

# Field Botany in Dunbartonshire

## Fieldwork Programme, 2023

Here is our updated programme for the 2023 season.

(Some events planned elsewhere, or by other organisations, may be included in italics for your interest. Details of official BSBI events, such as Workshops and Field Meetings, can be found on the BSBI website.)

We are hunting for 'new finds' (things not seen in a place before) and 're-finds' (things seen in a place before, but not recently). We normally work in **monads** (i.e. single map squares). Map references for the monads we are targetting are shown (e.g. **NS2683**).

Some of the locations are remote, or suffer from restricted access or parking. It is therefore more important than ever that we know who will be present. If you wish to take part in any event, **please email or text Michael Philip no less than 24 hours in advance**. It would also be helpful for us to have confirmation of your mobile phone number, in case of any last-minute alterations or hitches. Please take note of the start time: it varies from outing to outing, so do check!

Sometimes finding the meeting-place will require some navigation skills. The grid references below will be more accurate than the postcode/satnav method, especially in open countryside. Please allow enough time to arrive on time. We expect reasonable standards of time-keeping, only because latecomers hold back the group. If you know you're going to be late, please phone (the mobile number is given below).

Michael's car is a blue Honda Jazz and he wears a red jacket.

We are all learning from each other and welcome all questions and discussion about plants and nature.

Finally, please be aware that your participation in any of these events is at your own risk.

We recommend that you bring your own food and water with you (less crucial for afternoon or evening events).

We have indicated on the programme the kind of terrain to expect. Take precautions over clothing and equipment, and be sensible about steep or boggy ground, climbing gates or fences, and pacing yourself. If you feel uneasy about distance, terrain or time, please say so - we won't ask anyone to go beyond what they feel they can do.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>What</u>
22nd April	Saturday all day	10.00	Rhu	A revisit to look for early-season plants
<b>NS2683</b> <b>NS2684</b>			Meet 10am at Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club (tracks, paths, seashore, rough ground) (enter by driveway at bend where A814 leaves the shore, between A814 and shore track) Postcode: <b>G84 8NG</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS266839</b>	
30th April	Sunday all day	10.00	Blairlinnans & Whinney Hill	Very little recording done here before!
<b>NS4084</b> <b>NS4085</b>	<b>NS3984</b>		Meet 10am at Water Treatment Works Postcode: <b>G83 8LX</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS404848</b> (postcode very approximate)	(roadsides, paths, tracks, woodland, grassland)
10th May	Wednesday evening	19.00	<b>** <u>Special event on Zoom</u> **</b>	An evening to discuss and identify plants from photos Screen-share (or send in) your plant photos for identification
All welcome! Join us at 7pm on Zoom with this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4857373272?pwd=ZXpPd0J5M1d5NIJRVEIxZmk1cEVGQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4857373272?pwd=ZXpPd0J5M1d5NIJRVEIxZmk1cEVGQT09</a>				
13th May	Saturday all day	10.00	Gartlea Farm and ox-bows	A visit to rich grassland and woodland
<b>NS4483</b> <b>NS4583</b>			Meet 10am at Gartlea Farm Postcode: <b>G83 8SD</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS454833</b> (postcode very approximate)	(tracks, paths, open ground, wet areas, woodland)
17th May	Wednesday evening	18.00	Dumbarton, Brucehill (south)	Trying for maximum list in a small area
<b>NS3874</b>			Meet 6pm at carpark on Woodyard Road Postcode: <b>G82 4DA</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS392752</b>	(residential area: roadsides, paths, seashore)
21st May	Sunday all day	10.00	RSPB Loch Lomond Reserve	Guided walk in very rich habitats
<b>NS4387</b> <b>NS4388</b>			Meet 10am at first carpark Postcode: (G83 8SB) Grid Ref: <b>NS438870</b> (On A811, entrance is a couple of bends east of sign to Caravan Park)	(paths, tracks, woodland, grassland, wet areas) <b>NB do not follow postcode - use grid reference!</b>

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4th June	Sunday all day	10.00	The Saltings, Old Kilpatrick	Exploring the richness of this Local Nature Reserve
<b>NS4672</b>			Meet 10am at carpark off Erskine Ferry Road Postcode: <b>G60 5EU</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS465725</b>	(tracks, paths, riverbank, rough ground, wet areas)
10th June	Saturday all day	10.00	Auchengaich Reservoir	Challenging walk in rough terrain
<b>NS2791</b> <b>NS2792</b>			Meet 10am at lay-by on minor road by Auchengaich Farm Postcode: <b>G84 8YT</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS274899</b>	(tracks, paths, riverbank, rough ground, wet areas)
18th June	Sunday all day	09.30	Inchmoan (departing from Luss)	An opportunity to record a whole island!
<b>NS3790</b> <b>NS3791</b>	<b>NS3890</b> <b>NS3891</b>		Meet 9.30am at Loch Lomond Arms Hotel (park in hotel carpark, please, immediately north of the building) Postcode: <b>G83 8NY</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS358929</b>	(loch shore, grassland, woodland, rough ground, wet areas)
<b>THIS OUTING IS NOW FULLY BOOKED! Please do not turn up if you have not already booked. Those attending, please note early start. A charge of £12 per head is payable for the boat.</b>				
<i>18th June</i>	<i>Sunday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Holyrood Park Education Centre, Edinburgh</i>	<i>Plant Families Workshop</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>			<i>(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)</i>	
<i>Booking open at: <a href="https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871579">https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871579</a></i>				
28th June	Wednesday evening	18.00	Dalmuir	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS4871</b>			Meet 6pm at Dalmuir Station Postcode: <b>G81 3QT</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS483713</b>	(residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground)
<i>1st July</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Maybole, Ayrshire</i>	<i>Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification</i>
<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>			<i>(a one-day course on Bramble identification)</i>	
<i>Contact Angus Hannah: <a href="mailto:butesedge@yahoo.co.uk">butesedge@yahoo.co.uk</a></i>				

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1st July	Saturday all day	10.00	Dulnain Bridge	Plant Families Workshop <i>(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)</i>
<p><i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>  <i>Booking open at: <a href="https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871583">https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871583</a></i></p>				
2nd July	Sunday all day	10.00	Tullich Hill	Tough hill day!  (paths, rough hillsides, steep ground, wet areas)
<b>NN2900</b> <b>NN3000</b>	<b>NS2999</b> <b>NS3099</b>		Meet 10am at lay-by east of Invergroin Postcode: <b>G83 8PD</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS309987</b> (those not wishing the steep ascent can join group recording along the Glen Douglas road)	
7th-9th July	Weekend		Maybole, Ayrshire	Annual Bramble Workshop <i>(weekend workshop on Bramble identification)</i> <i>Local accommodation not provided</i>
<p><i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>  <i>Contact Angus Hannah: <a href="mailto:butesedge@yahoo.co.uk">butesedge@yahoo.co.uk</a></i></p>				
15th July	Saturday all day	10.00	Inveruglas and Loch Sloy road	Considerable walking and some rough hillsides  (roadsides, paths, rough ground, hillsides, wet areas)
<b>NN3009</b> <b>NN3109</b>	<b>NN3209</b>		Meet 10am at Inveruglas Visitor Centre Postcode: <b>G83 7DP</b> Grid Ref: <b>NN323098</b>	
22nd July	Saturday all day	10.00	Ben Lawers	Grasses, Sedges and Rushes <i>(field training day suitable for all levels of experience)</i>
<p><i>This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request)</i>  <i>Contact Faith Anstey: <a href="mailto:faithanstey@gmail.com">faithanstey@gmail.com</a></i></p>				
23rd July	Sunday all day	10.00	Firkin Point, Loch Lomondside	Easy access for a pleasant day on the wooded loch shore  (paths, rough ground, steep ground, loch shore, wet areas)
<b>NN3300</b> <b>NN3301</b>			Meet 10am at Firkin Point carpark Postcode: <b>G83 7DL</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS338007</b>	

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23rd July	Sunday all day	10.00	Mugdock Country Park	General meet for Beginners in Plant ID (field training day suitable for beginners)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request) Contact Matt Harding: <a href="mailto:matt.harding@bsbi.org">matt.harding@bsbi.org</a>				
26th July	Wednesday evening	18.00	Duck Bay	An evening on the shores of Loch Lomond (roadsides, paths, open ground, loch shore)
<b>NS3783</b>			Meet 6pm on minor road along shore (north-west of Cameron House complex) Postcode: <b>G83 8QZ</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS372835</b>	
5th August	Saturday all day	09.30	Ardlui (by ferry to to east shore of the loch)	Considerable walking and some rough ground (paths, rough ground, woodland, hillsides, wet areas)
<b>NN3215</b> <b>NN3314</b>	<b>NN3313</b> <b>NN3312</b>		Meet 9.30am at Ardlui Hotel Postcode: <b>G83 7EB</b> Grid Ref: <b>NN318157</b> <b>Advance Booking essential. Contact Michael for full details, including parking arrangements.</b> <b>Please note early start and please be on time! There is a charge of £5 each way for the ferry.</b>	
13th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Ardchapel and Stuckenduff	Suburban area, and hillside above Gare Loch (paths, rough hillsides, steep ground, wet areas)
<b>NS2586</b> <b>NS2686</b>			Meet 10am on residential road, (northbound on A814: first right turn after Blairvadach) Postcode: <b>G84 8NW</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS257858</b>	
20th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Dumyat, near Stirling	Plant Identification for Habitat Surveys (field training day on rough hill terrain)
This is an official BSBI Workshop: <b>advance booking required</b> (details on request) Contact Lindsay Mackinlay: <a href="mailto:lindsay@thefutureforestcompany.com">lindsay@thefutureforestcompany.com</a>				
23rd August	Wednesday evening	18.00	Alexandria	Recording for the Urban Flora Project (residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground)
<b>NS3880</b> <b>NS3881</b>			Meet 6pm on Hill Street (near filling station) Postcode: <b>G83 0DU</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS389803</b>	

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26th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Kilcreggan	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS2380</b> <b>NS2280</b>			Meet 10am at main carpark by pier Postcode: <b>G84 0JH</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS241804</b>	(urban recording: roads, paths, open ground, seashore)
<i>2nd Sept.</i>	<i>Saturday all day</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Falls of Clyde, New Lanark</i>	<i>Workshop: Ferns for Complete and Utter Beginners</i>
			<i>This is an official BSBI Workshop - <b>advance booking required:</b></i>	<i>(a one-day entry-level course on Fern identification)</i>
			<i>Booking open at: <a href="https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/867094">https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/867094</a></i>	
9th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Cardross	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
<b>NS3477</b>			Meet 10am at station carpark Postcode: <b>G82 5NL</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS345773</b>	(urban recording: roads, paths, open ground, seashore)
20th Sept.	Wednesday evening	19.00	<b>** <u>Special event on Zoom</u> **</b>	An evening to discuss flower books and field guides (inc. book reviews of favourite books to use for wild plants)
All welcome! (If possible, please let us know in advance if you can attend: otherwise, do just turn up.)				
Join us at 7pm on Zoom with this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800134607?pwd=a2hFUkovWURsNkg3ZGVCeHA4MlBrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800134607?pwd=a2hFUkovWURsNkg3ZGVCeHA4MlBrdz09</a>				
24th Sept.	Sunday all day	10.00	Rhu (east)	A return visit to explore the village
<b>NS2783</b> <b>NS2784</b>			Meet 10am at Cairndhu Point carpark Postcode: <b>G84 8SF</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS280829</b>	(roadsides, paths, seashore, woodland)
1st October	Sunday all day	10.00	Balloch Country Park and Over Balloch	Further work to add to the record
<b>NS3883</b> <b>NS3983</b>			Meet 10am at main carpark Postcode: <b>G83 8LX</b> Grid Ref: <b>NS390831</b>	(paths, open ground, woodland, roadsides)

You are welcome to join any of the above outings at your convenience. No previous knowledge is required - and you will undoubtedly learn stuff!

Please make sure to read the blurb at the beginning of the Programme.