

# British Lichen Society Field Meetings & Workshops Programme 2019



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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 2019 Field Outing – Painshill Park, Surrey Sunday 27<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

**Local organizer:** Paul Cannon

A one day field outing will follow the AGM which is being held at Kew Gardens, London. We will be visiting Painshill Park, in Cobham, Surrey. Painshill (<https://www.painshill.co.uk/>) was established in the eighteenth century as a landscape park by the Hon. Charles Hamilton, and is now being restored by the Painshill Park Trust. It has extensive parkland and wooded areas around a lake, and is filled with follies, including a Gothic Tower, a Turkish Tent, a Ruined Abbey and a quite extraordinary Crystal Grotto. It appears that only a single species of lichen has been reported previously from Painshill. The park is currently threatened by a planned expansion of the M25/A3 interchange, so a lichen survey is particularly opportune.

Painshill Park is situated on Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1AA, about one mile from the M25/A3 interchange. It is around two miles from Cobham & Stoke d'Abernon railway station, and four miles from both Walton-upon-Thames and Weybridge stations. It should be straightforward to take a taxi, but if we can match supply and demand we will try to organize a shuttle service. Train times for the day in question are not yet advertized, but we will aim to meet in the car park at Painshill at 11.00 AM.

If you are planning to attend – **and especially if you are not able to attend the AGM the day before when final details will be advertised** – please email Paul Cannon at [p.cannon@kew.org](mailto:p.cannon@kew.org) or phone/text at 07597 551059.

## **BLS WINTER WORKSHOP 2019 – Cloughton, Scarborough**

### ***Bring along more problems***

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

Tutors: Brian Coppins and Mark Powell

Following on from the success of the '*Bring along your problems*' weekend in 2018 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.

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.

### ***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 end of August 2018 (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 £177.50 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](mailto: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 (£127.50) needs to be paid by the end of October 2018.

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 1st at 19.00hrs. We need to vacate the bedroom accommodation after breakfast on Sunday 3rd and the meeting room by 16.00hrs on the Sunday afternoon. 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 FIELD MEETING - Morvern, Argyll, Scotland Tuesday 23 to Tuesday 30 April 2019**

***Field-sites organiser:*** Andy Acton

This meeting is based in the village of Lochaline on the west coast of highland Scotland. The main habitats to be studied include Atlantic oakwoods and hazelwoods with their uniquely rich *Graphidion* and *Lobarion* lichen communities. Some excursions to heavy-metal and upland sites are also being investigated.

Following the productive and enjoyable 2017 meeting on Öland, Sweden, members of the Svensk Lichenologisk Förening (Swedish Lichenological Society) are being invited to join us here.

### ***Meeting Base***

Lochaline Dive Centre & O2 Café, Lochaline, Morvern, Argyll, Scotland PA80 5XT  
Tel. 01967421627 (m) 07407183670

website: <http://www.lochalinedivecentre.co.uk/>. For a map of the area see:  
<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=168027&Y=743305&A=Y&Z=120>

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

The BLS has booked the whole of the Lochaline Dive Lodge for the week -12 en-suite bunk rooms, each sleeping two persons. The cost is £210 per person for the week. Breakfast £6.50, dinner £16.

Self catering facilities are available at the accommodation and any food brought for lunches etc can be stored in the fridges.

Attendees are asked to advise when booking what, if any, meals they wish to take and to advise of any special dietary needs. The cost of meals are to be settled up directly with the Dive Centre at the time of the meeting.

Other accommodation is available in Lochaline including the Lochaline Hotel, B&B guest-houses and self-catering cottages. Attendees wanting to use these 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](mailto: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). 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 Café of which we have use from 4pm to 8am.

*Note:* We cannot leave anything in the Café outside of those times.

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 Tuesday 23rd when we will gather in the Café after dinner for an introductory meeting. We vacate the accommodation in the morning of Tuesday 30th.

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

### ***Transport to the meeting***

Lochaline is accessible by car and by public transport.

Using public transport trains from Glasgow to Oban connects with the ferry from Oban to Craignure, Mull. The bus 495 connects with the ferry at Craignure and travels to Fishnish for the short ferry journey across the Sound of Mull to Lochaline.

see <https://www.calmac.co.uk/oban-craignure-mull-ferry-summer-timetable>

see <http://www.westcoastmotors.co.uk/timetables/oban-isle-of-mull/> )

see <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/lochaline-fishnish-ferry-timetable>

### ***Transport during the meeting***

It is anticipated that there will be enough car transport to move attendees around for the field visits. If ahead of the meeting it is recognised that there will be a shortage then the additional cars may be hired.

### ***Relevant publications***

Sandy and Brian Coppins, 2012, *Atlantic Hazel - Scotland's Special Woodlands*, Atlantic Hazel Action Group see <http://sites.google.com/site/atlantichazelgroup/>

Plantlife, 2008, *Lichens of Atlantic Woodlands, Guide 1: Lichens on ash, hazel, willow, rowan and old oak*, a fold-out field guide.

Plantlife, 2008, *Lichens of Atlantic Woodlands, Guide 2: Lichens on birch, alder and oak*, a fold-out field guide.

The two Plantlife guides above can be downloaded in pdf format from <http://www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland/our-work-scotland/projects-scotland/celtic-rainforests>

### ***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 383 - Morvern & Lochaline (meeting base on this map)

sheet 374 - Isle of Mull North & Tobermory

sheet 375 - Isle of Mull East

OS Landranger Series 1:50,000 scale

sheet 49 - Oban & East Mull (meeting base on this map)

sheet 47 - Tobermory & North Mull

British Geological Survey 1:50,000

Sheet 52W - Tobermory

Sheet 52E - Strontian

Sheet 44W and part 44E - Eastern Mull

## **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](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). 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 / Gorrlewin 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 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***

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 £35 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.

***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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*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 reimbursement may depend on the production of receipts.*

Steve Price, BLS Field Meetings Secretary, 4 October 2018