

Each year the BSBI organises field meetings throughout Britain and Ireland that are designed for the general interest of members, for training members in identification skills (at all levels) and to help record the flora of an area. At a local level meetings are organised by vice-county recorders or local groups. The main meetings are advertised on the BSBI meetings web page and in the BSBI Yearbook, whilst local meetings are advertised on the vice-county web pages and in local newsletters. Meetings in the main programme are primarily for members, with non-member welcome if there is space, and most local meetings welcome all those interested.



Studying the flora of Garry Bog at the 2015 ASM

## Draft programme of meetings for 2023

The BSBI meetings web page and the 2023 Yearbook will have full details of these and other meetings. The web page will also show any additions and updates. There are additional meetings for the Countries and Training planned, but the dates for these were not known at the time of printing.

Date	Location / Subject	v.c.
2022		
December 7	Winter talk / Hannah Hall / Hyacinthaceae	Zoom
2023		
January 4	Winter talk /	Zoom
February 1	Winter talk /	Zoom
February 16 - 17	Belfast / Aquatic plants workshop	H39
February 26	England Annual Meeting	Zoom
March 1	Winter talk /	Zoom
March 11 or April 8 (TBC)	Nesscliffe Hill Country Park / Conifer id workshop	40
March 18	England Atlas 2020 launch conference	23/67/Zoom
March 25	Rosslare	H12
April 1	Glasnevin / Irish Spring Conference	H21
April 21 - 24	Orton, Peterborough / Taraxacum	32
Spring	Bitesize recording conferences	Zoom
May 21	Scabbacombe Head	3
May 19 - 20	Killarney / ASM	H1, H2
May 20	Victoria Park & Hackney Wick	21
May 25	Tain	106
May 27	Hobson's Park, Cambridge	29
June 3	Glen Fender	88
June 10	Tarn Moss / Sedges	69
June 10 - 11	Waterford	H6
June 17	Ramsey Marsh	21
June 17	Daneway Banks / Joint with RES	33
June 18	Holyrood Park Education Centre, Edinburgh / Plant families	83
June 27 - 29	Newcastleton	80
June (TBC)	West Barnes	82
June 30 - July 2	Rubus	20
July 1 (TBC)	TBC / Plant families	88
July 8	Glenbower Woods	H5
July 10-17	Glynhir	44
July 14 - 16	Darlington / Rubus	62, 66
July 15	Rufford Colliery	56
July 22	Monken Hadley Common	21
July 22	Ben Lawers / Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	88
July 29	Birnam / Grasses	88
August 2 - 4	Newtown / Wales AGM	47
Aug 6 - 11	Barra Islands	110
August 19	Syon Park	21
Aug 20 (TBC)	Dumyat / Plant id for habitat surveys	87
September 2 (TBC)	New Lanark / Ferns	77
September 9	RSPB Wallasea Island	18
September 9 - 10	Limerick	H8
September 23	Glasnevin / Irish Autumn Meeting and AGM	H21
October 6 - 8	Preston Montford / Recorders' Meeting	40
November 4 (TBC)	RBGE / Scottish Botanists' Conference	83
November (TBC)	BSBI AGM & AEM	
December 6	Winter talk /	Zoom
2024		
April 19-21	Recorders' / Members' Meeting, Preston Montford, Shrewsbury	40

Not just flowers! A Wallaby at The Curragh on the Isle of Man. The *Molinia* tussock (Purple Moor-grass) and dense *Myrica gale* (Bog-myrtle) made going difficult in some areas that had been open meadows 50 years ago.



The Summer Meeting is an event that aims to bring together BSBI members and friends to share expertise and to see the flora of what for some will be a new area. Previous meetings have visited Anglesey, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Cumbria, Flintshire and Yorkshire. In 2023 the Meeting will be visiting Ireland to explore parts of Killarney. There will be site visits, recording outings and evening workshops.



Photographing *Eryngium maritimum* and *Euphorbia portlandica* in rather windy conditions on Prestatyn dunes in 2017.

Whilst there is currently no BSBI wide project, most of the Countries have their own projects. Several of these involve hunting for apparently "lost" species of conservation interest that haven't been seen in a location for over 20 years. Success has been mixed: sometimes the plant is still there, sometimes the habitat has changed too much, and sometimes a completely different plant of conservation interest turns up. Some field meetings will target these plants.



The after-dinner id session at Blencathra in 2016.



John Poland looking at *Saxifraga nivalis* at Cwm Idwal in 2013

Do come along on one of our botanical excursions. They cater for all levels and there is always time to explain features of a plant to beginners. For further information about the BSBI meetings see the web pages, or contact your country field secretary or vice-county recorder.

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