

The excursion was also a really good opportunity for members of the local North Wales group, who participated in good numbers, to record in familiar habitats under the guidance of many BBS experts.

Reference

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▷Fig. 7. Bryologists admiring the tiny *Telandra europaea*.
John Grahame.



Future Meetings

An overview of the BBS meeting programme for 2020 is given below (further details given on the BBS website). Many areas also have BBS local group meetings and details of these can also be found on the website. Please contact the local Secretary if you wish to attend.

Spring meeting 2020: Barmouth, North Wales: Saturday 4 April 2020 – Thursday 9 April 2020.

The meeting will be based at Plas Caerdeon, Barmouth LL42 1TH. This is an Outdoor Education Centre in North Wales owned by Liverpool Hope University. It is situated between Dolgellau and Barmouth on the A496, and offers accommodation and catering not only to students but also to guests. Further information on costs and types of accommodation will be published in the near future. Please register your interest by emailing Margaret Crittenden on mcrittenden24@gmail.com.

Summer Meeting 2020 Week 1: Isle of Jura: Saturday June 20th – Saturday June 27th 2020.

The Isle of Jura in the Southern Hebrides is one of the most spectacularly remote and unexplored of our western Scottish islands, and approximately half of its tetrads lack a single record. In addition to investigating previously unrecorded areas of moorland, bog, mountains, lochans and coastline there

will also be the opportunity to re-examine the habitats of its known specialities including sea-caves and *Cyclodictyon laetevirens*; ravines and *Dumortiera hirsuta* and the Hepatic Mat constituent *Adelanthus lindenbergianus* up on the Paps. It is hoped that a boat trip to take recorders to the northernmost tip of the island may also be an option. To further explore the many ravines, cliffs, raised beaches and localised machair characteristic of the West coast, those adventurous recorders who are physically fit might be interested in a second week (prior to the core week), camping and bothying. I am happy to provide any information/guidance required for this. The Cicerone publication “Walking on Jura, Islay and Colonsay” is an excellent resource to start with.

NB AMENDMENT: Evening Microscope-work and Accommodation. The village hall in Craighouse has been hired for the week's evening work as it provides a more central location close to most of the holiday cottages, shop and hotel. (A small charge will be made for the use of the hall – the exact amount depending on the numbers of people attending). Craighouse also has a camp-site and a direct foot-passenger RIB service to Tayvallich on the mainland, in addition to a bus service to Feolin for the car-ferry to Islay and Kennacraig.

Booking accommodation will now be the responsibility of those attending. However, to those of you who are happy to share please indicate this when you register your interest, and I will put you in touch with each other and provide contact details for suggested local cottages. To register your interest and/or for further information please contact Fiona Cameron at Fionacam68@gmail.com

Summer Meeting 2020 Week 2

The second week of the summer meeting, which was scheduled to be held in Northeast Scotland, has been cancelled due to the organiser's ill health. If anyone would like to step in and organise a recording meeting in the summer (even a short one - for a weekend, perhaps), please contact Lucia Ruffino (address below).

Future meetings

We are currently looking for a location for week 2 of the 2021 summer meeting and for the 2021 autumn meeting. If you would like to host these meetings, or a meeting in your county or area in spring, summer or autumn 2022 onwards, please get in touch with Lucia Ruffino. You don't have to be the county recorder to arrange a meeting, you just need enthusiasm, time and local knowledge! Duration of meetings is flexible: they can run for a week, four days, a long weekend or a weekend, depending on your time and site availability. If you have any questions on meeting organisation please contact me. Many thanks – Lucia.

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