

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 2024

The BSBI meetings web page and the 2024 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.	Type
February 7	Winter talk /	Zoom	G
February 25	England Annual Meeting	Zoom	G
March 6	Winter talk / Fenland Flora	Zoom	G
March 23	RBGE / Training for trainers	83	T
April 19 – 22	Wiltshire / Taraxacum	7, 8	S
April 19 – 21	Preston Montford / Recorders' Meeting	40	R
April 20	Glasnevin / Irish Spring Conference	H21	G
May 11	Ballyteige Burrow, Kilmore Quay	H12	G
May 11 – 12	Correl Glen / Joint with BBS	H33	G
May 12	Tramore Dunes	H6	G
May 18	Townhill / Plant families workshop	85	BT
May 18	Abbeyleix Estate Woods	H14	G
May 20 – 24	Guernsey / ASM	113	G
May 25	Green Groat, Fanmore	H9	G
May 25 – 26	Jersey	113	G
May 27 – June 3	Glynhir	44	GR
June 1 – 2	Isle of Wight	10	BG
June 8	Tarn Moor & Orton / Sedges	69	ST
June 8	Joan's Hill Farm	36	GR
June 8 – 9	Portgordon to Portsoy / SHARPP	94	GR
June 15	Northeast Yorkshire / Poaceae	62	ST
June 16	Tentsmuir	85	GT
June 16	Limerick / Grasslands	H8	GT
June 18 – 23	Tiree	103	GR
June 22	Falls of Clyde / Grasses	77	BT
June 22 – 23	Lough Talt	H28	G
June 29 – 30	Slieve Aughty Mountains / filmy ferns	H9, H15	G
June 29 – 30	Dumfriesshire / Brambles	72	ST
June (TBC)	Glamorgan / Wales AGM	41	GR
June (TBC)	River Dee / Plant families	92	BT
July 6	North Connemara coast	H16	G
July 6 – 7	Fionn Gleann / Hawkweeds	98	S
July 13	TBC / Sedges		T
July 13	Annaghmore Lough Fen	H14, H18	G
July 14	TBC / Arable Weeds		
July 17 – 20	Wildflower Society Meeting	H9, H16	G
July 20	Ben Lawers / Grasses, sedges & rushes	88	T
July 20	Ballyhoge	H12	G
July 20 – 21	Glen Shee / Alchemilla	89	S
July 23	Kilclooney, Comeragh Mountains / Joint with WFS	H6	G
July 27	Fort William / Plant families	97	T
July 27	Carrigtwohill	H5	BG
July 28	Fort William	97	T
August 3 (TBC)	Stirlingshire	86	
August 10	Kirkhill / Composites	96	T
August 10 – 11	Legnaboe and Killard Point NNR	H38	G
August 17	Arrochar / Ferns	99	T
August 17	Carrowmore, Doonbeg	H9	GR
August 25	Chobham Common NNR	17	GR
August 31	Dumyat / Plant id for habitat surveys	87	T
September 21	Glasnevin / Irish Autumn Meeting and AGM	H21	G
September (TBC)	Preston Montford / Training the Trainers	40	RST
October 26 – 27	QGIS training (TBC)		T
November 2 (TBC)	RBGE / Scottish Botanists' Conference	83	G
November (TBC)	BSBI AGM	Zoom	G
November (TBC)	BSBI BIBConf		G
December 4	Winter talk /	Zoom	G

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, the Isle of Man, Yorkshire and Killarney. In 2024 the Meeting will be visiting Guernsey. 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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