



Presidential address 2019  
Lynne Farrell – incoming President

BSBI:

What does it stand for and what does it mean?



- **B**- Botany ( Britain and Ireland)
- **S**- Science, Survey, Species, Sites, Special
- **B**- Broader, Better... and a bit more Botany!
- **I** – Inclusive, Informative, Influential, Interesting, Involvement  
( and Irish again!)

# A bit about me

- Born in Manchester
- Interested in plants from age 3
- First job as botanical assistant at Monks Wood, the Nature Conservancy
- Went to NUU, Coleraine, N. Ireland to do a degree in Biology
- Worked in Republic of Ireland for several years before returning to Monks Wood and the Biological Records Centre
- Joined BSBI in 1967

# Playing a part

- So, if someone from a background like this can end up as President, then everyone here can play a part
- I've been interviewed for the BSBI News & Views blog
- So if you want to know more about your new President...
- Take a look later this week: [www.bsbi.org/news-views](http://www.bsbi.org/news-views)

# Resilience Strategy

Being taken forward  
now and will be  
delivered in early 2020

At the beginning it's  
not quite clear where  
you are going or what  
is happening...





Then it becomes a little clearer...





Although you can continue discussing until  
the cows come home!





Whilst meandering around you come across some interesting items - plants and people





There can still  
be some  
confusion as to  
exactly which  
way to proceed



But eventually it becomes clearer...  
And you can start to celebrate





You can head off in the right direction





You can look forward into the future



# And finally achieve what you set out to do



- Recording my final tetrad on Mull VC 103



# Presidential role

- One of the roles is to listen to everyone, so please come and chat to me, or contact me about anything relevant to BSBI, ideas that you might have, and how you might like to play a part in the future
- You can email me here: [lynne.farrell@bsbi.org](mailto:lynne.farrell@bsbi.org)
- I'm going to be on Twitter (with a little help from the BSBI Comms Team) so watch out for tweets from #BSBIPresident
- Updates from the President in BSBI News, published in January, April and September each year (members-only – yet another good reason to join BSBI)



# A bit of light relief

- Sometimes we take things seriously but sometimes we need to take a lighter view. Here are a few 'rules' from the Botanical Society meetings of the 1800s.
- Do not turn up without plants
- Do not swear
- Do not steal specimens
- Do not arrive at meetings in an intoxicated state

# Forward in the right direction

- We have made progress from 1800s and the past can be informative

Let us see what we can achieve together for Botany and Plants throughout Britain and Ireland, and perhaps even further afield

Thanks for listening!