

New non-flowering plant group in North Wales

A new group has been set up in North Wales that plans to arrange field meetings to study non-flowering plants – initially, at least, concentrating on bryophytes, lichens and pteridophytes.

The first meeting was held at the Pensychnant Environmental Centre, near Conwy, on 4 August 2010, the major objectives being to meet people in the area interested in 'lower plants' and to plan further meetings, in addition to a little field work of course.

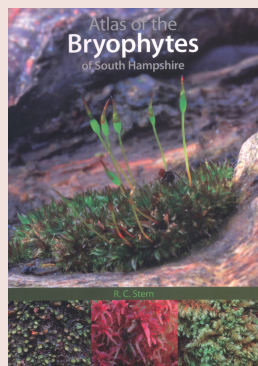
The group hope to attract a wide range of expertise, from absolute beginners to experts, and to encourage a greater interest in these plants.

There are no plans at this stage to establish any formal structure for the group, although it is hoped that it will eventually become a branch of the North Wales Wildlife Trust, with frequent meetings throughout the year, giving help and support to the many beginners who have taken an interest in lichens, bryophytes, and ferns, etc., but need more encouragement. Although rich in species, the region is under-recorded, and a great deal needs to be done to address this problem.

If you are interested in getting involved with the group, please contact Brian Burnett (e indesigneko@aol.com; t 01978 790442).

Atlas of the Bryophytes of South Hampshire – Rod Stern

The first flora of South Hampshire, an area of southern England that includes the New Forest, was published in 1961 by Jean Paton. Since then, a significant amount of



data has been collected, and this has now been collated by Rod Stern in this up-to-date atlas. In addition to the new data, the 140-pp. book contains a reproduction of Jean's original 1961 flora. The book is published by Pisces Publications and is available from NatureBureau (www.naturebureau.co.uk) at £9.95.

Botanical social networking – at <https://My-Plant.org>

My-Plant.org is a new social networking community for plant biologists and all other interested parties to come together to share information, collaborate and stay on top of the latest developments in plant science.

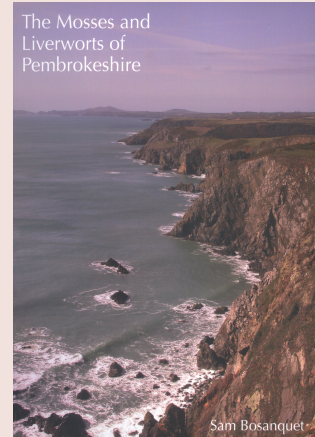
The network is organized based on the phylogeny of plants so that users can easily gather around clades of interest related to various species and groups of species. As such, members and visitors can browse the network and follow the relationships between clades to discover new communities and develop collaborations related to their own work.

My-Plant.org is more than just another social networking site. It also provides integration and links with other sites, tools and repositories of information. It is free to join, supported as it is by the US National Science Foundation iPlant Collaborative. At the time of writing, bryophytes are not very well represented, so visit the site, join and find out what this botanical 'Facebook' is all about.

The Mosses and Liverworts of Pembrokeshire – Sam Bosanquet

The western county of Pembrokeshire in Wales has a tremendous diversity of habitats, including dramatic coasts, steep-sided valleys, tors and 'Mediterranean' hotspots. This new flora celebrates the county by looking at the distribution and behaviour of the bryophytes that give each habitat its own subtly different appearance. Each species account has been written in a colloquial style, drawing on the author's experience of the plants not only in Pembrokeshire since recording started in 2000, but also further afield.

The book costs £15 + £5 p+p. To order your copy, contact Sam at Cnwc-y-llwyn, Brechfa, Carmarthen SA32 7QR (e s.bosanquet@ccw.gov.uk).



Changes to the Membership List September 2010

These changes refer to the September 2009 list.

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The Society also notes with regret the death of
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Future Meetings

Day meeting

RHS Gardens, Wisley, Surrey

7 November 2010

Leader – Mark Hill (e chaucerhill@hotmail.com)

Meet at the main entrance TQ065583 at 11 am for a visit to this famous garden, which is the only English locality of *Telaranea tetradactyla*.

This is an official BBS survey, to complement a lichen survey by the BLS in October.

Please let Mark Hill know you are coming; otherwise you may have to pay an entrance fee (unless you are also a member of the RHS).



△ RHS Wisley. *I. Atherton*



△ *Orthodontium gracilis*. John Birks

▽ *Thamnobryum cataractarum*. Fred Rumsey

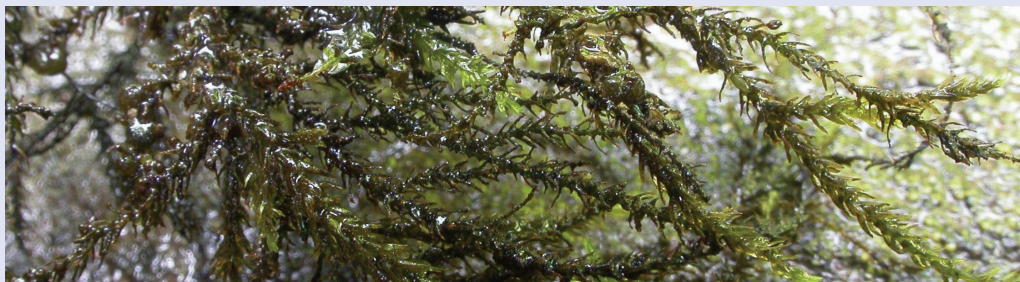
Spring 2011 Field Meeting

Upper Wharfedale, Yorkshire

6–13 April 2011

Local secretary – Gordon Haycock, Jupiter House, 42–48 Kirkgate, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 3HJ (t 07814 447122)

The meeting will be based at Scargill House, near Kettlewell in Upper Wharfedale – we will then be within striking distance of *Zygodon gracilis*, *Orthodontium gracile* and *Thamnobryum cataractarum*, as well as a number of unexplored Craven Limestone hot spots, extensive peatlands, lead mine works (prize for the first Wharfedale record of *Ditrichum plumbicola*), Pen-y-Ghent and Malham. Accommodation with food and a study room will be available at Scargill House or in nearby Kettlewell. A fantastic spot for bryologizing!



Summer 2011 Field Meeting

Week 1: 25 June–2 July 2011

Angus and Kincardine, Scotland

Local secretary – Liz Kungu, Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh (e e.kungu@rbge.org.uk)

This area comprises much of Ursula Duncan's old stamping ground, which was last surveyed pre-1963. The centre for the week will be Brechin where there are 22 under-recorded hectads stretching from the coast and lowland areas around Forfar to the high ground of Mount Keen, Mount Battock and the upper reaches of the Water of Mark. There are also some better known sites worthy of a visit, such as The Burn and North Esk. In addition, even within the better recorded areas, there are a number of old records which are not localized within the hectads and which it would be useful to re-find.

Week 2: 2–9 July 2011

Sutherland and Caithness, Scotland

Local secretary – Liz Kungu, Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh (e e.kungu@rbge.org.uk)

A more informal meeting is offered for the second week to the north coast, based at Melvich. This meeting will target some of the under-recorded ground on the boundaries of v.-c.s 107, 108 and 109. For the more adventurous, a couple of the hectads could usefully be accessed from Altnabreac Station.



△ Den Fenella, north of St Cyrus, in an under-recorded hectad; one of the lowland sites we hope to visit during the first week. Heather McHaffie, RBGE

Autumn 2011 Meeting and AGM

Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum of Wales, Cardiff 9–11 September 2011

Local secretary – Ray Tangney, Department of Biodiversity and Systematic Biology, Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NP (e ray.tangney@museumwales.ac.uk)

The Museum is centrally located, close to coach and rail transport, and to Cardiff University where single en suite accommodation is available. The Sunday ex-

cursion will be to the Rhondda/Treherbert area of Glamorgan, an area with few bryophyte records but good potential, approximately ¾ hour north of Cardiff.