Botanical Experiences & BSBI
Kerry Roundup.

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What I’m going to cover today

- How/what got me into botany

- Reflection on a few of my experiences with the BSBI

- BSBI Kerry local group; where we have gone so far, some highlights, and a brief look at future plans/ outings for 2018.
How did I get into Botany?

• Started with houseplants & growing fruit & veg.
College ft(s) to Burren, NBG, KNP etc

Lotus corniculatus

Orchis mascula

Ajuga pyramidalis
Saxifraga tridactylites
(Rue leaved saxifrage)
Ballyheigue- Home stomping ground
My BSBI Experiences

First ever outing
Searching for Lycopodiella inundata @
Lough Mask, Co. Mayo
Kerry BSBI Recording Event

A week long recording event on the Dingle Peninsula which took place from the 1st-5th June 2017.

Small groups of botanists headed out to various locations to record in

- Loughadoon
- Glentenassig
- Mt Brandon x 2.
Botanical Highlights of Mt Brandon
26th August - Rough Crew Outing - Overnight camping trip on the Great Blasket Island led by R.Hodd
BSBI Kerry local group - set up summer 2017

Outings so far:

2017
1/ Ross Island - KNP
2/ Blennerville
3/ Glanageenty
4/ Muckross Peninsula, KNP – NYPH

2018
5/ Ballyseedy Woods
16th July BSBI Kerry Inaugural outing
- Ross Island, Killarney National Park

• First official BSBI Kerry outing
• 16 participants of all abilities
Orobanche hederae (Ivy Broomrape)

Campanula rotundifolia (Harebell)
Epipactis helleborine
(Broad-lvd helleborine)
Outing #2 Blennerville, Tralee

Looped walk with encompassed saltmarsh/coastal flora & later hedgerow/roadside plants

-17 Participants

Highlights:

*Solanum dulcamara var marinum*  
(Bittersweet- coastal variant)
Outing #3 Glenageenty

- Small group of 6 participants > 100 records collected.

- Botanical Highlights; *Conium maculatum* (Hemlock), *Euphorbia hyberna* (irish Spurge)
Outing #4 NYPH- Muckross 30th December 2017

• 18 Participants
• 43 plants in flower
#5 First outing of 2018 - Ballyseedy Woods, Tralee.

- 90+ records collected

- Post cold snap pf of snow/ice. Very few herbs in flower

- 2 unimpressed viola fls and sprinkles of the usual suspects such as *F. verna*, *Taraxacum* etc
Future and Upcoming Outings

• Next Outing... 15th April Lyreacrompane area.

• ** Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May (General/Recording)

• June- Ballylongford, Carraigafoyle Castle area.

• July- Ballyheigue, hopefully in conjunction with Ballyheigue Summer fest.

• **September - official field meeting Sept 1st/2nd
BSBI Kerry – how to get involved??

• Join our mailing list to receive notification by email when we are planning to head out........ jhbsbikerry@gmail.com

• Give us a 👍 on our Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/BSBIKerry

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Thank you for listening! 😊