



## BSBI IRISH AUTUMN MEETING & AGM

### Programme

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, nr Craigavon, Co Armagh**

- 09.45 - 10.15 Exhibits open; morning tea/coffee
- Session One: Talks: 10.15 to 11.20 (Chair: Robert Northridge, Committee for Ireland Chair)**
- 10.15 – 10.20 Welcome address. Robert Northridge
- 10.20 – 10.50 The Flora of Lough Neagh: Past and Present. John Faulkner, Co Armagh VCR
- 10.50 – 11.20 The State of Lough Neagh. Dr Adam Mellor, Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute
- 11.20 – 11.50 Coffee/tea break (*provided*)
- Session Two: Talks: 11.50 to 13.00 (Chair: Bridget Keehan, Ireland Officer)**
- 11.50 – 12.15 The National Museum of Northern Ireland Herbarium. Rhonda Ridley, NMNI.
- 12.15 – 12.30 Botany by Kayak. Jake Dalzell.
- 12.30 – 13.00 The Flora of Rathlin Island. Hazel Watson and Ric Else.
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break
- Session Three: Talks & AGM : 14.00 to 15.00 (Chair: Robert Northridge)**
- 14.00 – 14.15 The new *Flora of County Monaghan*. Alexis Fitzgerald, Co Monaghan VCR.
- 14.15 - 14.20 BSBI President's Address, Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington
- 14.20 – 15.00 AGM\* (Open to all, but only Irish BSBI members may vote)
- 15.00 – 15.20 Coffee/tea break (*provided*)
- Session Four: Talks & workshops: 15.15 to 16.40 (Chair: Jen Farrar, NI Botanical Skills Officer)**
- 15.20 – 15.35 The Vascular Plants of Cooley Peninsula, Co Louth. Ciarán Flynn, Co Louth co-VCR.
- 15.35 – 15.50 Bryophytes and Plant Communities on the Cooley Peninsula, Co. Louth.  
Dr Melinda Lyons.
- 15.50 – 16.35 Choice of workshops:
- Aquatic Plant ID (Nick Stewart);
  - Guided walk around venue grounds (Marcus Malley, Biodiversity Manager, ABC Borough Council;
  - Informal workshops on willows / other taxa
- 16.35 – 16.40 Thanks and close (Doors close 5pm)

(\*Alternatively, a chance to revisit exhibits / explore grounds / catch up with friends)