

## Annual Report Form for BSBI VC Recorders, 2015

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### 1. Brief summary of 2015 in my Vice-county:

1. Rare Plant Register updated Sep. 2015 and waiting for my technical assistant to update on her database and then re-issue on BSBI website.
2. Tiree tetrads survey almost completed for post 2000– a few small bits of land to record 2016 onwards. Still need a boatman to get me out to smaller islets- none yet found on Tiree. Met Kew botanist, Bill Baker, and his wife, Sally Henderson, who previously worked on *Spiranthes romanzoffiana* (Irish Ladies Tresses) in the field whilst on Tiree. Camilla Lambrick, part of my visting group, found new site for *S. romanzoffiana* on the island in a totally new area.
3. One tetrad surveyed on Mull in its own 10km square to update records to post 2000. Several species sites checked. Also visited croft owner and re-engaged him in botany on Ross of Mull. We recorded a tetrad together and he has since visited again and sent specimens .
4. Euphrasias collected from Tiree and Mull and sent to Chris Metherell who has identified them.
5. Hieracia specimens taken to David McCosh and he has identified. Data to be entered into BSBI Mapmate soon.
6. All records from 2015 field season entered and synched to centre.
7. Critical groups sent off to referees- some still to hear back from e.g. John Akeroyd . Tidy up of specimens in my press and most sent off to referees. Specimens lodged at NHM to add oto the previous Flora of Mull 1978 information.
8. Action plan made for 2016 field season, but this might be delayed. Week booked for 13-20 August for Coll tetrad recording. Alistair Godfrey and Ro Scott helping, which is very welcome.
9. Participated in New Year Plant Hunt in Northants with friends and members of BSBI on 4 Jan and sent in report – 31 species flowering.

10. Set up Ash Splash plots in remote area and also one on East coast of Mull with 2 locals I am encouraging. This is an extra site.

11. Agreed to help set up and record NPMS squares on Coll and arranged for John Bowler RSPB to do one on Tiree.

12. Helped with identification of old plant collection in Tobermory Museum.

### **3. What could we do to make your role as Recorder more fulfilling and enjoyable?**

**Help with participation and therefore some financial contribution to boating trips to the remoter islets. Should be some volunteers for this aspect! I just need to get fully mobile again so I can arrange them.**

### **4. Are there any specific things we can possibly help you with?**

Help in rough terrain especially after my hip operation!

Gordon Rothero has visited and checked a few species sites for me this year in the hills.

Need to get more help with computing and sorting out things. This would be easier if I lived in Scotland and could liaise with other VCRs who are good at this aspect.