

British Lichen Society Field Meetings & Workshops Programme 2017 / 18

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note: All members of whatever level of experience are welcomed on all BLS Field Meetings. No member should feel inhibited from attending by the fact that some meetings may be associated with BLS Council meetings or the AGM. Workshops, on the other hand, may be aimed at members who have some level of experience. If so this fact will be specified in the meeting notice.

BLS AUTUMN MEETING 2017 – Epping Forest **Wednesday 6thth (evening) to Sunday 10th (afternoon) September 2017** local organiser – John Skinner

Epping Forest is due for a re-survey - last looked at in 2003 by Peter James and Linda Davies when 64 species were recorded. Records going back to 1784 show that the forest's lichen flora has mirrored the changes in air quality and composition over the years. Many changes can expected to be found on this Society visit.

A room in the Field Studies Council field centre has been booked for evening use on Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat. This is at: Epping Forest Field Centre, Paul's Nursery Road, High Beach, Loughton, Essex IG10 4AF.
Telephone: 020 8502 8500

The meeting will convene at 8.00pm on Wenesday 6th September at the Epping Forest Field Centre for an introductory talk.

There being no suitable group accommodation in the area attendees will have to make their own arrangements.

Meeting details and a list of some possible accommodation will be sent out to those interested in attending the meeting.

To indicate an interest in the meeting email Steve Price, the Field Meetings Secretary, on fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP.

BLS AGM 2017 Field Outing – Carlisle, Cumbria **Sunday 21st January 2017**

A one day field outing will follow the AGM which is being held in Carlisle, Cumbria.

Further details will appear in the BLS Bulletin and will be posted on the BLS website.

BLS WINTER WORKSHOP 2018 – Cloughton, Scarborough

Bring along your problems: identification and techniques

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th February 2018

Tutors: Brian Coppins and Mark Powell

This workshop will provide members with an opportunity to air and share their lichen identification problems and their problems in using techniques needed to aid identification.

Look out those problematic specimens which have been haunting you; they may be nameable. Problems with techniques can include issues with microscopes / chemical tests / staining etc. Problems and their solutions will be shared throughout the group.

No problem too small! However financial, political and domestic problems are out of scope!
The bulk of the time will be spent in the adequately sized meeting room. The grounds of Cober Hill and its environs offer plenty of opportunity to take a short walk and to find more question-posing material.

Meeting Base

The meeting will be residential at Cober Hill, Cloughton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 0AR
tel: 01723 870310 email: enquiries@coberhill.co.uk
See www.coberhill.co.uk to have a look at the accommodation and facilities.

Accommodation and costs

Accommodation for 20 people in single and twin en-suite rooms has been reserved and a deposit paid by the BLS. These bed spaces are being held for us until the mid-August 2017 (6 months before the meeting date). Subject to availability rooms will be able to be booked after this date.

Full board accommodation (incl. dinner, breakfast and packed lunch) for the two nights is £169 per person (inc. VAT at 20%). This price includes the use of the meeting room until late Sunday afternoon. The group package is for the 2 nights and there is no reduction for a shorter stay.

The earliest check-in time for rooms is 15.00. Dinner is at 19.00.

Booking

Attendees should book their rooms with the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price,
email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP and send him a £45 deposit, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society' (not 'BLS' please). If members prefer to pay by bank transfer please request details from the Field Meetings Secretary.

Bookings need to be made and the deposit of £45 paid by 15 August 2017. The deposit once paid by BLS to Cober Hill will be non-refundable.

Cancellation of places less than 16 weeks before the meeting will incur extra charges, therefore the balance (£124) needs to be paid by the end of October 2017.

Please advise of any special dietary needs and also if you do not need dinner on the evening of arrival. Note there will be no reduction in the cost if you do not take dinner that night.

Microscope work

The meeting room has been reserved for the duration of the meeting for microscope work and presentations. The BLS microscopes will be available for communal use.

Timetable

Meet for dinner on Friday 23rd at 19.00hrs. We need to vacate the bedroom accommodation after breakfast Sunday 24th and the meeting room by 16.00hrs on the Sunday afternoon. A packed lunch will be provided on the Sunday.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

BLS SPRING FIELD MEETING - Galloway

Monday 23rd to Monday 30th April 2018

Field-sites organiser: John Douglass

This meeting will study a largely under recorded area of Galloway in South West Scotland. Habitats will including woodland, coastal habitats, gardens and the occasional church and cemetery. Trip will be made westwards onto the Rhins of Galloway.

Meeting Base

Conifer Lodges, Minnigaff, Newton Stewart DG8 6AN

See <http://solidluxury.co.uk/locations/conifer-lodges-dumfries-galloway-properties-sleeping-2-to-8/> or Google 'Conifer lodges solid luxury' to view the accommodation. We are staying in the 'Lady Galloway lodges'.

Accommodation and costs

The BLS has booked four **self-catering lodges** (luxury log cabins). Each lodge has one double and two twin bedrooms (and a hot- tub!)

Should there be enough demand additional lodges may be able to be booked.

The cost per person for the week is £140 for sharing a twin / double bed room and £210 for single occupancy. In the first instance there will be a maximum of 1 single occupancy per lodge. This will leave us with 20 bed spaces.

Booking

Attendees should book onto the meeting with the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price, email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP and send him a £35 deposit per person, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society' (not 'BLS' please). The balance of the costs will be requested in March 2018. If members prefer to pay by bank transfer please request details from the Field Meetings Secretary.

Microscope Work

Microscope work will have to take place in the lounge / dining areas of the lodges. Bring your own microscopes if you can. The BLS stereo and compound microscope will also be available for communal use. If possible please bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

Arrival time is from 16.00hrs on Monday 23 April. The meeting will run from the evening of the 23rd when we will gather in one of the lodges after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation before 10.00hrs on the Monday 30th.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

Maps of the area (all of these may not be relevant)

OS Explorer 1:25,000 - 309 - Stranrear & The Rhins
OS Explorer 1:25,000 - 310 - Glenluce & Kirkcowan
OS Explorer 1:25,000 - 311 - Wigtown, Whithorn & The Machars
OS Explorer 1:25,000 - 319 - Galloway Forest Park South
(note: map 319 includes the area around the accommodation)

British Geological Survey Scotland Sheets 1& 3 - Rhins of Galloway

BLS SUMMER FIELD MEETING - Borrowdale, Lake District, Cumbria

Sunday 22nd to Sunday 29th July 2018

Field-sites organiser: Allan Pentecost

This meeting based at the head of the Borrowdale will study near-by upland areas, lowland areas of North Cumbria and the Borrowdale valley.

Meeting Base

Glamara House, Seatoller, Borrowdale, Nr Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5XQ

Tel: 017687 77222
Fax: 017687 77198
Email: info@glaramara.co.uk

See <http://www.glaramarahouse.co.uk/> to view the accommodation and facilities.

Accommodation and costs

The BLS has reserved a number of single and twin en-suite rooms and a meeting room at Glaramara House. The hotel is geared-up to accommodate groups such as ours involved in outdoor activities.

The cost per person for the week is £539 (£77 per night) for dinner, bed, breakfast and packed lunch. This cost includes the provision of the meeting room.

Other accommodation in the area includes camp-sites, bunk-barns and a Youth Hotel at Honister.

Booking

Attendees should book onto the meeting with the Field Meetings Secretary, Steve Price, email: fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP and send him a £50 deposit per person, cheques payable to 'The British Lichen Society' (not 'BLS' please). The balance of the costs will be requested in May 2018. If members prefer to pay by bank transfer please request details from the Field Meetings Secretary.

The bedrooms are being held for us until April 2018. Subject to availability rooms will be able to be booked after this date.

Please advise of any special dietary needs.

Microscope Work

Microscope work will take place in the Fell View function room of which we have exclusive use. Bring your own microscopes if you can. The BLS stereo and compound microscope will also be available for communal use. If possible please bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

Rooms are available from 15.00hrs on Sunday 22 July. The meeting will run from the evening of the 22nd when we will gather in the Fell View room after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation before 10.00hrs on the Sunday 29th.

Further details of the programme will be sent out to attendees nearer the time of the meeting.

Maps of the area

OS Explorer 1:25,000 - OL4 - The English Lakes - North Western

British Geological Survey 1:50,000 Sheet 29 - Keswick

Although it is extremely rare for anything to go wrong with the arrangements for our field meetings and workshops, it has happened. In 2015 the hotel we had booked for accommodation cancelled without warning. The BLS is not liable for such actions, and will not reimburse participants for losses out of the Society's control. Attendees on our meetings are advised to at least consider holiday insurance (note that for insurance purposes our meetings are best classified as themed holidays). The Society does not arrange such cover although it does of course have Public Liability Insurance. In the unfortunate event of an unforeseen cancellation, participants should be diligent in keeping receipts of all expenditure they incur as a result of such action. The case for re-imburement may depend on the production of receipts.

Steve Price, BLS Field Meetings Secretary, 4 May 2017