

British Lichen Society

Field Meetings & Workshops Programme 2019 / 2020



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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 SUMMER FIELD MEETING - Holy Island, Anglesey, Wales

Friday 19 to Friday 26 July 2019

Local organiser: Tracey Lovering

This meeting is based on Holy Island on the very north-west corner of Wales. The complex geology of Anglesey offers a range of interesting lichen habitats, including disused copper mines. There is of course plenty of coastal habitat to study, including rocky shore, dunes, coastal heath, streams and the Menai Straits. The majority of the coastline is accessible via the All Wales Coastpath. As well as collecting new records for the Island, we will re-visit a selection of previously well-recorded sites supporting interesting records, to record change. Site visit options will also include churchyard and woodland. Lots of interest for everyone.'

Meeting Base

Anglesey Outdoors, Porthdafarch Road, Holyhead, Anglesey LL65 2LP
Tel. 01407 769 351
website: <http://www.angleseyoutdoors.com/index.html>

for a map of the area have a look at:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/idld.srf?X=223787&Y=380706&A=Y&Z=115&lm=1>

Accommodation and costs

The BLS has booked for exclusive use the whole of the Main Centre and the Maris accommodation at Anglesey Outdoors. The 12 bedrooms of varying capacities have been allocated to provide 22 bed-spaces for our group. We have booked on a full-board basis.

The costs are:

Single accommodation £447 per person for the week (there are four single-occupancy rooms available)

In twin accommodation £387 per person for the week (there are six twin-occupancy rooms available)

In triple accommodation £352 per person for the week (there are two triple-occupancy rooms available)

Attendees are asked to advise when booking of any special dietary needs.

Anglesey Outdoors has camping facilities and a range of other accommodation is available on Holy Island. Attendees wanting to book these facilities need to make their own arrangements.

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). If attendees wish to pay by bank transfer details will be sent on request.

If taking meals please advise of any special dietary needs.

Microscope Work

Microscope work will take place in the lounge and dining areas of the Main Centre.

Bring your own microscopes if you can. The BLS stereo and compound microscope will also be available for communal use. If possible please try to bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

The meeting will run from Friday 19th when we will gather after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation in the morning of Friday 26th.

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

Transport to the meeting

Holyhead is the terminus station of a mainline railway. The train station is less than 2km from the meeting base.

Maps of the area

The following maps may be useful and dependent upon the location of field sites additional maps may also be recommended.

OS Explorer Series 1:25,000 scale

sheet 262 - Anglesey West / Gorllewin Yns Môn (meeting base on this map)

sheet 263 - Anglesey East / Dwyrain Yns Môn

OS Landranger Series 1:50,000 scale

sheet 114 - Anglesey / Yns Môn (meeting base on this map)

British Geological Survey 1:50,000

Special Sheet - Anglesey

BLS RECORDING MEETING - Rydal Park, Cumbria

Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 September 2019

Local organisers: Dave Lamacraft & April Windle

Field Leaders: Neil Sanderson & Brian Coppins

A two day meeting in the parkland and woodland at Rydal Park, Cumbria. The main purpose of this meeting is to record lichens. All BLS members are welcome to attend however the less experienced should not expect much time being given over to tuition.

Rydal Park consists of a large parkland area with scattered mature oaks and mixed deciduous woodland on the slopes above (including a number of ancient ash pollards), the lichen interest has not been looked at in any detail for some years and a brief visit in March yielded new records of *Caloplaca herbidella s. str.* suggesting the site is well worthy of further exploration. Recent information on the lichen interest has also been requested by Natural England to update their records. This is part of the National Heritage Lottery Fund funded *Back from the Brink Ancients of the Future* project.

A meeting room has been booked at Rydal Hall for the evening of Wednesday 4th for microscope work, showing the days finds and sharing the days problems.

There is no limit on numbers, however because we do need to let Estate staff know how many will be attending **BOOKING IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL.**

The meeting time on Wednesday 4th is 10.00 and details of the meeting place will be sent out to those who confirm their attendance. It is anticipated that the meeting will finish late afternoon on Thursday 5th.

Booking

Members with an interest in attending should let Steve Price, the Field Meetings Secretary, know by email:

fieldmeetings@britishlichensociety.org.uk or by post to Woodlands, Combs Road, Combs, High Peak SK23 9UP.

Accommodation

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

Location and maps

For information the central grid reference for Rydal Park is NY365063 (the parkland and woodland extends south-westwards, northwards and eastwards from here). For an online map of the area see:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=336550&Y=506350&A=Y&Z=115>

The OS Explorer Leisure 1:25,000 map - OL7 - The English Lakes, South Eastern, covers the whole of the area of interest.

BLS AUTUMN FIELD MEETING 2019 - Juniper Hall, Surrey

Wednesday 30 October to Sunday 3 November 2019

Local organiser: Paul Cannon

The Autumn 2019 Field Meeting will be based at the Juniper Hall Field Centre, at the base of Box Hill near Dorking. Surrey is a surprisingly diverse county for lichen habitats, even though exposed rock is largely restricted to churchyards. Recent indications suggest that the recovery of lichen populations from historical air pollution is going well, although nitrification remains a major concern. Expect woodland borders and old trees on the chalk soils of the North Downs, and parkland and lowland heath habitats on the Greensand. Some of the iconic lichen churchyards of the south-east will be in range, including Mickleham within walking distance of the centre which may still hold the national record for species numbers.

Meeting base: Field Studies Council, Juniper Hall, Old London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6DA
tel 01306 734501

website:

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/londonregion/juniperhall.aspx>

for a map of the area have a look at:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=517257&Y=152710&A=Y&Z=120>

Accommodation and costs

The BLS has booked 15 bedrooms for single or twin occupancy.

We are booked on a full-board basis.

The costs per person are:

Single accommodation £212.60 plus VAT (at 20% total = £255.12)

Twin accommodation £152.00 plus VAT (at 20% total = £182.40)

Attendees are asked to advise when booking of any special dietary needs.

Booking

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Microscope Work

A workroom has been booked for microscope work, presentations etc.

Bring your own microscopes if you can. The BLS stereo and compound microscope will also be available for communal use. If possible please try to bring your own consumables (microslides / cover slips / razor blades / chemicals).

Timetable

The meeting will run from Wednesday 30th when we will gather after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation in the morning of Sunday 3rd November.

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

Transport to the meeting

Trains:

Dorking Station (1.6 miles) - regular trains from London (Victoria and Waterloo) and Horsham. Taxis are readily available outside the main station.

Dorking Deepdene (1.6 miles) - trains from Reading, Guildford, Gatwick, Redhill and Reigate stop at Dorking Deepdene station.

Box Hill and Westhumble (1 mile).

Buses: The 465 service runs between Dorking (opposite the main train station) to Kingston upon Thames and stops just outside the centre.

Satnav: please use RH5 6BZ for Satnavs.

BLS AGM 2020- Field Outing

Sunday 2 February 2020

A one day field outing is being planned to follow the AGM which is being held at The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

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

BLS WINTER WORKSHOP 2020 – Cloughton, Scarborough

Bring along yet more problems

Friday 6 to Sunday 8 March 2020

(with an optional field outing on Friday 6th)

Tutors: Brian Coppins & Mark Powell

Following on from the success of the '*Bring along your problems*' and '*Bring along more problems*' weekends in 2018 and 2019 this workshop will provide members with a further opportunity to air and share their lichen identification problems and their problems in using techniques needed to aid identification.

Again, look out those problematic specimens which have been haunting you; most likely they are 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! 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.

There will also be an ***optional field outing*** during the day on Friday 6th. We will meet at 09.30 at Cober Hill, details of the outing are to be decided. If interested in this attendees are asked to make their own arrangements for accommodation for the night of Thursday 5th by booking directly with Cober Hill or elsewhere.

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 end of August 2019 (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 sit-down lunches) for the two nights is £184.50 per person (inc. VAT at 20%). This price includes the hire of the meeting room from early evening on Friday 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 £50 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 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 (£134.50) needs to be paid by the end of October 2019.

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.

If attending the ***optional field outing on Friday 6th*** attendees are asked to book their accommodation for the night of Thursday 5th directly with Cober Hill or elsewhere.

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 6th at 19.00hrs. We need to vacate the bedroom accommodation after breakfast on Sunday 8th and the meeting room by 16.00hrs on the Sunday afternoon. A full lunch is provided on the Sunday.

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

BLS SPRING MEETING 2020 – North Harris, Outer Hebrides

Saturday 2 – Saturday 9 May 2020

Local contact: Tristan ap Rheinallt

The spring 2020 meeting will be on North Harris. Lichen-wise this is a much under-recorded area of Scotland. This is the first BLS meeting on the Outer Hebrides.

Meeting base

The meeting base is The Scaladale Centre, Ardvourlie, Isle of Harris, HS3 3AB. The Centre lies 15 miles (half an hours drive) south of Stornoway, Lewis and 11 miles north of Tarbert, Harris.

Accommodation and costs

The BLS has booked the whole of the Centre. We are booked on a self-catering basis. There are 6 bedrooms of varying sizes, which are being utilised to provide up to 18 bed spaces. Because of the limited number of rooms single accommodation will not be available.

The cost for the week is £179 per person. Sheets / duvets / towels are provided.

Website: <https://www.scaladale-centre.co.uk/>

For a map of the area have a look at:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/idld.srf?X=118725&Y=910631&A=Y&Z=115&lm=1>

Booking

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Timetable

The meeting will run from Saturday 2nd when we will gather after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation in the morning of Saturday 9th.

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

Transport to the meeting

Caledonian MacBrayne operate ferries from Ullapool to Stornoway and Uig to Tarbert.

The bus service W10 (Stornoway – Leverburgh) connects Scaladale with both Stornoway and Tarbert.

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-imbusement may depend on the production of receipts.

Steve Price, BLS Field Meetings Secretary, 7 May 2019