

## Caerdeon 2017

The annual Caerdeon gathering is planned to update records in v.c.48 at tetrad level, particularly in less-visited parts of the vice-county. We go out each day in small groups of 2 - 4 people at your own choice, and the evenings are spent in the ample working space looking at specimens – often with a glass of wine at one's elbow!

Caerdeon Manor House is set in its own grounds of 18 acres of secluded wooded grounds and was visited by Darwin in 1869. He wrote “we have a beautiful House, with a terraced garden, & a really magnificent view of Cader [Idris], right opposite.” The house now belongs to Liverpool Hope University and is run as their Outdoor Education Centre. See: <http://www.hope.ac.uk/caerdeon> It is fully serviced and the fee [around £145] covers full board, packed lunches and accommodation for three days. Accommodation will be in single [a limited number] or twin rooms – so early booking is advised. The price will be slightly discounted for people willing to share. We expect to have a maximum of about 15 participants.

We will meet there (Grid ref. SH649181) at 10.30 on Friday 22nd (bring lunch) to leave cars/luggage: there is also the possibility to stay the previous [Thursday] night. We plan to walk straight out into the field that morning. Later arrivals may join an afternoon walk. There will be longer/shorter options each day or people can follow their own recording inclinations – or just chill on the beach! Sites to be visited may include dune systems, broad-leaved, sessile oak woodland, lowland heath, upland, riverine habitats, montane, etc. If people want to bring microscopes, laptops etc there is a secure room where we work in the evenings.

Leave the Centre after breakfast on Monday 24th or join that (4th) day's field trip.

This meeting provides an opportunity to enjoy a lovely part of Wales and the company of other botanists in an informal and enjoyably supportive atmosphere. Bookings in the first instance to Sarah Stille by email [mossysal@btinternet.com](mailto:mossysal@btinternet.com) or by post to her at 38, Foregate, Preston, PR2 8LA with SAE and cheque for the deposit, or [preferred] pay via the BSBI website. A minimum deposit of £30 will be required to confirm your booking, with the balance to be paid before 20th June 2014. The Further details will be sent to participants nearer the time.