

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. Details of official BSBI events, such as Workshops, can be found on the BSBI website.)

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. **NS3882**).

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 no less than 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	Saturday all day	10.00	Bowling	A chance to look for early-season plants
NS4473			Meet 10am at public carpark in village Postcode: G60 5AZ Grid Ref: NS441737	(roadsides, paths)
30th April	Saturday all day	10.00	Boturich and Knockour Wood	Very little recording done here before!
NS3885 NS3886	NS3985		Meet 10am at Balloch Castle Country Park (use main carpark and meet in front of Castle) Postcode: G83 8LX Grid Ref: NS391831	(tracks, paths, woodland)
15th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Edinbarnet & West Muirhouses	An opportunity to build good lists
NS5075	NS5076		Meet 10am at Cochno Road carpark Postcode: G81 5QL Grid Ref: NS503740	(tracks, paths, open ground, wet areas)
21st May	Saturday all day	10.00	Rubha Mór (near Firkin Point)	A walk along the shore of Loch Lomond
NN3400 NS3499			Meet 10am at Firkin Point carpark Postcode: G83 7DL Grid Ref: NN338007	(paths, woodland, wet areas, loch shore)
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)
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)

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12th June	Sunday all day	10.00	High Craigton, near Milngavie	Building on some previous recording work
NS5077 NS5177	NS5076 NS5176		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)
<i>18th June</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Dumfries</i>	<i>BSBI Sedge & Rushes Workshop (fee charged)</i>
			<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application)</i>	<i>(a one-day course on Sedge and Rush identification)</i>
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/626299</i>				
<i>25th June</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Chatelherault Country Park, near Hamilton</i>	<i>BSBI Grasses Workshop (fee charged)</i>
			<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application)</i>	<i>(a one-day course on Grass identification)</i>
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/622039</i>				
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)

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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)
NN2700 NN2701	NN2800 NN2801 NN2802	NN2902 NN2903	Meet 10am Full details for the day, including parking arrangements, will be provided when you book.	

Please note: This is a BSBI Field Meeting, bringing people from anywhere in the country. **Advance booking is essential as logistics are complex.**

*2nd July Saturday morning 10.00 online Workshop **An introduction to Narrow-leaved Pondweed ID***
This is an official BSBI Workshop: no charge, but online booking required (a one-hour workshop)
Booking now open at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/697946>

6th July Wednesday evening 18.00 Dumbuck, Dumbarton Recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS4174 Meet 6pm at Abbotsford Hotel (roads, paths, waste ground)
Postcode: **G82 2PJ** Grid Ref: **NS414751**

9th July Saturday all day 10.00 Lochwinnoch Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification
This is an informal BSBI Workshop: advance booking required (details from Michael on request) (a one-day course on Bramble identification)

10th July Sunday all day 10.00 Glen Finlas Scenic and under-recorded territory
NS3388 **NS3289** Meet 10am at large lay-by on northbound A82 (tracks, paths, moorland, steep ground, wet areas)
NS3389 (just north of entrance to Cameron Club)
Postcode: **G83 8RF** Grid Ref: **NS353861**

*21st July Thursday evening 19.00 online Workshop **An introduction to Bladderwort and Water-milfoil ID***
This is an official BSBI Workshop: no charge, but online booking required (a one-hour workshop)
Booking now open at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/697946>

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23rd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Auchendennan Muir	Two completely unrecorded monads
NS3582 NS3682			Meet 10am at Loch Lomond Shores carpark Postcode: G83 8QL Grid Ref: NS382819	(tracks, moorland, rough ground, woodland, wet areas)
6th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Loch Sloy dam	Expedition to re-find previous records, mostly from 1980
NN2810 NN2811			Meet 10am at Inveruglas Visitor Centre Postcode: G83 7DP Grid Ref: NN323098	(tracks, paths, moorland, rough steep ground, wet areas)
14th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Glen Loin	A point-to-point walk from Arrochar to Inveruglas (7-8km)
NN3005 NN3006	NN3007 NN3008		Meet 10am at Inveruglas Visitor Centre Postcode: G83 7DP Grid Ref: NN323098	(unusually long walk, paths, rough ground)
Please note: Cars should be parked at Inveruglas carpark and participants will be driven to the start point. <u>Advance booking essential to plan transport.</u>				
27th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Alexandria	Joint outing with the Botanical Society of Scotland, doing detailed recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS3980			Meet 10am at Alexandria Station Park & Ride Postcode: G83 0UL Grid Ref: NS393800	(streets, waste ground, riverbank path)
10th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Overtoun House	Big historic records, but little recording here since 2012
NS4275 NS4276			Meet 10am at Overtoun House carpark Postcode: G82 2SH Grid Ref: NS425760	(road, tracks, open ground, wet areas, rough ground)
14th Sept.	Wednesday evening	18.00	Kilmardinny Loch, Bearsden	A suburban oasis, full of interest
NS5472 NS5473	NS5572		Meet 6pm at carpark on Kilmardinny Ave. Postcode: G61 3NW Grid Ref: NS551729	(roads, paths, open ground, rough ground, wet areas)

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18th Sept.	Sunday all day	10.00	Cove shore	Exploring the shore north of Cove village
NS2182 NS2183	NS2282		Meet 10am at carpark (picnic table on map) (roadside, shingle beach, rocks, stream) Postcode: G84 0JH Grid Ref: NS221825	
1st October	Saturday all day	10.00	Rhu	Varied habitats around the village
NS2683 NS2684			Meet 10am at Rhu Primary School, School Road Postcode: G84 8RS Grid Ref: NS267840	(tracks, paths, seashore, rough ground)
November (to be arranged)			<p>An informal, end-of-season, indoor get-together at which stories, photos and achievements of the year can be shared. Members of the Lanarkshire, Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire botany networks all invited.</p> <p>Probably in West End of Glasgow. Date and venue to be decided, depending on demand. If you'd like to attend this one-off event and meet fellow botanists from across west Central Scotland, please let Michael know <u>now</u>! Then we can decide whether it's an idea worth pursuing.</p>	

Please consider taking part in one or more of the Workshops (listed in grey italic).

From the formal to the informal, payable or free of charge, whole-day or one-hour, in person or online - these all offer real opportunities to deepen your skills and fuel your interest in specialist parts of the plant catalogue.

Another thing you can help with: when on outings, please take some photos of 'people doing botany'. This is very valuable for publicity and the pursuit of funding support for the Society - and something we almost always forget to do!