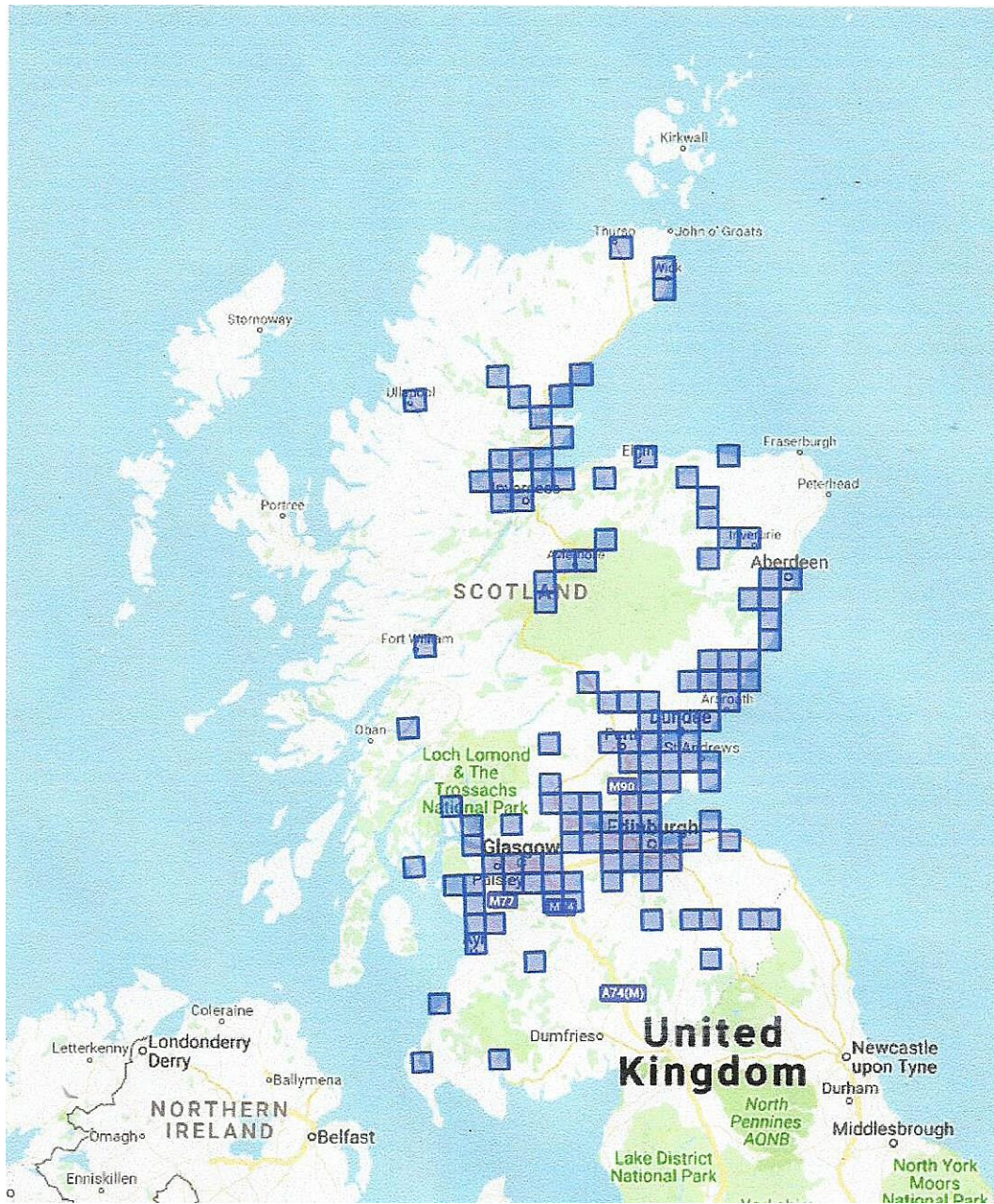


# **BSS Urban Flora project**

Brian Ballinger, BSS President

- Cities and towns of over 1000 population
- Vascular plants, bryophytes, lichens , fungi, algae.
- 22 recorders and also groups
- iRecord recording –activity for project
- 27,000 records. 1,200 species
- Information on abundance and habitat
- Links with BSBI recording



# Group involvement



Strathpeffer

Menstrie



Dundee

# Issues

- Nature of urban flora and its habitats
- Comparison with rural flora
- Variation over Scotland and comparison with other countries
- Trends
- Management and conservation
- Climate Change

# Comparison with rural

- Small pilot study. 4 pairs of adjacent 1km squares in E Ross. One urban, one rural
- 79% of all species found recorded in rural habitats
- 59% of all species found recorded in urban habitats
- Approx 17% neophytes in urban area and 4% in rural

