

# Field Botany in Lanarkshire

## Fieldwork Programme, 2023

Here is our programme for the whole of the 2023 season.

(Some events planned elsewhere, or by other organisations, may be included in italics for your interest. Details of official BSBI events, such as Workshops and Field Meetings, 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. **NS7358**).

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 or Peter Wiggins 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. Peter's car is a blue Toyota CHR and he usually wears a dark green jacket.

We are all learning from each other and welcome all questions and discussion about plants and nature.

Finally, please be aware that your participation in any of these events is at your own risk.

We recommend that you bring your own food and water with you (less crucial for afternoon or evening events).

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	Sunday all day	10.00	Strathclyde Park (north-east)	Updating the record in a scenic backwater
<b>NS7358</b>			Meet 10am at Foreshore carpark (tracks, rough grassland, wet areas, woodland) (approx. 300 yards south-east of theme park) Postcode: <b>ML1 3RT</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS725578</b>	
7th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Quarter and Mid Quarter	Very little recording done here before!
<b>NS7251</b> <b>NS7351</b>			Meet 10am outside Primary School (roadsides, paths, tracks, woodland, grassland) (park discreetly somewhere on main street) Postcode: <b>ML3 7XA</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS725513</b>	
10th May	Wednesday evening	19.00	<b>** Special event on Zoom **</b>	An evening to discuss and identify plants from photos Screen-share (or send in) your plant photos for identification
All welcome! Join us at 7pm on Zoom with this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4857373272?pwd=ZXpPd0J5M1d5NIJRVEIxZmk1cEVGQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4857373272?pwd=ZXpPd0J5M1d5NIJRVEIxZmk1cEVGQT09</a>				
20th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Hamilton Low Parks	In partnership with the local Countryside Ranger
<b>NS7256</b>	<b>NS7156</b> <b>NS7157</b>		Meet 10am by Strathclyde Park Golf Centre (rough grassland, wet areas, woodland) Postcode: <b>ML3 6BY</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS724561</b>	
28th May	Sunday all day	10.00	Bizzyberry Hill, near Biggar	A hill walk with great views!
<b>NT0438</b> <b>NT0439</b>	<b>NT0539</b>		Meet 10am at Leafield Road, Biggar (tracks, paths, open ground, steep hillside) (park up roadside, not in front of houses) Postcode: <b>ML12 6AY</b> Grid Ref: <b>NT046381</b>	
31st May	Wednesday evening	18.00	Blantyre	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS6957</b>			Meet 6pm at Blantyre Leisure Centre (residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground) Postcode: <b>G72 0JS</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS693575</b>	

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3rd June	Saturday all day	10.00	Hamilton, South Haugh	With local Countryside Ranger and Hamilton Wildlife Group
<b>NS7355</b>			Meet 10am at Smithy Croft carpark Postcode: <b>ML3 7UL</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS733550</b>	(tracks, paths, riverbank, rough ground, wet areas)
17th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Falls of Clyde Meet 10.00am at New Lanark <b>Advance booking essential. Full details and parking arrangements on request. Contact Michael</b>	Hunting for rarities
18th June	Sunday all day	10.00	Holyrood Park Education Centre, Edinburgh	Plant Families Workshop
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request) Booking open at: <a href="https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871579">https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871579</a>			(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)	
24th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Wattston	Exploring an interesting, under-recorded area
<b>NS7770</b> <b>NS7771</b>			Meet 10am at Hulks Road Postcode: <b>ML6 7SX</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS774717</b> (postcode is for nearest building: park on Hulks Road down from there, over a bridge and on the right)	(roadsides, paths, woodland, moorland)
1st July	Saturday all day	10.00	Maybole, Ayrshire	Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request) Contact Angus Hannah: <a href="mailto:butesedge@yahoo.co.uk">butesedge@yahoo.co.uk</a>			(a one-day course on Bramble identification)	
1st July	Saturday all day	10.00	Dulnain Bridge	Plant Families Workshop
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request) Booking open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871583">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871583</a>			(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)	

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7th-9th July	Weekend		Maybole, Ayrshire	Annual Bramble Workshop
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)			(weekend workshop on Bramble identification)	
Contact Angus Hannah: <a href="mailto:butesedge@yahoo.co.uk">butesedge@yahoo.co.uk</a>			Local accommodation not provided	
9th July	Sunday all day	10.00	Fernbrae Meadows (former golf course)	Making a first plant list in a new Local Nature Reserve
<b>NS6158</b> <b>NS6159</b>	<b>NS6258</b> <b>NS6259</b>		Meet 10am in carpark Postcode: <b>G73 4AG</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS620590</b>	(paths, open ground, rough ground, stream, woodland)
12th July	Wednesday evening	18.00	Bellshill (Orbiston West)	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS7259</b>			Meet 6pm at Joe McKay Community Centre Liberty Road Postcode: <b>ML4 2EU</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS730596</b>	(residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground)
22nd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Biggar	Joint outing with Botanical Society of Scotland
<b>NT0337</b> <b>NT0437</b>			Meet 10am at carpark on Biggar Mill Road Postcode: <b>ML12 6DW</b> Grid Ref: <b>NT039380</b>	(urban recording, mostly on roads, paths and open ground)
22nd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Ben Lawers	Grasses, Sedges and Rushes
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)			(field training day suitable for all levels of experience)	
Contact Faith Anstey: <a href="mailto:faithanstey@gmail.com">faithanstey@gmail.com</a>				
23rd July	Sunday all day	10.00	Mugdock Country Park	General meet for Beginners in Plant ID
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)			(field training day suitable for beginners)	
Contact Matt Harding: <a href="mailto:matt.harding@bsbi.org">matt.harding@bsbi.org</a>				

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30th July	Sunday all day	10.00	Templehall to Cleland	Through-walk (cars both ends)
<b>NS7956</b> <b>NS7957</b>	<b>NS7958</b>		Meet 10am at Cleland Station Postcode: <b>ML1 5RR</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS803584</b>	(roadsides, paths, riverbank, steep ground, wet areas)
12th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Greenrig to Boreland	Through-walk (cars both ends)
<b>NS8340</b> <b>NS8440</b>	<b>NS8441</b>		Meet 9.30am at Tesco, Lesmahagow (close to M74 at Junction10 - but <b>if coming from north you must exit at Junction 9!</b> ) Postcode: <b>ML11 0HY</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS809412</b>	<b>(please note early start: after meeting we drive in convoy)</b>
20th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Gilshochhill & Lambhill	Varied habitats in an under-recorded urban area
<b>NS5769</b> <b>NS5770</b>			Meet 10am at Lochburn Road (near junction with Cadder Road) Postcode: <b>G20 0SN</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS574690</b>	(roads, paths, open ground, canal bank)
<i>20th August</i>	<i>Sunday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Dumyat, near Stirling</i>	<i>Plant Identification for Habitat Surveys</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>			<i>(field training day on rough hill terrain)</i>	
<i>Contact Lindsay Mackinlay: <a href="mailto:lindsay@thefutureforestcompany.com">lindsay@thefutureforestcompany.com</a></i>				
27th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Sornfallow, near Rigside	Hill track in open country - and an old quarry
<b>NS9233</b> <b>NS9234</b>			Meet 10am at crossroads on B7055 (approximately 2 miles east of Rigside) Postcode: <b>ML12 6HU</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS925331</b>	(tracks, paths, rough ground, open ground, steep ground) <b>(postcode approximate: please use grid reference)</b>
<i>2nd Sept.</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Falls of Clyde, New Lanark</i>	<i>Workshop: Ferns for Complete and Utter Beginners</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop - <b>advance booking required</b>:</i>			<i>(a one-day entry-level course on Fern identification)</i>	
<i>Booking open at: <a href="https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/867094">https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/867094</a></i>				

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6th Sept.	Wednesday evening	18.00	New Stevenston	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS7659</b>			Meet 6pm at carpark behind Stevenston Court (roadsides, paths, open ground, railway) Postcode: <b>ML1 4HW</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS761596</b>	
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17th Sept.	Sunday all day	10.00	Old Monkland, Coatbridge	A final urban recording day in an unrecorded square
<b>NS7263</b>			Meet 10am at foot of Scarhill Street (roadsides, paths, waste ground, open ground) Postcode: <b>ML5 5GF</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS725630</b>	
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20th Sept.	Wednesday evening	19.00	<b>** <u>Special event on Zoom</u> **</b>	An evening to discuss flower books and field guides (inc. book reviews of favourite books to use for wild plants)
All welcome! (If possible, please let us know in advance if you can attend: otherwise, do just turn up.) Join us at 7pm on Zoom with this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800134607?pwd=a2hFUkovWURsNkg3ZGVCeHA4MlBrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800134607?pwd=a2hFUkovWURsNkg3ZGVCeHA4MlBrdz09</a>				

You are welcome to join any of the above outings at your convenience. No previous knowledge is required - and you will undoubtedly learn stuff!

Please make sure to read the blurb at the beginning of the Programme.

The Programme for the second half of the season will be circulated in June.