

## **BSBI Award for an outstanding contribution to botany in your area (county, region or country).**

The BSBI is now accepting nominations that celebrate outstanding contributions to botany in your area (county, region or country).

### **Eligibility for award categories:**

The awards can be given to anyone who is a BSBI member or a group which includes BSBI members. However, BSBI staff, Honorary Officers and trustees are NOT eligible for Awards.

The Nominee (or a representative of the Group) must give their written consent to being nominated – see below.

The Awards Committee will consider the significance of the contribution made to **recording**, interpretation to help inform conservation/land management decisions, **mentoring, training, engagement and/or organisation** advancing the understanding and appreciation of wild plants and supporting their conservation in Britain and Ireland.

This regional or local Award is aimed at those who have been most active and influential in a discrete region but whose name may not be known to members in other parts of the Society. We would anticipate making a number of awards each year.

If you wish to nominate more than one person or a group for this award, please use a separate form for each nominee.

If you also wish to nominate a person or a group in the separate 'Contribution to British & Irish Botany' category, please use the relevant nomination form.

Any BSBI member, group (which includes BSBI members) or committee is eligible to make nominations; **you may even nominate yourself**. However, BSBI staff, Hon. Officers and trustees are NOT eligible for Awards.

Nominations close on **31<sup>st</sup> December**. The Awards Committee may ask for supplementary material to be supplied for short-listed candidates.

The Awards will be announced in the Spring issue of BSBI News, on the BSBI website, eNewsletters and on our social media platforms.

**NAME OF NOMINEE:**

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Has the nominee been informed that they are being put forward for an Award and do they give their consent to the nomination?

Yes/No

We should like to publicise the list of nominees and the names of the winners on the BSBI website, in our periodicals and on our social media platforms, and we should also like to publish a photograph of each of the winners. So, we will need the nominee to tick one or other of the boxes below:

☐ Please tick this box, if the nominee is happy for their details to be published in this way. Ideally, we would also like to be sent a photograph that shows them carrying out the activity for which they are being nominated.

☐ Please tick this box, if the nominee would prefer to remain anonymous throughout the nomination and Award process and do not wish their details to be made public.

**Privacy Notice**

We will only use the information you have given us for consideration of BSBI Awards and for publicity purposes as outlined above. This data will be treated as confidential and stored in line with data protection legislation. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more information about how we look after our data. You can request to see the data we hold about you, request its removal or update your contact preferences at any time by contacting us. To do so, email [enquiries@bsbi.org](mailto:enquiries@bsbi.org).

Our Privacy Policy also applies to the person making the nomination, so please fill in the next section:

**YOUR NAME:**

Relationship to nominee:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

- ☐ Please tick this box, if you are happy for your data to be stored as outlined in our Privacy Policy.
- ☐ Please tick this box, if you would prefer to remain anonymous throughout the nomination and Award process.

**REASONS FOR NOMINATION:**

Please describe the contribution of the nominee and reasons for nomination.

**Please give as much detail as possible using the headings below for guidance, although we do not necessarily expect everyone nominated to fulfil all criteria in order to merit an award.**

The Awards Committee can only make its decision based on the information you supply, so the more relevant detail you provide under each heading, the more likely your nominee will do well in these Awards.

**What is outstanding about the nominee's contribution to botanical activity in your area  
(200 words maximum)**

**Engagement**

Has the nominee encouraged participation by others and engaged new audiences for Botany and BSBI? Or helped to mentor botanists and disseminate information to drive a passion for plants? **(200 words maximum)**

**Recording**

Has the nominee submitted notable records, or a high number of records, to the BSBI Database? **(200 words maximum)**

**Interpretation**

Has the nominee made a significant contribution to the provision of interpretation, e.g. to help inform conservation/land management decisions? **(200 words maximum)**

**Impact and Influence**

For example: Has the nominee's work led to new interest in botany in their area? Have new tools or resources been developed? Has the nominee established or further developed a new group, network or organisation? **(200 words maximum)**

**Training and mentoring**

Has the nominee provided opportunities for both new and existing botanists to enhance their plant identification skills? **(200 words maximum)**

**Uniqueness and Other Considerations**

Is anyone else doing similar work in the same area? Can the nominee demonstrate a commitment over time/period of involvement? **(200 words maximum)**

*Please add more details on separate pages if required.*

**Please send your completed nomination form to the BSBI Honorary General Secretary, by 31 December: [hongensec@bsbi.org](mailto:hongensec@bsbi.org)**

Please attach a photograph of the nominee if they have provided one and given their consent for it to be used (see Privacy note above).

**Finally, please could you tell us where you heard about these Awards?**

(Please mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI website    | <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI News      | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter         | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife group/organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram       | <input type="checkbox"/> Through my job | <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI eNewsletter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a BSBI event | <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |  |

If other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_