Field Botany in Renfrewshire

Fieldwork Programme, 2023

Here is our programme for the first half of the 2023 season. You will receive an updates for the second half of the season sometime in June.

(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. **NS4670**).

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 or Peter Wiggins 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. Peter's car is a blue Toyota CHR and he usually wears a dark green 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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Date	Day	Time	Where	What
29th April	Saturday all day	10.00	Erskine	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS4670 (and neighbouring areas)			Meet 10am at Erskine Community Sports Centre Postcode: **PA8 7AF** Grid Ref: **NS470707**	(roadsides, tracks, paths, open ground, woodland)

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| 10th May | Wednesday evening | 19.00 | ** **Special event on Zoom** ** | 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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4857373272?pwd=ZXpPd0J5M1d5NlJRVEIxZmk1cEVGQT09

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| 14th May | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Langbank | Updating the record (mostly from 1998) |
| **NS3872**
NS3873 | **NS3972** | | Meet 10am at Langbank Station,
parking below station on Main Road (B789)
Postcode: **PA14 6XR** Grid Ref: **NS385732** | (roadsides, paths, tracks, woodland, grassland) |

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| 27th May | Saturday all day | 10.00 | Neilston Pad | A pleasant walk in a botanically rich area |
| **NS4754**
NS4755 | | | Meet 10am at Skatepark carpark
(on main road, near station but south of railway)
Postcode: **G78 3HQ**   Grid Ref: **NS479570** | (tracks, paths, grassland, rough ground) |

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| 11th June | Sunday all day | 10.00 | Port Glasgow | Recording for the Urban Flora Project |
| **NS3274**
NS3374 | | | Meet 10am at Newark Castle
Postcode: **PA14 5BN** Grid Ref: **NS328744** | (roadsides, paths, open ground, waste ground, seafront) |

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| 14th June | Wednesday evening | 18.00 | Kilmacolm | Recording for the Urban Flora Project |
| **NS3569** | | | Meet 6pm at Community Centre carpark
Lochwinnoch Road, near junction with A761
Postcode: **PA13 4HA** Grid Ref: **NS358698** | (residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground) |

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Date	Day	Time	Where	What
18th June	*Sunday all day*	*10.00*	*Holyrood Park Education Centre, Edinburgh*	*Plant Families Workshop*

*This is an official BSBI Workshop: **advance booking required** (details on request)*   *(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)*
Booking open at: https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871579

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
25th June	Sunday all day	10.00	Leapmoor	A longer walk promising some botanical treasures!
NS2270 **NS2370**	**NS2371**		Meet 10am at Greenock Cut Visitor Centre Postcode: **PA16 9LX** Grid Ref: **NS246721**	(tracks, rough ground, steep ground, wet areas)

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
1st July	*Saturday all day*	*10.00*	*Maybole, Ayrshire*	*Workshop: An Introduction to Bramble Identification*

*This is an official BSBI Workshop: **advance booking required** (details on request)*   *(a one-day course on Bramble identification)*
Contact Angus Hannah: butesedge@yahoo.co.uk

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
1st July	*Saturday all day*	*10.00*	*Dulnain Bridge*	*Plant Families Workshop*

*This is an official BSBI Workshop: **advance booking required** (details on request)*   *(Beginners' workshop for identification by plant families)*
Booking open at: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/871583

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
2nd July	Sunday all day	10.00	Barscube Hill	A point-to-point walk in an under-recorded area
NS3871 **NS3971**			Meet 10am, initially at Langbank Station, parking below station on Main Road (B789) Postcode: **PA14 6XR** Grid Ref: **NS385732**	(roadsides, paths, open ground, rough ground)

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
7th-9th July	*Weekend*		*Maybole, Ayrshire*	*Annual Bramble Workshop*

*This is an official BSBI Workshop: **advance booking required** (details on request)*   *(weekend workshop on Bramble identification)*
Contact Angus Hannah: butesedge@yahoo.co.uk   *Local accommodation not provided*

Date	Day	Time	Where	What
16th July	Sunday all day	10.00	Greenock (Gibshill area)	Part urban, part rural (some steep streets involved)
NS3074 **NS3075**			Meet 10am at Poplar St./East St. Postcode: **PA15 2RA** Grid Ref: **NS308745**	(streets, tracks, rough ground, steep places)

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22nd July	*Saturday all day*	*10.00*	*Ben Lawers*	*Grasses, Sedges and Rushes*
This is an official BSBI Workshop: ***advance booking required*** *(details on request)* *Contact Faith Anstey: faithanstey@gmail.com*				*(field training day suitable for all levels of experience)*

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23rd July	*Sunday all day*	*10.00*	*Mugdock Country Park*	*General meet for Beginners in Plant ID*
This is an official BSBI Workshop: ***advance booking required*** *(details on request)* *Contact Matt Harding: matt.harding@bsbi.org*				*(field training day suitable for beginners)*

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29th July	Saturday all day	10.00	Knockmade Moss area	Longish walk on rough ground in an under-recorded area
NS4453 **NS4452**	**NS4353**		Meet 10am at carpark for Neilston Pad (about a mile south of Neilston, turn left opposite Commore) Postcode: n/a Grid Ref: **NS466545**	(tracks, grassland, moorland, wet areas) Please contact Keith Watson if necessary: 07774 726082

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6th August	Sunday all day	10.00	Linwood (north of)	Neglected area: farmland and former tip
NS4365 **NS4366**			Meet 10am on Moss Road (turn south off B790 midway between Houston and M8 and park at crossroads beyond river) Postcode: **PA6 7BJ** Grid Ref: **NS440667**	(tracks, open ground, rough ground, riverbank)

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9th August	Wednesday evening	18.00	Bridge of Weir	Recording for the Urban Flora Project
NS3865			Meet 6pm at public carpark (Gryffe Grove) Postcode: **PA11 3QL** Grid Ref: **NS387657**	(residential area: roadsides, paths, open ground, riverbank)

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Date	Day	Time	Where	What
19th August	Saturday all day	10.00	Gleniffer Braes east and Glen Park	Moorland or woodland (depending on weather!)
NS4659 or **NS4760**			Meet 10am at carpark on Braehead Road (on right just after Braemount: if you reach the golf club you've gone too far!) Postcode: **PA2 8TY** Grid Ref: **NS471605**	(roads, paths, open ground, woodland, moorland)

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20th August	*Sunday all day*	*10.00*	*Dumyat, near Stirling*	*Plant Identification for Habitat Surveys*
This is an official BSBI Workshop: ***advance booking required*** *(details on request)* *Contact Lindsay Mackinlay:* _lindsay@thefutureforestcompany.com_				*(field training day on rough hill terrain)*

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2nd Sept.	*Saturday all day*	*10.00*	*Falls of Clyde, New Lanark*	*Workshop: Ferns for Complete and Utter Beginners*
This is an official BSBI Workshop - ***advance booking required****:* *Booking open at:* _https://buytickets.at/botanicalsocietyofbritainireland/867094_				*(a one-day entry-level course on Fern identification)*

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3rd Sept.	Sunday all day	10.00	Darndaff Moor	Longish walk on moorland track
NS2773 **NS2872**			Meet 10am, parking area off Papermill Rd. Postcode: **PA16 9JZ** Grid Ref: **NS266748** (Please be on time: we will then decant into one or two cars up Old Largs Road to start point)	(rough track, moorland, boggy areas)

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16th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Balgray	Under-recorded area with very varied terrain
NS5056			Meet 10am at parking area on Balgraystone Road (south of railway) Postcode: **G78 2SB** Grid Ref: **NS507572**	(roads, paths, open and steep ground, loch shore, wet areas)

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20th Sept.	Wednesday evening	19.00	** **Special event on Zoom** **	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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800134607?pwd=a2hFUkovWURsNkg3ZGVCeHA4MlBrdz09

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Date	Day	Time	Where	What
30th Sept.	Saturday all day	10.00	Renfrew	A urban quest for a late-season list!
NS4967			Meet 10am at New Renfrew Retail Park	(streets, waste ground, public park, industrial areas)
			(by junction of Argyll Ave. & West Lodge Rd.)	
			Postcode: **PA4 9EN** Grid Ref: **NS499679**	

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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.