



Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland

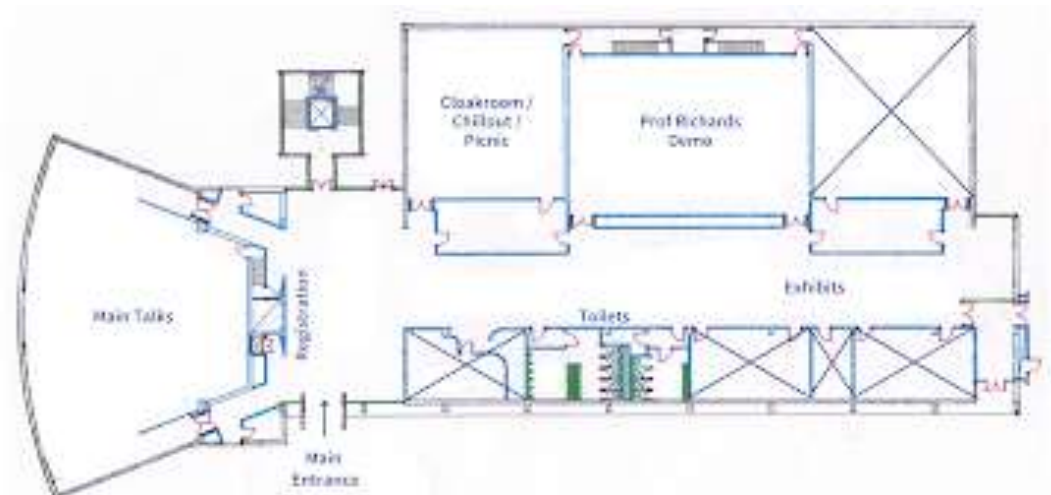
British & Irish Botanical Conference 2023

Information for attendees

23rd November update

This year's Conference is being held in the Herschel Building, Newcastle University; exhibits will be displayed in the foyer and talks will take place in the Curtis Auditorium.

The image below shows what's happening inside the venue: registration desk/ muster station for the NHSN archive tour; locations of talks; location of Prof Richards' demo/workshop; exhibition area; cloakroom/ sitting area/ picnic area; and toilets.



A detailed floorplan and numbered exhibitor list will be provided to delegates nearer the time.

Prof John Richards' workshop/ demo: More than 100 people booked to attend John's session 'Identifying urban dandelions: how a BSBI expert referee reaches a determination'. ***UPDATE*** This session will now take place in Lecture Theatre 1 (see image above) at 12.30 and again at 2.30. There is plenty of room in Lecture Theatre 1 so you can attend either session.

Behind-the-scenes tour of the NHSN archive: ***UPDATE*** more than 100 people registered an interest in the tour, with 30 spaces being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We have notified people who are booked onto Tour 1, Tour 2 and the reserve list. Please be at the registration desk at the time stated in the email. If you haven't received an email about this then I'm afraid it wasn't possible to allocate a space for you.

Summerfield Books: our booksellers will be on hand throughout the day with a selection of natural history books and hand lenses. Visit their pop-up shop in the foyer.

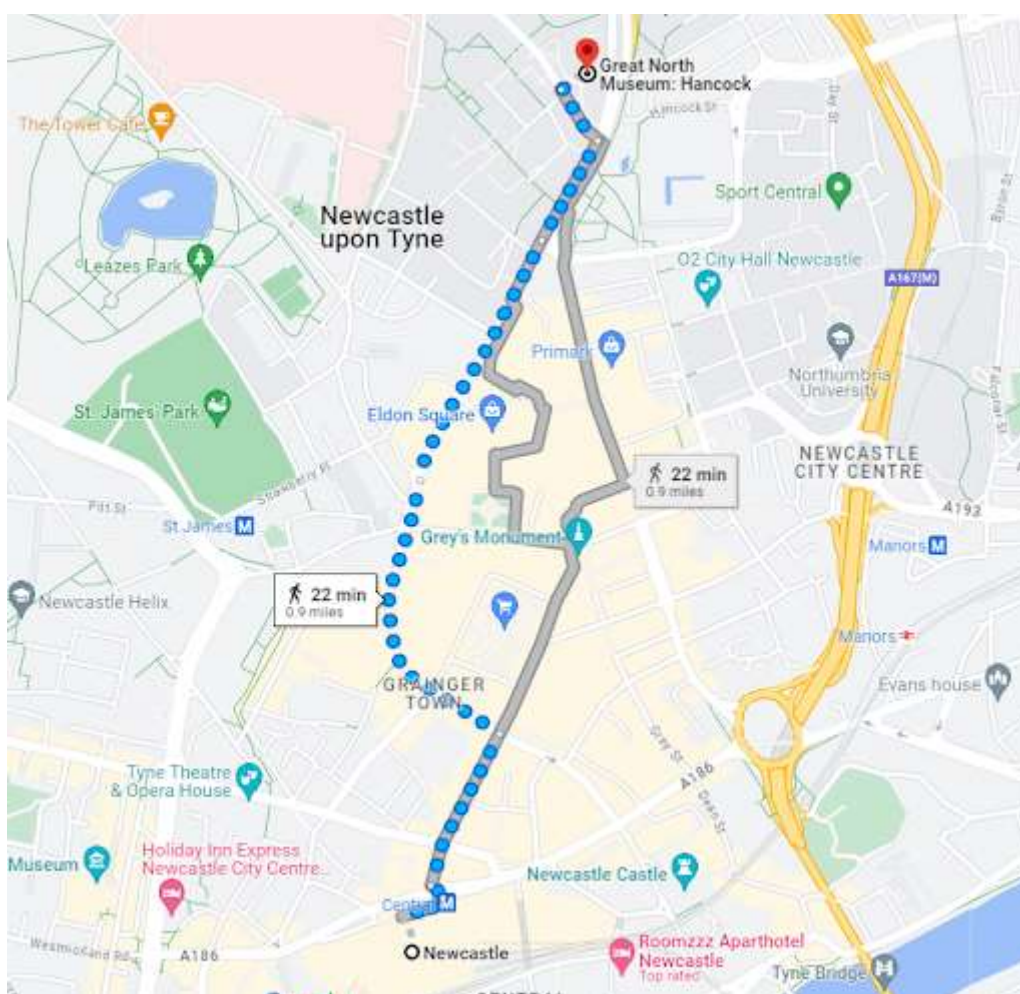
Refreshments: ***UPDATE*** we offered a pre-booked inclusive catering package but did not receive enough bookings to meet the threshold so we have, with regret, had to withdraw this option. You do however have two options for lunch/ tea/coffee on the day:

1. We encourage you to bring your own provisions. There is a designated area (shown as picnic/ chillout/ cloakroom on the image above) with seating for everyone, where you can leave coats and bags, relax, eat/ drink and chat with friends. So, bring a packed lunch and something to drink, and let's have a picnic.
2. There are several cafés and restaurants near the Herschel Building if you want to buy refreshments on the way to the Conference or nip out during one of the breaks – [this map](#) shows branches of Marks & Spencer, Pret and Café Nero within five minutes' walk from the venue.

After the Conference we usually reserve space in a nearby restaurant or pub so we can all socialise over a drink and a bite to eat before we head home, but sadly we have been unable to find anywhere in Newcastle that can accommodate us this time. Of course, there is nothing to stop groups of delegates making their own post-Conference arrangements.

Getting to the Conference: Newcastle University is well served by public transport (train, Metro and bus) and we hope that you will consider this as a first (environment-friendly) option. ***UPDATE*** Please note that strike action has been announced for two train operators on 2nd December. For the latest information, please visit the [National Rail website](#).

The map below shows how to get to the venue from the train station – it's around a 20-25 minutes' walk, or taxis and buses are available outside the station.



If you are driving to the venue, please try to carshare wherever possible; there is a pay & display parking area on Claremont Road, shown on [this map](#).

More information about public transport, and the University's map of the campus, showing parking and catering options, is available here:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/who-we-are/contact/maps/>

Accommodation options: Thinking of staying overnight in Newcastle? Here are some hotels near the venue.

- Premier Inn, 95 Newgate St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5RF.
Contact: 0333 234 6442
Distance from venue: 0.4 miles
- Grey Street Hotel, 2-12 Grey St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6EE
Contact: 0191 230 6777
Distance from venue: 0.6 miles
- Travelodge Newcastle Central, Forster St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2NH
Contact: 0871 984 6164
Distance from venue: 0.8 miles
- Travelodge Newcastle Quayside, Riverview, Close, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3BE
Contact: 0871 984 6524
Distance from venue: 0.9 miles
- Holiday Inn Jesmond, Jesmond Rd, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1PR
Contact: 0191 281 5511
Distance from venue: 0.7 miles

Identification Help Table: please bring along any specimens you find difficult to identify and challenge some of the best botanists in the country!

Filming and photographs: We plan to record the talks and upload them later to the [BSBI YouTube channel](#) – we would also like to film and/or photograph attendees listening to the talks and viewing the exhibits, so we can use the footage and images for publicity purposes. If you do not wish to be included in any such footage or photographs, please tick the 'do not film me' box on the booking form. We also encourage you to take photographs at the event and will set up a folder where these can be shared.

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