

Field Botany in vc77 - Lanarkshire

Fieldwork Programme, 2022

Here is the outings programme for the first half of the 2022 season. You will receive any 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). We have listed below the map reference for the monads we are targetting (e.g. **NS5669**).

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 both Michael Philip and Peter Wiggins 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 numbers are given below).

Michael's car is a blue Honda Jazz and he wears a red jacket. Peter's car is a blue Toyota C-HR and he wears a dark 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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**** Remember:**

Any member of the Lanarkshire Botany network can get a 50% discount on the Grasses Workshop at Chatelherault Country Park (near Hamilton) on Sat. 25th June.
Click the link to book, book the Full ticket, and quote "Team 77" as the promo code !!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
16th April	Saturday all day	10.00	Strathclyde Country Park	Making a first list in unrecorded territory
NS7158 NS7258			Meet 10am carpark behind M&D complex (by northernmost tip of Strathclyde Loch) Postcode: ML1 3RT Grid Ref: NS721583	(roads, paths, woodland, riverbank, wet areas)
1st May	Sunday all day	10.00	Bertram House, near Carnwath	Two completely unrecorded monads
NT0046 NT0047			Meet 10am at Bertram House complex (off A721 at Kaimend, east of Carnwath - access road very rough, with speed bumps!) Postcode: ML11 8TB Grid Ref: NT007472	(roads, tracks, woodland, open ground)
14th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Larkhall to Chatelherault	A point-to-point walk above the Avon Gorge
NS7451 NS7452	NS7352		Meet 10am at Chatelherault County Park (walkers will be transported to the start) Postcode: ML3 7UE Grid Ref: NS737539	(roads, tracks, paths, forest)
14th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)
<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	BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)
<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>				
25th May	Wednesday evening	18.00	Motherwell	Urban recording for 'Urban Flora Project'
NS7457			Meet 6pm at School on Ladywell Road Postcode: ML1 3EU Grid Ref: NS745571	(roads, waste ground, open areas)

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28th May	Saturday all day	10.00	River Tummel, near Ballinluig	BSBI Field Meeting for beginners (free)
<i>This is a BSBI Field Meeting: places are limited and must be booked (details on application)</i>				
<i>Contact Faith Anstey: faithanstey@gmail.com</i>				
29th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Waukenwae Moss, near East Kilbride	Under-recorded area, including a SSSI raised bog
NS6751 NS6850			Meet 10am at Mid Drumloch Farm Postcode: ML3 8RL Grid Ref: NS673512	(tracks, paths, open ground, boggy ground)
4th June	Sunday all day	10.00	Cocklaw Hill, near Elsrickle	Forest paths and a hill fort
NT0341 NT0342	NT0442		Meet 10am at Elsrickle Hall (located beside the church at junction) Postcode: ML12 6QZ Grid Ref: NT059432	(roadsides, tracks, paths, forest, rough ground)
18th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Parkgate, Dumfries	BSBI Sedge & Rushes Workshop (fee charged)
<i>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)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/626299</i>				
19th June	Sunday all day	10.00	Leadhills	Hill walk from the highest village in Scotland
NS8714 NS8715 NS8716	NS8615 NS8616 (we won't do all these!)		Meet 10am at Ramsay Road (turn down side road opposite hotel) Postcode: ML12 6XR Grid Ref: NS885149	(<u>challenging walk</u> - tracks, paths, moorland, rough ground)
25th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Chatelherault Country Park, near Hamilton	BSBI Grasses Workshop (fee charged)
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on link below) (a one-day course on Grass identification)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/622039</i>				

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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)
NN2600 NN2700 NN2701	NN2800 NN2801 NN2802		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 (a one-hour workshop)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: no charge, but online booking required				
Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/697946				

9th July	Saturday all day	10.00	Lochwinnoch	Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification (a one-day course on Bramble identification)
This is an informal BSBI Workshop: advance booking required (details on request)				
Contact Michael Philip: botany@opus44.co.uk				

16th July	Saturday all day	10.00	Wattston	Unrecorded territory! (varied habitats, possibly including wet areas)
NS7770 NS7771	NS7769		Meet 10am at parking area on Hillrigg Postcode: ML6 7TB Grid Ref: NS778701	

21st July	Thursday evening	19.00	online Workshop	An introduction to Bladderwort and Water-milfoil ID (a one-hour workshop)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: no charge, but online booking required				
Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/702045				

23rd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Ben Lawers, Perthshire	BSBI Training Field Meeting (fee charged)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application) (Training, with an emphasis on Grasses, Sedges & Rushes)				
Contact Faith Anstey: faithanstey@gmail.com				

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24th July	Sunday all day	10.00	Dunsyre	Only three previous records in this village!
NT0748			Meet 10am on roadside at Kirkland Postcode: ML11 8NQ Grid Ref: NT067482	(a wander through a quiet village)
3rd August	Wednesday evening	18.00	Stane, near Shotts	Unrecorded square - also for 'Urban Flora Project'
NS8859			Meet 6pm at Shotts Health Centre Postcode: ML7 5EN Grid Ref: NS879597	(streets, open areas, cemetery, woodland)
6th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Kinghorn, Fife	BSBI Composites Workshop (fee charged)
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: places are limited and must be booked (details on application) (those yellow Dandelion-like plants that aren't Dandelions!)</i>				
<i>Booking now open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/623636</i>				
13th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Falls of Clyde (Bonnington dam area)	Contributing to the Scottish Wildlife Trust project
NS8840 NS8841			Meet 10am at main visitor carpark (do not drive down into the village!) Postcode: ML11 9BY Grid Ref: NS881427	Advance booking essential for this one, as we will car-share from the meeting-point to access a special, restricted road!
17th August	Wednesday evening	18.00	Strathaven	Urban recording for 'Urban Flora Project'
NS7045			Meet 6pm by School on Ashkirk Road Postcode: ML10 6JT Grid Ref: NS702453	(streets, open areas)
20th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Brackenhurst, Glenmavis	Unrecorded square
NS7468			Meet 10am in side street by B802 in Brackenhurst Postcode: ML6 0PP Grid Ref: NS747684	(roadsides, tracks, paths, open ground)

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3rd Sept. NS8163 NS8164	Saturday all day	10.00	Duntilland Road & Roughrigg Reservoir Meet 10am at Salsburgh in lay-by on B7066 (opposite rear of warehouses) Postcode: ML7 4LU Grid Ref: NS825625	High moorland near the Blackhill transmitter mast (tracks, paths, moorland, rough ground, wet areas)
11th Sept. NS8840 NS8841	Sunday all day	10.00	Falls of Clyde (Corra Linn area) Meet 10am at main visitor carpark (do not drive down into the village!) Postcode: ML11 9BY Grid Ref: NS881427	Contributing to the Scottish Wildlife Trust project Advance booking essential for this one, as we will car-share from the meeting-point to access a SWT parking area!
24th Sept. NS8843 NS8844	Saturday all day	10.00	Lanark Meet 10am at Braidfute Retail Park (off B7017 / A73 roundabout) Postcode: ML11 7LQ Grid Ref: NS888434	Urban recording for 'Urban Flora Project' (streets, open ground, waste ground, railway)
8th October NS7062	Saturday all day	10.00	Tannochside (north) Meet 10am at Ellismuir Way, near A752 Postcode: G71 5PW Grid Ref: NS704623	An unrecorded square to finish the season (roadsides, rough ground, waste 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!