

## British Lichen Society Field Meetings & Workshops Programme 2018

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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 AGM 2017 Field Outing – Netherby Hall, Cumbria Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

Leader: Allan Pentecost

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

Netherby is a large estate with extensive areas of woodland and parkland by the River Esk. It is two miles NE of Longtown and 10 miles north of Carlisle and is close to the Scottish border. It is a private estate owned by Mr & Mrs Gerald Smith. There will not be an entry charge for our group.

The suggestion is to meet outside Tullie House, the location of the AGM, at 10.00 to organise transport. Public transport will not be an option so private cars will be needed.

The grounds (grid reference NY3971) are covered by OS Explorer Map 324 and Landranger map 85.

### **BLS WINTER WORKSHOP 2018 – Cloughton, Scarborough**

***Bring along your problems: identification and techniques***

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@coberhill.co.uk)

See [www.coberhill.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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.

The bookings made (and the deposits of £45 paid) by the end of August 2017 have been confirmed with Cober Hill. **Bookings can now be made subject to bedroom accommodation being available.** Please contact the Field Meetings Secretary. 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***

A very large 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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***

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### ***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 RECORDING MEETING - Moccas Park National Nature Reserve, Herefordshire**

### **Spring / Summer 2018**

A two day recording meeting at Moccas Park National Nature Reserve in Herefordshire is being planned for the summer 2018. Moccas Park is one of the largest and most diverse examples of wood pasture remaining in Britain.

The date of the meeting has yet to be decided, when known this will be posted on the BLS website and emailed out to those members who have meanwhile expressed an interest in attending. Members with an interest in attending should let Steve Price, the Field Meetings Secretary, know by email: [fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk](mailto:fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk) or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP.

There is no limit on numbers however because we do need to let EN and Estate staff know how many will be attending **booking in advance is essential**. Precise joining instructions will be sent out to those who confirm their attendance.

There will no specific base for the meeting and attendees will need to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

## **BLS SUMMER FIELD MEETING - Borrowdale, Lake District, Cumbria**

**Sunday 22nd to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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***

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

Tel: 017687 77222

Fax: 017687 77198

Email: [info@glaramara.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **BLS AUTUMN FIELD MEETING - Suffolk**

### **Friday 5th to Monday 8th October 2018**

Local organisers: Peter Lambley & Chris Hitch

The eastern coastal fringe of Suffolk has a diverse range of habitats and it is expected that the meeting will explore some of the richest ones for lichens. A highlight will be a visit to the extensive shingle spit of Orfordness, once the site for testing Britain's nuclear trigger now a nature reserve with extensive areas of shingle plus some artificial habitats. It is also hoped to visit one or more parklands, which have some of the largest lichen floras in Eastern England. In addition we intend to visit some of the magnificent medieval churches for which Suffolk is famous.

#### ***Meeting Base***

Field Studies Council Flatford Mill Field Centre, East Bergholt, Suffolk CO7 6UL

Tel: 01206 297110

Website: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/flatfordmill.aspx>

#### ***Timetable***

The meeting will start at a field-site on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. There will be an option to join the meeting at lunchtime on Friday. The meeting will finish at lunchtime on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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

#### ***Accommodation and costs***

For the three nights Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> the BLS has reserved 20 bed spaces in mostly single accommodation, there will be a twin option for those wishing to share. The booking is for dinner, bed, breakfast and packed lunch.

The cost of the stay at Flatford Mill is:

£220.00 plus VAT per person for single accommodation (inc. VAT at 20% = £264) and;

£360.00 plus VAT for a couple in a twin room (inc. VAT at 20% = £432).

Flatford Mill is unable to offer accommodation for the group on the night of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If attendees wish to stay overnight before joining the meeting on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> they will need to arrange their own accommodation for that one night.

Flatford Mill may have some limited overnight accommodation available for the night of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> but this will not be known until the first or second week in September. Enquiries, bookings and payments for any extra nights should be made directly with Flatford Mill and not through the BLS Field Meetings Secretary.

#### ***Booking***

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When booking please advise of any special dietary needs.

If members prefer to pay by bank transfer please request details from the Field Meetings Secretary.

#### ***Microscope Work***

Two adjacent workrooms have been reserved for microscope work.

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).

**Note:** In November 1959 the second ever field meeting of the BLS was based at Flatford Mill - see *The Lichenologist* 1(3) p.119 and *The Lichenologist* 1(4) pp.203 - 206). There have been two subsequent meetings based in Suffolk: in September 1982 at Staverton (not written-up); and in November 1985 at Sudbury - see *BLS Bulletin* no. 57 pp.19-20.

### ***Maps of the area***

The following OS 1:50000 scale Landranger maps will be useful:

No. 156 - Saxmundham, Aldeburgh & Southwold

No. 169 - Ipswich, The Naze

*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 and at short notice. 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, 29 Sept 2017