

BRITISH LICHEN SOCIETY – COVID-19 Risk Assessment

the guidance in this document applies to ALL activities and meetings of the BLS including local groups requiring BLS insurance. Meeting leaders should have attendees read and sign a risk assessment for the meeting, to ensure that there is an awareness of the risks and emergency contact details are known if required.

Brief Description of Work Plan / Field Outing / Meeting:

Meeting name / place / date:

Meeting organiser / leader:

COVID-19 Precautions

Do not engage on BLS business unless in compliance with relevant national, regional and local guidance. Before travelling and meeting please consult the following general and any relevant sector specific guidance:

England , Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland:

- <https://forestry.gov.scot/covid-19>

Do not travel on BLS business under the following circumstances:

- If you have coronavirus symptoms (high temperature, a new or continuous cough, and/or loss or change to sense of smell or taste): <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- If anyone in your household or social bubble is self-isolating because they exhibit coronavirus symptoms, or is shielded because of underlying vulnerability
- If it will not be possible to maintain social distancing
- If alternative options to travel are available (e.g. virtual meetings), or if reasons for travel can be delayed

Transport

BLS recommends single vehicle occupancy for travel.

	Noted action (completion is required)
Is it possible to follow the Government's COVID-19 guidance on staying safe and protecting others at all times during travel and fieldwork?	Yes ___ No ___
Only travel with colleagues if can you maintain social distance while sharing transport; please confirm if you are lone travelling and/or describe how social distance will be achieved in shared transport, e.g. through the use of spacing and PPE.	Are you travelling alone? Yes ___ No ___ In shared transport how will social distance will be achieved?
Will there be contact with shared surfaces, including purchase of food and drink, refuelling, toilet breaks etc. during travel, or in the use of field equipment, contact with gates/fences etc. Confirm that appropriate PPE has been sourced (e.g. face-coverings, gloves, hand sanitisers and alcohol wipes), and describe how this will be used to avoid cross-contamination.	Will there be such contact? Yes ___ No ___ If YES has appropriate PPE been sourced? How will it be used?
Please confirm that you have read and noted required actions for the specific country in which the activity will take place.	Have you noted and read the required actions? Yes ___ No ___

Signed:

Date:

BLS FIELD OUTING / MEETING: ATTENDANCE LIST

sheet ___ / ___

AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

Field outing / meeting at: **Dates:**

Leader (s):

I agree to follow the instructions of the meeting leader(s), to heed risk assessments and to act responsibly and in the interests of my own and others' safety at all times.

Name	Signed	Emergency contact / phone number