

Since 1836,
for everyone who cares
about the wild plants of
Britain and Ireland



Grass-of-Parnassus
(*Parnassia palustris*)
Braco by Roy Sexton

Grow your
legacy:

Supporting the BSBI in your Will



SAFEGUARD WILD PLANTS *FOR GENERATIONS TO COME*

For almost 200 years, the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) has promoted the study, understanding and enjoyment of botany.

We know that botany is more than just a hobby for our members and supporters; for many, it is a life-long passion that was inspired in them by family, mentors, teachers and contact with nature.

A gift in your Will to the BSBI will uphold our mission of supporting botanists at all levels, professional and amateur, as they continue to drive research and evidence-based conservation in Britain, Ireland, and worldwide.

I would like to personally thank you for considering this gift towards the Society; your generosity would allow botanists to realise their impact for many field-seasons to come.



Julia Hanmer
Chief Executive Officer, BSBI

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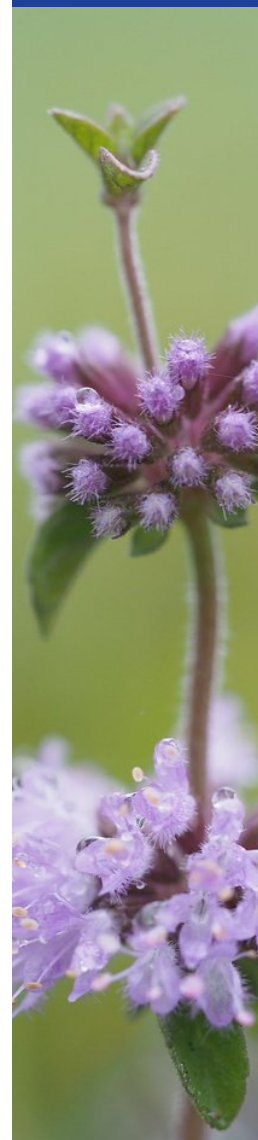
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WHY IS OUR WORK NEEDED

Thanks to our tireless network of botanical leaders and recorders, we are one of the world's largest contributors of biological records: our data informs scientific research and underpins evidence-based conservation internationally. With a long and influential publication history behind us, and more than 10 new works planned for coming years already, BSBI will continue to pioneer evidence-based conservation as the future of the natural world takes centre stage in our time.

Without the BSBI and its volunteers, information such as the Red Lists of critically endangered plants would simply not exist; the 1 million plant records our volunteers contribute annually represent their dedication of time and skill. Students, universities, consultancies, local authorities and government agencies all rely on our information and data to inform their work.

HOW OUR WORK WILL PROGRESS

BSBI's onward vision is a world where wild plants thrive and are valued.

To achieve this, we have collectively built three core aims:

- 1 To disseminate information to drive a passion for wild plants
- 2 To build a diverse community of botanists to sustain and develop the skill base
- 3 To provide high quality, impartial data and interpretation for research and to help address biodiversity loss and climate change

YOUR SUPPORT

WHY IT IS NEEDED

In the past, botany provided an important way to learn about and engage with the natural world. Today it is rarely taught in schools, colleges or even universities and essential skills in identifying plants as well as understanding their ecology, taxonomy, uses and wider benefits to society are in danger of being lost.

“ Naturalists are often asked when they found their interest. The best answer is David Attenborough's - 'When did you lose yours?' ”
- a BSBI Member and Donor

A legacy gift to the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland represents a long-term investment in these skills. Previous gifts have helped advance our formal training, resources and materials, and facilitated a community of like-minded people to continue to advocate for botany in our society.

MAKING THE FUTURE POSSIBLE

Your personal gift can be of any size; leaving a small cash sum, just 1% of your estate, or a particular asset to BSBI can make a transformative difference.

All donations to BSBI support our core mission to promote the study, understanding and enjoyment of British and Irish botany. This includes:



Our training and research programmes, which train the next generation of botanists to gather the data to support evidence-based conservation and

Our botanical field-recording network, which collects and interprets this field data and makes the findings available to all conservationists and botanists





Our botanical resources, plant distribution maps, recording software and atlases

Our outreach work, such as the New Year Plant Hunt and partnership projects, including Wild Flower Hour



Our publications, scientific journal, conferences and field meetings, and our free-to-access plant identification advice and support



Having been a member for 54 years,
I am leaving a gift in my Will to BSBI,
at the same time as donating to current projects,
as I want to ensure that future botanists can have
the delight of seeing and studying
our plants that I have known.

- Lynne Farrell, Member and President of BSBI



YOUR WILL

MAKING ONE AND INCLUDING BSBI

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There are a large number of resources and sources of professional information on creating and maintaining a Will, including on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website, via the [Law Society](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk), or the [Institute of Professional Will Writers](https://www.institutewillwriters.org.uk). As this leaflet is designed to give general information without taking account of individual circumstances, we recommend you seek professional legal advice.

THE TYPE OF GIFT

The most common gifts in Wills are of a residuary amount of your estate, or a fixed pecuniary amount, however specific gifts or assets, for example of bonds, a piece of art or property, are also welcome to be designated.

You might also consider a collection in lieu of flowers at your funeral or memorial service, simple details of which can be found at bsbi.org/legacies



Botanical Society
of Britain & Ireland



Devil's-bit Scabious
(*Succisa pratensis*)
Gillies Hill by David Sibbald

WORDING

The below suggestions can help your solicitor in recognising your wishes with respect to BSBI in your Will:

RESIDUARY

'I GIVE all [or a % share] of my Residuary Estate to the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (Registered Charity Number in England and Wales 1152954 and Scotland SC038675), 28 Chipchase Grove, Durham, DH1 3FA, to be applied for its general purposes...'

'and I/WE direct that:

the receipt of a proper officer for the time being of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland shall be a complete discharge to my/our Executors.

If before my death the above mentioned charity has changed its name or amalgamated with any other body then my Executors shall give effect to the gift as if it has been made to the body in its changed name or to the body which results from the amalgamation or to which the transfer has been made.'

PECUNIARY/ASSET

'I GIVE [the sum of _____ pounds/euro]/ [asset name] to the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (Registered Charity Number in England and Wales 1152954 and Scotland SC038675), 28 Chipchase Grove, Durham, DH1 3FA, to be applied for its general purposes...'

SPECIFIC WISHES

If you wish to specify a narrower purpose for your gift, your professional advisor will be able to assist you in drafting a Letter of Wishes. Please do contact us as well so that we can advise on the most effective way to achieve your requests.

FURTHER INFORMATION *OUR CHARITABLE STATUS*

Donations to charities in your Will are exempt from Inheritance Tax.
Your professional advisor will be able to advise you on the implications of this on your Will and donations.

The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland is registered as a charity in England and Wales (1152954) and Scotland (SC038675) and as a company in England & Wales (8553976).

Our registered address is 28 Chipchase Grove, Durham, DH1 3FA.

CONTACT US *ANY QUESTIONS*

We would be very grateful to hear if you are planning to include BSBI in your Will, so that we might thank you personally.

If you have further questions or requests, you can contact us by telephone, by email or post, using the details below.



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