



# The BSBI Committee for England



Each of the four countries that comprise Britain & Ireland has a Committee to oversee the aims and activities of the BSBI in its area. The Committee for England (CfE) covers the contiguous counties of England, along with the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. It produces an annual electronic newsletter for members, organises BSBI field meetings, liaises with Vice-county recorders, has drawn up a project for members to participate in and raises issues that need corporate action.

## Members:

Jonathan Shanklin (Chair)  
Mary Dean (Field Meetings Secretary)  
Pete Stroh (England Officer)  
Astrid Biddle  
Ian Denholm (retires at the next EAM)  
Mark Duffell  
Anne Haden  
Chris Metherell  
David Morris  
Jo Parmenter  
Fred Rumsey  
John Swindells (retires at the next EAM)  
Tom Ward  
Lizzie Cooke (Plantlife representative)

## England Project: LORE

The Committee has drawn up a project to search for and record the habitats of "lost" species of conservation interest that haven't been seen in a hectad for more than 20 years and compare that habitat with a location where the plant still grows. The acronym spells "LOst Rarities in England". 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.



*Potentilla verna*  
(**Spring Cinquefoil**), present on Newmarket Heath, but "lost" from an adjacent hectad.

Participants at one of the Zoom meetings discussing possible England projects.

Jonathan Shanklin is an emeritus fellow at the British Antarctic Survey. He was awarded the polar medal for the discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole. As well as Chair of CfE he is the Hon. Field Meetings Secretary and vice-county recorder for Cambridgeshire (v.c.29).

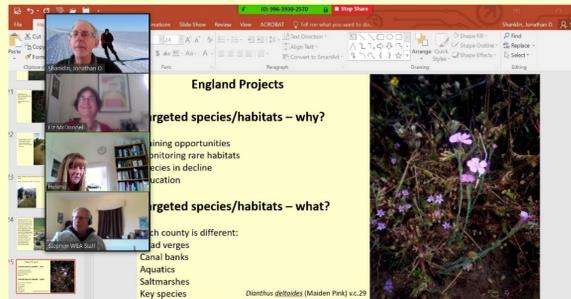


Exploring limestone pavement at Malham Tarn in 2022

## Meetings for recorders

Zoom conferences for England recorders took place over the Covid lockdown period and another will take place in January. All those who make a significant number of records for the BSBI are invited to take part in these.

The Committee organised a get-together for recorders at the end of October. This took place at the FSC centre at Preston Montford, with 50 participants.



## English Botanical News

The CfE was formed in 2019 and to date we have produced three issues of English Botanical News. This annual electronic publication is available to all members as a pdf on the web page. We welcome contributions for the next issue, which is due out in 2022 May.



Traversing the steep sided valley of Darnbrook Beck at Malham in 2022

## Meetings for all members

Mary Dean, our Field Meetings Secretary, organises a varied programme of meetings that are held across England, for members enjoyment and to meet fellow botanists.

Several BSBI Summer Meeting have been held in England. The Summer Meeting 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. Recent meetings have visited Blencathra in Cumbria, the Isle of Man and Malham Tarn in Yorkshire.

## Wanted

You could help – would you like to join the Committee ?

We are particularly looking for younger members and beginner botanists to play a part, with roles including a Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and Bulletin Editor. We would also like a representative from Natural England.

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