

Field Botany in vc99 - Dunbartonshire

Fieldwork Programme, 2022

Here is our programme for the first half of the 2022 season. You will receive updates as the programme evolves.

(Some events planned elsewhere, or by other organisations, may be included in italics for your interest. Further details of official BSBI events, such as Workshops, can be found on the BSBI website: we would encourage you to consider extending your plant knowledge in this way.)

We are hunting for 'new finds' (things not seen in a place before) and 're-finds' (things seen in a place before, but not recently).

We normally work in **monads** (i.e. single map squares). Map references for the monads we are targetting are shown (e.g. **NS4473**).

Some of the locations are remote, or suffer from restricted access or parking. It is therefore more important than ever that we know who will be present. If you wish to take part in any event, **please email or text Michael Philip at least 24 hours in advance**.

It would also be helpful for us to have confirmation of your mobile phone number, in case of any last-minute alterations or hitches.

Please take note of the start time: it varies from outing to outing, so do check!

Sometimes finding the meeting-place will require some navigation skills. The grid references below will be more accurate than the postcode/satnav method, especially in open countryside. Please allow enough time to arrive on time. We expect reasonable standards of time-keeping, only because latecomers hold back the group. If you know you're going to be late, please phone (the mobile number is given below).

Michael's car is a blue Honda Jazz and he wears a red jacket.

We recommend that you bring your own food and water with you (less crucial for afternoon or evening events).

Finally, please be aware that your participation in any of these events is at your own risk. We have indicated on the programme the kind of terrain to expect. Take precautions over clothing and equipment, and be sensible about steep or boggy ground, climbing gates or fences, and pacing yourself. If you feel uneasy about distance, terrain or time, please say so - we won't ask anyone to go beyond what they feel they can do.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
23rd April NS4473	Saturday all day	10.00	Bowling Meet 10am at public carpark in village Postcode: G60 5AZ Grid Ref: NS441737	A chance to look for early-season plants (roadsides, paths, shore)
30th April NS3885 NS3886	Saturday all day NS3985	10.00	Boturich and Knockour Wood Meet 10am at Balloch Castle Country Park (use main carpark and meet in front of Castle) Postcode: G83 8LX Grid Ref: NS391831	Very little recording done here before! (tracks, paths, woodland)
14th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	<i>BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)</i> <i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below)</i> <i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621461</i>
15th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh	<i>BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)</i> <i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below)</i> <i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/621498</i>
15th May NS5075	Sunday all day NS5076	10.00	Edinbarnet & West Muirhouses Meet 10am at Cochno Road carpark Postcode: G81 5QL Grid Ref: NS503740	An opportunity to build good lists (tracks, paths, open ground, wet areas)
21st May NN3400 NS3499	Saturday all day	10.00	Rubha Mór, Loch Lomond Meet 10am at Firkin Point Postcode: G83 7DL Grid Ref: NN338007	A walk along the shore of Loch Lomond (paths, woodland, wet areas, loch shore)

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28th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Kipperoch Road	A point-to-point walk from Dalmoak to Cardross (4km)
NS3577 NS3677	NS3777		Meet 10am at Cardross Station Postcode: G82 5NL Grid Ref: NS344773	(tracks, paths, open ground)

Please note: Cars should be parked at Cardross Station and participants will be driven to the start point. Advance booking essential to plan transport.

*28th May Saturday all day 10.00 River Tummel, near Ballinluig **BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)***

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8th June	Wednesday evening	18.00	Bellsmyre, Dumbarton	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS4076			Meet 6pm at small parking area, at junction of Valeview Terrace & Bellsmyre Avenue Postcode: G82 3BL Grid Ref: NS404770	(roads, paths, open ground)

12th June	Sunday all day	10.00	High Craigton, near Milngavie	Building on some previous recording work
NS5077 NS5177			Meet 10am at Hilton Park Golf Club (use lower carpark, far end) Postcode: G62 7HB Grid Ref: NS527776	(tracks, paths, moorland, steep ground, wet areas)

18th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Drumfad, Tom na h-Airidh (hills behind Helensburgh)	A fairly energetic walk, including open moorland
NS2985 NS2986			Meet 10am at carpark for The Hill House, Upper Colquhoun St, Helensburgh Postcode: G84 9AJ Grid Ref: NS300838	(tracks, paths, moorland, steep ground, wet areas)

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18th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Parkgate, Dumfries	BSBI Sedge & Rushes Workshop (fee charged)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on Sedge and Rush identification)				
Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/626299				
25th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Chatelherault Country Park, near Hamilton	BSBI Grasses Workshop (fee charged)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on Grass identification)				
Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/622039				
26th June	Sunday all day	10.00	Peaton Hill Nature Reserve	Our Project's first outing on the Rosneath peninsula
NS2286 NS2287			Meet 10am at the carpark (near highest point of Peaton Road) Postcode: G84 0QW Grid Ref: NS224867	(woodland, grassland, roadsides, cleared forest) (use grid ref: postcode is very approximate)
2nd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Glen Douglas to Arrochar	A point-to-point walk from Glen Douglas to Arrochar (4-5km) and exploration of west side of Tullich Hill (demanding terrain, with the option of track or hillsides)
NN2600 NN2700 NN2701	NN2800 NN2801 NN2802		Meet 10am Full details for the day, including parking arrangements, will be provided when you book.	
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Please note: This is a BSBI Field Meeting , bringing people from anywhere in the country. Advance booking is essential as logistics are complex. Also, please note that the Luss Highland Games is on this same day: traffic will therefore be busier than usual on Loch Lomondside!				
6th July	Wednesday evening	18.00	Dumbuck, Dumbarton	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS4174			Meet 6pm at Abbotsford Hotel Postcode: G82 2PJ Grid Ref: NS414751	(roads, paths, waste ground)

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<i>9th July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Barrhead or Lochwinnoch area</i>	<i>Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification</i> <i>(a one-day course on Bramble identification)</i>
<i>This is an informal BSBI Workshop: advance booking required (details on request)</i>				
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<i>23rd July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Ben Lawers, Perthshire</i>	<i>BSBI Training Field Meeting</i> <i>(fee charged)</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application) (Training, with an emphasis on Grasses, Sedges & Rushes)</i>				
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<i>6th August</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Kinghorn, Fife</i>	<i>BSBI Composites Workshop</i> <i>(fee charged)</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on identifying those yellow Dandelion-like plants that aren't Dandelions!)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/623636</i>				
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The Outings Programme for Dunbartonshire from early July until October will be published in early June.

If you wish to attend any of the BSBI events in italics, please follow the booking instructions and book early if you can.