  
2004 to 2017**



Hectads (10 km sqs) with <200 taxa recorded since 2000  
shown in white





## Reasons for success?

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- Social media
- I.O. position being a hub/focus
- Training, workshops
- Conferences
- Newsletters
- ... general sense of common purpose
- ... general sense of momentum



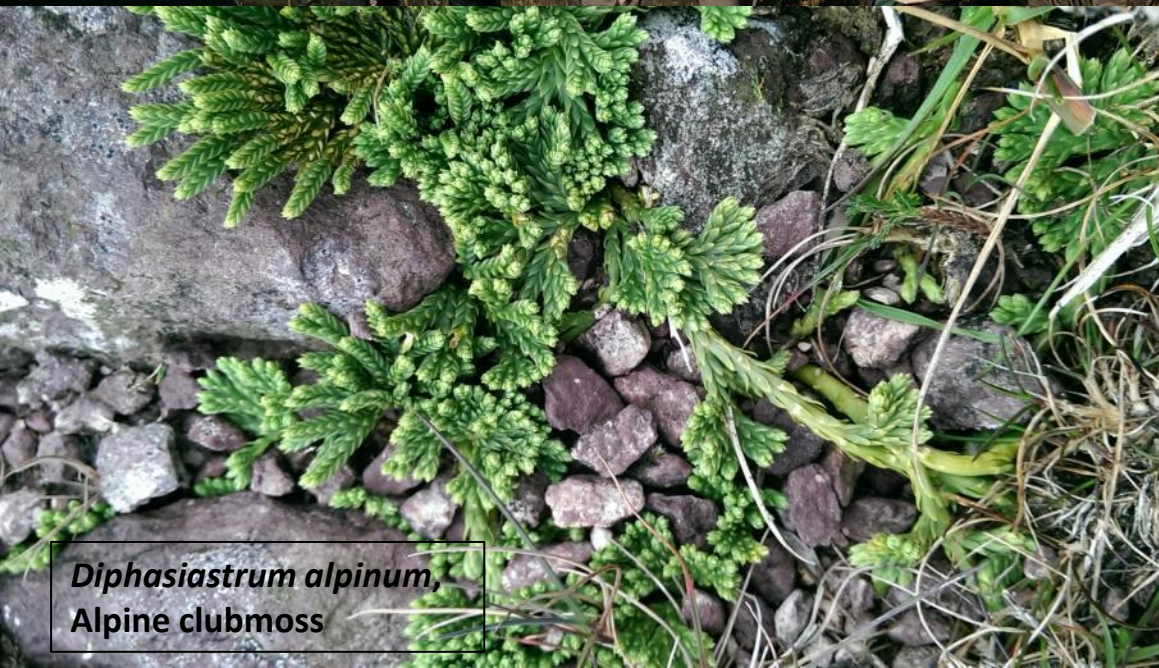


# The Rough Crew!

Photo: Oonagh Duggan







*Diphasiastrum alpinum*,  
Alpine clubmoss



*Minuartia recurva*,  
Recurved sandwort





Ph: Clare Heardman

# River deep, mountain high



Phs: Kate Marie O'Connor



Ph: Robert Northridge – gathered around *Salix herbacea*,  
dwarf willow





# Glorious lunch spots



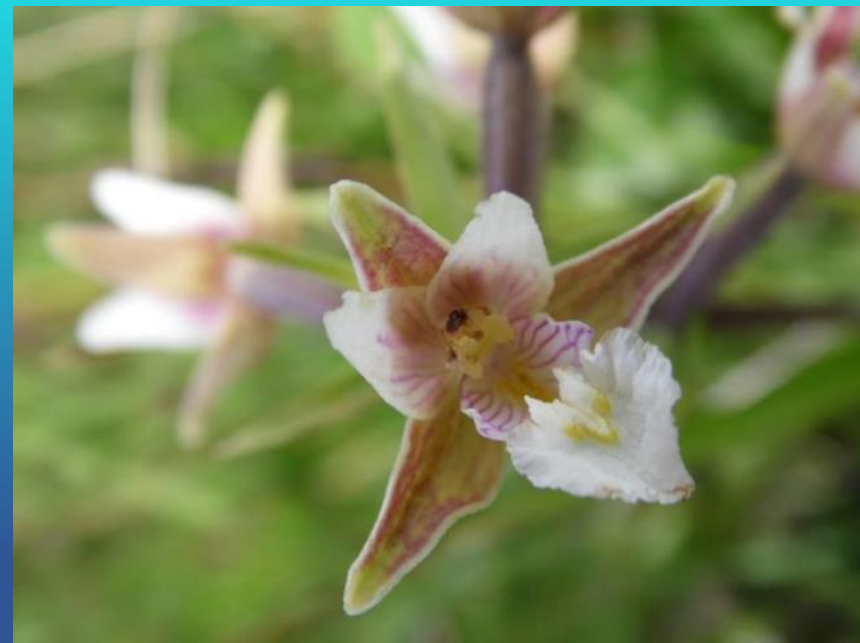
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# Kerry recording event

## Dingle peninsula

- 45 ppl took part over 5 days
- 3x events by I.O. for public
  - talk and two walks
- Main event recorded in ...
  - 17 different hectads (10x10 km sqs)
  - 74 different monads (1x1 km sqs)
- Working mostly in teams of 3 or 4, but sometimes larger, we made almost 6,000 records
- And importantly... we gave 45+ ppl positive exposure to botany and to the BSBI, as well as no small measure of botanical training



*Epipactis palustris*. Ph: Oisín Duffy





# Base camp, making plans



# Car park logistics 😊





# Working late into the night!









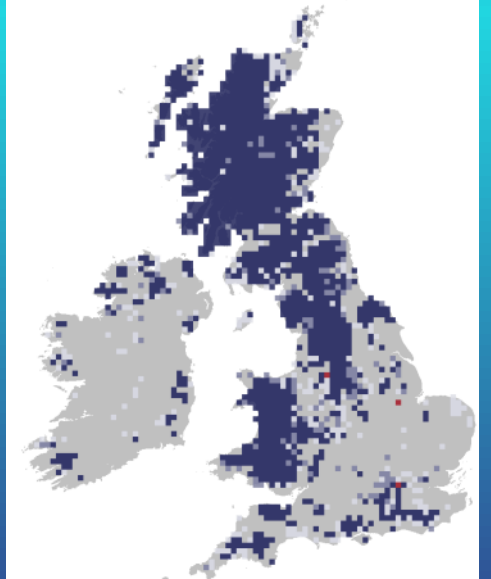
Large-flowered butterwort,  
*Pinguicula grandiflora*







Lemon-scented fern,  
*Oreopteris limbosperma*









New location for Killarney fern – *Trichomanes speciosum*







Mayo recording week 2018 – partly on Clare Island





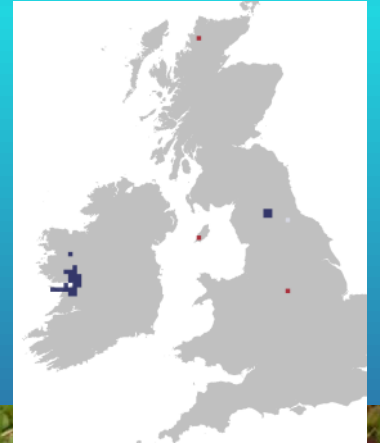
The daily commute,  
Clare Ireland



*Lycopodiella inundata*, Marsh clubmoss –  
a Flora (Protection) Order species in Rol, and known from  
only one site in NI







*Gentiana verna*, Spring gentian –  
at its most northerly site in  
Ireland





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Workshop on aquatic plant ID –  
jointly held with the National  
Biodiversity Data centre (NBDC)






# Results?

- Increased membership
- More younger people
- Vibrant online/social media community
- BSBI involved in relevant projects
  - e.g. Red list, submissions sought on developments, etc.
- Funding – ERG - CEDaR, NPWS, Heritage Council
- Atlas coverage progress
- Volunteer input outside of VCRs
- Partnerships and shared projects/events w NBDC, NPWS, CEDaR, etc.



# The challenges...

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- Atlas 2020 – rarities, aquatics, validation....
  - Training up the large groups of interested improvers
  - Continuing to keep momentum after Atlas
  - Developing social media and other communications and keeping up with the (digital) times...
    - app development, online data entry, etc, etc.

# Thank you!

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