

Info Sheet for Herbarium Volunteers

Supplies:

These are suggestions, based on what we use in the Herbarium at the University of Leicester (LTR).

Here is the link for what we think is the best tape around at the moment and not too expensive:

[http://www.preservationequipment.com/Store/Products/Conservation-Materials/Tapes-\\$4-Labels/Gummed-Linen-Tape](http://www.preservationequipment.com/Store/Products/Conservation-Materials/Tapes-$4-Labels/Gummed-Linen-Tape)

There are several stockists of suitable paper:

<http://www.preservationequipment.com/Store/Products/Archival-Storage/Natural-History-Collection/Herbarium-Mounting-Paper> or

[http://www.universityproducts.com/cart.php?m=product_list&c=206&primary=1&parentId=&navTree\[\]=1278&navTree\[\]=1360&navTree\[\]=206](http://www.universityproducts.com/cart.php?m=product_list&c=206&primary=1&parentId=&navTree[]=1278&navTree[]=1360&navTree[]=206)

If you need a plant press, you could buy one or have a go at making your own:

<http://www.nhbs.com/browse/subject/575>

<http://www.watdon.co.uk/cgi-bin/sh000088.cgi?WD=plant%20press&PN=B305-botanical-press%2ehtml#SID=42>

Keeping specimens free from pests and diseases:

At LTR, we don't fumigate - we freeze our pressed specimens in a domestic freezer when they first come in and then on a regular, rolling basis, and are very strict about hygiene in the Herbarium - nobody is allowed to bring food into the Herbarium and muddy boots are also discouraged.