



Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland

BSBI Award for an outstanding contribution to British and Irish Botany

The BSBI is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Awards that advance the understanding and appreciation of the British and Irish Flora.

Eligibility for award categories:

The awards can be given to *anyone who is a BSBI member or a group which includes BSBI members.

The Nominee (or a representative of the Group) must give their written consent to being nominated – see below.

The Awards Committee will consider the significance of the contribution made to **advancing the understanding and appreciation of the British and Irish flora over a sustained period** by individuals who have shown outstanding and committed devotion that align with BSBI's objectives. For example, through teaching or research (including ecology, taxonomy, distribution or genetics), engagement work through giving talks, and lectures, writing and contributing to books and articles, producing and delivering training or significant support to the running of the Society.

This national award is aimed at those whose influence is at the whole Society level and whose name may already be well-known by the majority of members across the Society.

If you wish to nominate more than one person/ group for this award, please use a separate form for each nominee.

If you also wish to nominate a person/ group in the separate 'Contribution to botany in your area' category, please use the relevant nomination form.

Any BSBI member, group (which includes BSBI members) or committee is eligible to make nominations, **you may even nominate yourself!** *However, BSBI staff, Hon. Officers and trustees are NOT eligible for Awards.

Nominations close on **31st December**. The Awards Committee may ask for supplementary material to be supplied for short-listed candidates.

The Awards will be announced in the April issue of BSBI News, on the BSBI website, eNewsletters and on our social media platforms.

NAME OF NOMINEE:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Has the nominee been informed that they are being put forward for an Award and do they give their consent to the nomination?

We should like to publicise the list of nominees and the names of the winners on the BSBI website, in our periodicals and on our social media platforms, and we should also like to publish a photograph of each of the winners. So, we will need the nominee to tick one or other of the boxes below:

- Please tick this box, if you (the nominee) are happy for your details to be published in this way. Ideally, we would also like you to send us a photograph that shows you carrying out the activity for which you are being nominated.
- Please tick this box, if you (the nominee) would prefer to remain anonymous throughout the nomination and Award process and do not wish your details to be made public.

Privacy Notice

We will only use the information you have given us for consideration of BSBI Awards and for publicity purposes as outlined above. Your data will be treated as confidential and stored in line with data protection legislation. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more information about how we look after your data. You can request to see the data we hold, request its removal or update your contact preferences at any time by contacting us. To do so, email enquiries@bsbi.org.

Our Privacy Policy also applies to the person making the nomination, so please fill in the next section:

YOUR NAME:

Relationship to nominee:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

- Please tick this box, if you are happy for your data to be stored as outlined in our Privacy Policy.
- Please tick this box, if you would prefer to remain anonymous throughout the nomination and Award process.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION:

Please describe the contribution of the nominee and reasons for nomination. **Please give as much detail as possible using the headings below for guidance, although we do not necessarily expect everyone nominated to fulfil all of the criteria in order to merit an award.** The Awards Committee can only make its decision based on the information you supply, so the more relevant detail you provide under each heading, the more likely that your nominee will do well in these Awards.

What is outstanding about the nominee's contribution to British and Irish Botany (200 words maximum)

Research

Has the nominee carried out and published significant research to help advance the understanding of the British and/ or Irish flora? Were their research outputs shared to help engage new audiences for botany and BSBI? **(200 words maximum)**

Impact and Influence

What has the impact of the nominee's work been on understanding or appreciation of wild plants or support for their conservation? Has the nominee's work led to new interest in British and/ or Irish Botany? What has been the reach of work of the nominee? Have new ideas, tools or resources been developed? Has the nominee's work led to better land management or conservation decision making? **(200 words maximum)**

Uniqueness and Other Considerations

Is anyone else doing similar work in the same area? What has been the nominee's commitment over time? **(200 words maximum)**

Please add more details on separate pages if required.

Please send your completed nomination form to Steve Gater, BSBI Hon Gen Sec, by 31 December 2023: steve.gater@bsbi.org

Please attach a photograph of the nominee if they have provided one and given their consent for it to be used (see Privacy note above).

Finally, please could you tell us where you heard about these Awards?

(Please mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI website | <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI News | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife group/organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Through my job | <input type="checkbox"/> BSBI eNewsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a BSBI event | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If other, please specify_____