

Society business

Future meetings of the Society

Members are reminded to read the BBS Safety Code, which was published in *Bulletin 43* and is available from local secretaries for inspection during BBS meetings. Please inform local secretaries well in advance if you intend to join a meeting, even if you are not staying at the headquarters accommodation.

Annual General Meeting and Bryological Symposium 2005, Bangor, 9-11 September

Local secretary: T.H. Blackstock, Countryside Council for Wales, Maes-y-Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW; tel: 01248 385687; e-mail: t.blackstock@ccw.gov.uk.

The autumn 2005 meeting will be held at the University of Wales, Bangor (UWB), over the weekend 9-11 September. Accommodation has been reserved in students' halls of residence, which are about a 10-15 minute walk away from the principal meeting rooms in the main Arts Complex of the University. There is a range of hotel and b&b facilities in the vicinity for those preferring alternative accommodation. Bangor is also a good centre for exploring the hills and coast of northwest Wales for members planning a longer stay.

For a booking form for the Bangor meeting, please contact the local secretary. A detailed itinerary will be available to all participants in advance of the meeting.

The weekend is planned as follows.

Friday 9 September

Arrive at UWB (halls of residence in upper Bangor, about 15 minute walk from Bangor railway station). Committee meetings and Council meeting.

Saturday 10 September

Bryological Symposium with talks in the morning and first part of the afternoon. The general theme of the Symposium will be 'The Natural History and Ecology of Bryophytes' and will include the following speakers:

- Jeff Bates (Imperial College London)
- Sanna Laaka-Lindberg (Lammi Biological Station, Finland)

- David Long (Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh)
- Angie Newton (Natural History Museum, London)
- Silvia Pressel (Queen Mary, University of London)
- Chris Preston (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Monks Wood)
- Shaun Russell (University of Wales, Bangor)
- Daniela Schill (Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh)
- Jane Squarrell (Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh)
- Alain Vanderpoorten (University of Liege, Belgium)

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 4.30 p.m. at the Main Arts Complex, University of Wales. The agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM, Preston Montford, 2004 (see pp 61-63 of this issue of *Field Bryology*)
3. Matters arising
4. Reports of Officers for 2004 (see pp 54-60 of this issue of *Field Bryology*)
5. Report from Council
6. Election of Officers (see p. 50 of this issue of *Field Bryology*)
 - a) Vice President (for 2006-07)
 - b) General Secretary
 - c) Conservation Officer
 - d) Librarian
 - e) Meetings Secretary
 - f) Membership Secretary
 - g) Recorder for Hepatics
 - h) Recording Secretary
7. Election of Elected Members of Council (see p. 50 of this issue of *Field Bryology*)
8. Place and date of the next Annual General Meeting
9. Other future meetings
10. Any other business

Exhibits, posters, items for sale and other bryological material would be welcome at the **conversazione** in the evening.

Sunday 11 September

Field excursion to Nantgwynant in the heart of Snowdonia (sub-montane woodland with streams and a good Atlantic flora; lake-shore and riverine habitats nearby).

Spring field meeting 2006, Staffordshire, 6-10 April

Local secretary: Martin Godfrey, 6 Darnford Close, Parkside, Stafford, ST16 1LR; e-mail: MartinandRosie@AOL.com.

Details of this meeting in a very under-recorded county will be published in future issues of *Field Bryology*.

Summer field meeting 2006, East Sutherland and Orkney, 1-13 July

Local secretaries:

- East Sutherland (1-8 July): Mark Lawley, 12A Castleview Terrace, Ludlow, SY8 2NG; e-mail: m.lawley@virgin.net.
- Orkney (8-13 July): Rosemary McCance, West End House, Burry, Orkney, KW17 2SS; e-mail: armcance@beeb.net.

For the week in Sutherland we will stay in the Golspie/Brora district on the east coast. East Sutherland (v.c. 107) has been little explored bryologically, but boasts a varied range of habitats, and we anticipate adding substantially to our understanding of the local bryoflora.

The meeting on Orkney (v.-c. 111) will be based in

Stromness, which has several hotels and guesthouses, and plenty of self-catering accommodation. Members will visit the island of Hoy on two days, where there are many interesting oceanic liverworts. A further two days will be spent on Mainland, visiting a variety of sites, including dune slacks, raised bog and woodland, as well as one of the sites for *Sanionia orthothecoides*. Like East Sutherland, Orkney is very under-recorded.

Further details of both parts of this meeting will appear in future issues of *Field Bryology*. Please contact the local secretary/secretaries if you are thinking of attending part or all of the meeting, because having an idea of likely numbers of members attending makes it easier to plan accommodation and excursions.

Annual General Meeting and Bryological Symposium 2006, Hatfield, 8-9 September

Local secretary: Dr M.A.S. Burton, School of Life Sciences, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB; tel: 01707 284517; e-mail: m.a.burton@herts.ac.uk.

The 2006 AGM and Bryological Symposium will be held in Hatfield, Hertfordshire at the De Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire. Further details will appear in future issues of *Field Bryology*.

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Dr S.R. Edwards, the current Vice-President, will become President on 1 January 2006, and it is necessary to elect a Vice-President who will take up office on that date and who will become President on 1 January 2008.

The terms of seven Officers (the General Secretary, the Conservation Officer, the Librarian, the Meetings Secretary, the Membership Secretary, the Recorder for Hepatics and the Recording Secretary) expire at the end of 2005. All of the present incumbents are eligible for re-election.

Two Elected Members of Council will retire at the end of 2005. Miss R.F. Holmes is not eligible for re-election

in this capacity until three years have elapsed but Dr M.J. Price is eligible for re-election as she will not have served a full term as an Elected Member, having been co-opted following a resignation.

Members are invited to submit nominations for Vice-President, Officers and Elected Members, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Mr M.A. Walton, Ivy House, Wheelock Street, Middlewich, Cheshire, CW10 9AB, to arrive no later than **6 August 2005**. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. If elections are needed, they will be held at the AGM in Bangor on 10 September 2005.

BBS accounts

British Bryological Society: Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
General Fund			
Income			
Interest		1,954	1,438
Subscriptions		11,495	11,247
Income tax repayment (under Gift Aid)		1,333	1,904
Sales of publications, etc.			
<i>Journal of Bryology</i>	1	12,171	11,630
<i>Census Catalogue</i>		143	193
Other publications		248	256
Lenses and forceps		528	430
Reading Circle		82	97
Postage and sundries		373	383
AGM and other meetings	2	<u>600</u>	<u>3,695</u>
		<u>28,927</u>	<u>31,273</u>
Expenditure			
Production and distribution			
<i>Journal of Bryology</i>	1	16,574	15,933
<i>Field Bryology, Bulletin</i>	3	6,114	2,224
Membership list		540	-
Purchases for resale (publications, lenses, forceps)		1,023	229
Library purchases		311	246
Project grant (to SBAL)		-	470
AGM and other meetings	2	2,483	4,569
Officers' expenses	4	493	71
Reading Circle		115	119
Insurance		405	456
Bank charges and sundries		<u>407</u>	<u>349</u>
		<u>28,465</u>	<u>24,666</u>
Surplus for year	5	462	6,607
Unrealised gain on investments	6	2,181	2,789
Net surplus for year		<u>2,643</u>	<u>9,396</u>
Bequest and Donation fund			
Bequests and donations (net)	7	2,702	3,977
Interest		1,739	1,514
Awards	8	(1,137)	(1,525)
Surplus for year		<u>3,304</u>	<u>3,966</u>
Unrealised gain on investments	6	2,029	1,675
Net surplus for year		<u>5,333</u>	<u>5,641</u>

British Bryological Society: Statement of affairs at 31 December 2004

	Note	2004	2003
		£	£
General fund			
Balance at 1 January		63,178	53,782
Surplus for year		<u>2,643</u>	<u>9,396</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>65,821</u>	<u>63,178</u>
Bequest and Donation fund			
Balance at 1 January		46,721	41,080
Surplus for year		<u>5,333</u>	<u>5,641</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>52,054</u>	<u>46,721</u>
		<u>117,875</u>	<u>109,899</u>
Represented by:			
Cash at National Westminster Bank		3,130	3,591
COIF Deposit Fund		55,457	54,765
COIF Investment Fund at market value	6	45,823	38,152
COIF Fixed Interest Fund at market value	6	<u>23,142</u>	<u>19,924</u>
		127,552	116,432
Less current liabilities			
Cheques not yet presented		1,175	23
Publication cost of <i>Journal of Bryology</i> (net)		6,708	6,510
Printing of <i>Field Bryology</i> 84 and mailing		1,794	-
		<u>117,875</u>	<u>109,899</u>
Net assets			
(signed) D. S. Rycroft, Treasurer			
(dated) 9 May 2005			

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the British Bryological Society

I report on the accounts of the British Bryological Society for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees (British Bryological Society Members of Council) and the examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the

accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep reasonable records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R.N. Gutteridge, Chartered Accountant, 16 Reid Avenue,
Caterham, Surrey, CR3 5SL

(signed)
(dated)

R. N. Gutteridge
19 May 2005

Notes to the accounts for 2004

1. The net cost to the Society of producing the *Journal* was £4,403, made up as follows:

	£	£
Cost of members' copies (£18 per member)	10,863	
Funding of Editorial Office	5,619	
Incidental expenses	<u>92</u>	
	16,574	
Royalties (20% of net sales revenue of £30,774)	6,155	
Contribution from Maney Publishing to Editorial Office	5,619	
Sales of back issues	397	<u>12,171</u>
		<u>4,403</u>

2. Income and expenditure amounts related to the AGM and other meetings fluctuate greatly depending on whether finances are handled by the Society or by the venue. Increasingly, the Society has to pay deposits to secure venues for meetings and the substantial increase (£1,009) in the excess of expenditure over income in 2004 compared to 2003 arises because of deposits for meetings in 2005 (summer: £440; AGM: £1,175).

3. Production of *Field Bryology* numbers 82-84 cost £4,310 for printing and £1,804 for mailing.

4. Officers' expenses (except for those of the General Secretary, these relate to 2003):

	£
M.A. Walton (General Secretary)	78
D.S. Rycroft (Treasurer)	54
M. Pool (Membership Secretary)	88
D.T. Holyoak (Conservation Officer)	<u>132</u>
	<u>352</u>

K.J. Adams (Librarian): (postage and packing recovered in sales and included in 'Postage and sundries')	141
Total	<u>493</u>

5. General Fund income exceeded expenditure by £655. The large reduction in this surplus, in comparison with the surplus of the previous year, is not a cause for concern; most of it is accounted for by the

increased spending in three areas: *Field Bryology*, purchases for resale, and deposits for future meetings.

6. Quoted investments:

	General Fund	Bequest Fund	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Value at 1 January 2004</i>			
COIF Accumulation Units	20,512	17,640	38,152
Cost of additional units		3,339	3,339
COIF Income Units		19,924	19,924
Cost of additional units		<u>3,340</u>	<u>3,340</u>
	<u>20,512</u>	<u>44,243</u>	<u>64,755</u>

Value at 31 December 2004

COIF Accumulation Units	22,693	23,130	45,823
COIF Income Units		23,142	23,142
	<u>22,693</u>	<u>46,272</u>	<u>68,965</u>

7. The sale of bryological books from the estates of A.C. Crundwell and W.R. Newman was concluded and an additional £2,702 net realised during 2004. In accordance with the wishes of Council (September 2002), the proceeds have been assigned to the Bequest Fund and invested 50:50 in the COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund (income units) and the COIF Charities Investment Fund (accumulation units).

8. Four awards (total £1,637) were made from the Bequest Fund: £270 (as continuation of an award of up to £2,100) for the costs of illustrations for the *Mosses and Liverworts of Uganda* (now being published in serial form in the *Journal of Bryology*); £300 for three student bursaries for the Annual Bryological Symposium; £567 (of an award of up to £1,000) for expenses of surveying less-accessible random squares for SBAL; and £500 towards erection of a bust of Richard Spruce in Baños, Ecuador (other institutional patrons are the International Association of Bryologists, the Linnean Society and the Missouri Botanical Garden). The £500 loaned last year towards the publication of *The Isle of Wight Flora* was repaid. At year-end, commitments are £2,273 and uncommitted accumulated interest available for awards is £3,509.

D.S. Rycroft, April 2005

Officers' reports for 2004

General Secretary

Pride of place in my report for 2004 must be given to the launch of *Field Bryology*. This was possible only as a result of a very large input of extra time and effort on an ongoing basis by Marcus Yeo, and members have reason to be very grateful to him. Thanks are also due to those members who provided copy; without such contributions, there would be no publication. So, to all who are considering making a contribution, Marcus would be very pleased to hear from you.

The year also saw the project to produce a field guide move from an outline plan to an active project. Several members have offered to write descriptions for some of the taxa but more authors are required. If any member wishes to contribute, please contact Mark Lawley.

A new five-year contract for the publication of the *Journal of Bryology* by Maney was signed during the year. Maney continue to give good service and the relationship between the Society and Maney continues to be very good.

The Library Working Party continued to consider options for the future of the BBS library but, disappointingly, my request for views that was published in *Bulletin 80* (March 2003) met with almost total silence, feedback being received from only one member who was not already a member of the Working Party. Some members have since raised concerns about the future of the library and their views will be taken into account, as will any further contributions (which should be sent to Chris Preston). The intention is that, in due course, a report from the Working Party will be considered by Council, and that Council will make a recommendation to an AGM. Before that AGM the possible options, their advantages and disadvantages, the recommendation of Council, and the reasons for that recommendation, will be published in *Field Bryology* so that members attending the AGM and voting will be able to do so in a considered fashion and having had a fair opportunity to consider the proposals.

As indicated in the Membership Secretary's report, there was a gratifying increase in membership. Hopefully, the publication of *Field Bryology* will help the Society to retain the 'amateur' members among them by meeting a need that is not catered for generally by the *Journal*. However, the role of the *Journal* as a leading international bryological publication, and thus its important contribution to the objectives of the Society, is

evidenced by the increase in papers submitted to the Editor in 2004.

The Survey of the Bryophytes of Arable Land (SBAL), initiated by Ron Porley, completed its second full year of surveying during 2004, and field recording will terminate in 2005. Thanks are due to all of those who have carried out surveys and also to the steering group who have managed the project.

Finally, as always, Council has actively sought to provide facilities that meet the needs of the membership but is always receptive to new ideas – so please don't hesitate to come forward with your thoughts.

Mike Walton, March 2005

Bibliographers

The merger with *The Bryologist's 'Recent Literature in Bryology'* (RLB) continues to be problematic, due partly to the greatly increased length, and partly to problems with quality control. The average length of the six issues before merger was just under 5 pages, the first merged issue was 9½ pages, and the average length of the three subsequent issues is 7½ pages. Although the time necessary to search the incoming journals has greatly decreased, the time necessary to format the bibliography has increased and become more concentrated: rather than an hour a week over three months, it now takes three days of intense and rather stressful work – and errors still creep through, as the Editor can attest. With five contributors, idiosyncratic styles have crept in, with some systemic errors, such as misspelling of words like the Spanish 'briología'. Since the contributor cannot be traced, to check or correct errors or omissions it is necessary to locate the references in the library (if the problem in question permits). Decisions about whether to include PhD and other theses, unpublished abstracts from scientific meeting programmes, comments about language and other annotations, etc., many of which are included by the RLB contributors, continue to be made on an *ad hoc* basis. The Bibliography will have been discussed by the Publications Committee prior to the Council Meeting, and further points may be raised.

Angela Newton & Len Ellis, March 2005

Bulletin Editor

The first issue of *Field Bryology*, the revised BBS *Bulletin*, was published in March 2004. This was followed by two

more issues, in August and December 2004. *Field Bryology* is produced in a more modern and visually attractive format than the old *Bulletin*, and also includes a range of new features. There is a greater emphasis on articles of general interest on bryophyte ecology, distribution, taxonomy and identification, as well as regular features on rare and interesting bryophytes, threatened bryophytes, and 'Bygone Bryologists'.

Feedback on the style and content of *Field Bryology* has generally been very positive, which indicates that it is meeting a demand among BBS members. Having completed the first year of publication, I now intend to work with the Publications Committee to identify any further changes that might be desirable, and to ensure that it is being produced in the most cost-effective way.

Marcus Yeo, March 2005

Conservation Officer

The high level of collaborative work on bryophyte conservation noted in the last few reports has been maintained. Much of it has been funded through the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and involves the government's nature conservation agencies (Countryside Council for Wales, English Nature, Environment and Heritage Service, Scottish Natural Heritage), Environment Agency, Natural History Museum, Plantlife, RSPB and others, besides the BBS. All of these have carried out substantial work in making or commissioning surveys or more directly in conservation of bryophytes and their habitats. The BBS was represented by myself and others at a meeting of the BAP Technical Committee at Preston Montford in October.

The Threatened Bryophyte Database (TBDB) project organised from the Biological Records Centre at Monks Wood was continued through 2004 by Nick Hodgetts, using data contributed mainly by BBS members. I represented the BBS at meetings of the TBDB Steering Group at Malvern in April and at Preston Montford in October.

Plantlife continued work on the British contribution to the international initiative to catalogue Important Plant Areas (IPAs) worldwide. The BBS had already contributed to the development of criteria for selection of IPAs and will be involved in preparation of the lists of sites during 2005. Ultimately, it is hoped that the IPA lists will not only underpin the sites already covered by statutory designations but also identify additional areas important for bryophytes that remain unprotected.

New initiatives during 2004 included agreement that development of a network of 'Moss Minders' (i.e. Flora Guardians for bryophytes) should be taken forward by Dr Gill Stevens, the Lower Plant Co-ordinator based at the Natural History Museum, in collaboration with the BBS and TBDB.

The Conservation and Recording Committee also discussed reintroductions of endangered native bryophytes, welcoming that of *Bryum schleicheri* onto part of its last remaining Scottish site. It was agreed that the TBDB provides the best means of recording this and similar reintroductions planned in future.

Substantial field research to gather data on threatened bryophytes in Ireland for a future Red Data Book of Irish bryophytes was again carried out by National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin, concentrating during 2004 on Co. Galway and Co. Clare.

The BBS Conservation and Recording Committee met twice during 2004, at Malvern in April and at Preston Montford in October. I also represented conservation activities of the BBS at a meeting of Plantlife Link (Salisbury, November).

D.T. Hoyle, January 2005

Journal Editor

After a thin period in 2003, the fortunes of the *Journal* revived in 2004 with 69 articles being submitted for publication. The four parts of Volume 26 ran to 324 pages and included 24 main papers, 10 bryological notes, five book reviews and one obituary. The volume included two further parts (9 and 10) of 'New National and Regional Bryophyte Records'. A multi-author 'Bryophyte Flora of Uganda' began to be serialised in the *Journal*, commencing in Part 2. Also starting in Part 2, the long-running series 'Recent Bryological Literature' became a joint effort of the BBS bibliographers with the bryophyte bibliographers of *The Bryologist*, our American 'sister' publication. There are some stylistic differences between the two sets of literature records which are gradually being resolved as far as *Journal of Bryology* is concerned. One unanticipated result of the joint effort (which was done to alleviate duplication of effort) is that the column has grown significantly in length. This has brought its own editorial headaches because 'Recent Bryological Literature' occupied nearly 9% of the total pages in the *Journal* in 2004.

As always, I am deeply indebted to the many bryologists worldwide who assist, uncomplainingly, by considering

the suitability for publication of the submitted manuscripts. A special thank you is also due to our two proof readers, who represent almost the last stage in quality control. Notwithstanding the best efforts of several experts during refereeing, the proof readers lay bare errors in many an erudite article. As the final arbiter in the process, it is a constant lesson to me that a few errors always manage to creep through; invisible in proof but somehow glaringly obvious on the printed page!

Jeff Bates, March 2005

Librarian

Sales

<i>Transactions of the BBS</i> (parts)	17
<i>Journal of Bryology</i> (parts)	48
Census Catalogue (Blockeel & Long)	16
Hepatics of Europe and Macaronesia	2
BBS <i>Bulletins</i>	28
BBS library catalogues	-
Moss wall charts	5
Special Volume 1: Jubilee	1
Special Volume 2: Chromosomes	5
Special Volume 3: Tropical Bryophytes	2
Special Volume 4: Mosses in English Literature	1
Special Volume 5: English Names (2 nd ed.)	34
Bryology (Linn. Soc.)	2
Mosses & Liverworts of Woodland	3
German/English Glossary	1
Microscope Techniques	13
Japanese x20 lenses	15
Apollo stainless steel forceps	19
BBS ties	-
Car stickers	1
<i>Loans</i>	
Chinese microscope	1
35 mm slides	-
Micrometer slide	3

Our sources of x20 Japanese lenses and fine forceps are continually changing as suppliers cease to stock items. The current stock of lenses are secured in their housing by screws rather than rivets and need to be secured with a dab of varnish or lock-tite on their threads.

Ken Adams, March 2005

Meetings Secretary

2004 was notable for two of our field meetings being held in districts where the Society had not previously

met, and which had been largely neglected by bryologists. Rather than revisiting regions whose bryofloras are already well known, this policy of targeting under-recorded districts contributes much more to our corpus of records.

Our spring meeting was held in Worcestershire. Fear of the unknown – that the county might not hold much of interest to members – proved quite unfounded, and the number of new county records rose well into double figures. Even some of our most experienced members saw one species in the field for the first time. Indeed, having been previously advised that few members would attend because the county lacked bryological glamour, I was more amused than relieved to see upwards of 50 people in the field during the weekend.

In no small part this exceptional attendance may be attributed to the phenomenal amount of planning which preceded the meeting itself, an extended process which I witnessed at first hand, and I wish to place on record my admiration for the diligence and enthusiasm with which Tessa Carrick and Harry Green brought one of the Society's most successful and enjoyable meetings to fruition. And of course, attendees played their part by finding so many bryophytes in the course of their excursions. We hope that the records they gathered during the meeting will be used in preparing a bryological account for inclusion in a planned *Flora of Worcestershire*.

Choosing to hold meetings in districts for which a Flora is planned is as deliberate a policy as that of deciding to explore little-known territory, and Gordon Rothero's meeting on Rum at the end of June was also timed so that the records gathered may contribute to a more comprehensive account of the island's bryoflora in a forthcoming Flora. Unlike Worcestershire, though, Rum was regarded as botanically well-known before our meeting. But that didn't stop us adding several dozen species to those already known to occur on the island.

The Rum affair was planned around grid-based recording on fairly strenuous outings, and lay outside the Society's usual cycle of meetings. However, normal service was resumed the following week in North Aberdeenshire, a vice-county which may have previously seen less bryologising than any other on the British mainland. Even so, nine members were amazed to find somewhere near 100 vice-county records in the course of six days. Several of these were first-rate discoveries, and an SBAL meeting in the same district at the end of October further enlarged the vice-county's list. Our autumn meeting was ably organised by Mark Hill, and held at Preston Montford Field Studies Centre in

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Shropshire. The theme of ‘recording bryological change’ was designed to appeal particularly to the majority of members who are amateurs and mainly interested in topics to do with bryology in the field. The buzz of enthusiasm evident throughout the weekend proved that the fare being offered did indeed meet with considerable and widespread approval. Recording in the field, plus improving our understanding of where bryophytes occur and how to identify them, are the backbone of our Society’s activities, and with a new edition of the *Atlas* being planned, there seems good cause to arrange further meetings along the lines of this one. The opportunity to enjoy fresh air on both days also breathed new life into our weekend, and most members endorsed the innovation of having an excursion on the Saturday afternoon, rather than being cooped up all day indoors.

Mark Lawley, January 2005

Membership Secretary

In membership terms, 2004 was a year of superlatives. The membership total, at 629, was the highest ever; the number of new members (67) was the second highest in the past ten years; and the turnover rate (20%), driven partly by the largest number of losses for many years (55), was also a ten-year record!

It was gratifying to see the large influx of new members, a considerable number of whom came from overseas. Regrettably, no fewer than six members died during the year, including our Honorary Member Dr Riclef Grolle.

A new list of members was produced during the year, and included for the first time a country and county index. A number of favourable comments were received about the new format, so it is intended to retain this for future lists. If the present rate of change continues, the next list should appear with *Field Bryology* 86.

Due to accounting problems, the special system of subscription payments for United States members had to be discontinued at the end of 2003. We hope that this has not caused these members too much inconvenience; indications so far are that the US membership is being maintained.

My sincere thanks are due to all those members who paid their subscriptions promptly. A considerable number of reminders still had to be sent out, but it appears that members are paying somewhat earlier during 2005. Long may this trend continue!

The following table shows the changes in membership over the last ten years.

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New members	36	40	20	32	71	51	28	42	54	67
UK	27	24	13	14	37	37	17	36	37	49
Overseas	9	16	7	18	34	14	11	6	17	18
Members lost	32	31	27	54	32	43	52	39	35	55
by death	4	5	3	12	1	8	4	4	2	6
by resignation	14	11	7	18	7	13	11	17	11	11
other	14	15	17	24	24	22	37	18	22	38
Total membership	589	597	594	572	611	619	595	598	617	629
Overseas members	209	215	226	224	245	240	228	217	220	217
UK members	380	382	368	348	366	379	367	381	397	412
Honorary	10	11	10	10	12	11	11	11	11	11
Ordinary & Junior	550	559	558	544	578	585	561	564	583	592
Family	29	27	26	18	21	23	23	23	23	26
Turnover ratio x 100	12	12	8	15	17	15	13	14	15	20

Mark Pool, February 2005

Reading Circle Secretary

2004 was a relatively quiet year. Membership remained at 36, though there were four changes. *Tropical Bryology* was finally received but *Lindbergia* remains as elusive as ever. 437 contents lists were sent out and 55 papers totalling 552 pages were distributed to nine members.

Financial statement

Income:

Opening balance	£248.38
Credit (cheques etc.)	£82.10
Total	£330.48

Expenditure:

Photocopying	£39.01
Postage	£51.65
Total	£90.66

Balance of members' accounts	£239.82
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Richard Fisk, January 2005

Recorder for Hepatics

The number of new liverwort records from vouchers submitted in 2004 was considerably greater than in 2003. For the largest number of new records, Ireland, largely due to the continuing efforts of Tom Blockeel, Nick Hodgetts and David Holyoak, just pipped Scotland where there was a highly productive BBS meeting in North Aberdeenshire (v.-c. 93). But there was also a wide scatter of new records from England and south Wales.

	New records	Updated records	Deletions
England	23	8	3
Wales	14	2	3
Scotland	50	11	6
Ireland	55	14	3
Total	142	35	15

Not only was the number of new finds up on last year, but there were a number of interesting surprises. Pride of place goes to a second British record of *Lophozia herzogiana*, which was picked up on the summer BBS meeting as new to Scotland (North Aberdeenshire). *Riccia rhenana* was rather unexpectedly found in a natural aquatic setting as new to Ireland (North-east Galway). There were two very welcome new records of *Jamesoniella undulifolia* from England (Shropshire and

Westmorland). Other noteworthy species newly found in 2004 include *Fossombronia fimbriata* (Rum), *Pallavicinia lyellii* (Westmorland) and *Scapania calcicola* (South Aberdeenshire). The BBS arable land survey produced several vice-county records, including *Fossombronia caespitiformis* (Monmouthshire) and *Sphaerocarpos michelii* (North Lincolnshire).

A number of bryologists helped in various ways to assemble the new 2004 records, and I am especially grateful to Mrs Jean Paton who determined and confirmed some of the difficult and critical vouchers.

T.H. Blackstock, March 2005

Recorder for Mosses

There was a very high level of recording this year which has had my system creaking at the seams at times. The contract survey work in Ireland by David Holyoak and Nick Hodgetts has continued to produce lots of records and this was augmented this year by a visit by Tom Blockeel and by recorders for the SBAL project. A summer meeting in the lamentably under-worked v.-c. 93 and, again, work for the SBAL project, have boosted the number of records from Scotland. In both these countries, the areas visited were historically poorly recorded, and so the number of new as opposed to updated records is also high. England has a healthy total, well up on 2003, while the number of records from Wales seems to have levelled off for the moment.

	New records	Updated records	Deletions
England	89	47	-
Channel Islands	1	-	-
Wales	47	12	-
Scotland	131	22	-
Ireland	186	35	-
Total	454	116	-

The main story has been one of steady recording rather than lots of spectacular rarities but I will endeavour to pick out some plants that have stirred my interest. In England, the remarkable interest taken in arable fields has produced more records for species such as *Didymodon tomentosus*, *Leptophascum leptophyllum* (*Chenia leptophylla*) and *Weissia rostellata*. Diligence in the south-east has produced a new species for England in *Grimmia tergestina* and a new site for *Ulota coarctata*, and *Zygodon forsteri* has crept across the border into v.-c. 19.

Elsewhere, there is a mainland record for *Sematophyllum substrumulosum* in Cornwall and a rare English record for *Splachnum vesculosum* in the Lakes. In Wales, *Herzogiella seligeri* and, a real surprise this, *Sphagnum skyense*, are new to the Principality and there are further sites for *Seligeria patula* and *Ditrichum plumbicola*. It is good to have a new record of the worryingly rare *Halbrodon perpusillus* and another Welsh site for *Grimmia incurva*, and the SBAL project produced a crop of records, including *Weisia squarrosa*.

In Scotland, the Speyside area produced another site for *Buxbaumia viridis* early in the year but most records came from the assault on North Aberdeenshire on the summer meeting where a number of notable increases in range included *Hennediella macrophylla*. The meeting on Rum produced few new vice-county records, although *Tortella nitida* is a long way north, but did sort out *Sphagnum skyense*, which led directly to the record from Harris. Nick Hodgetts tells me he was 'insanely' pleased to find *Daltonia splachnoides* on Skye, the first new UK record for this rare and neglected plant for years. Even further north, a new and most unexpected site for *Mielichhoferia elongata* was found in West Sutherland. In Ireland, the emphasis was again on recording relatively common species but a few plants do stand out in a long list. In the hills, *Arctoa fulvella* is a rare plant in Ireland and Galway is a long way from the other sites. The machair gave further sites for *Bryum dyffynense* and *Catoscopium nigrum*, and limestone loch margins provided *Bryum neodamense* and *Cinclidium stygium*. At opposite ends of the ecological spectrum there are also new records for *Daltonia splachnoides* and *Leptodon smithii*, both in County Clare.

Gordon Rothero, January 2005

Recording Secretary

My first year as Recording Secretary demonstrates that the information revolution has fully gripped the BBS. My predecessor, Ron Porley, wrote that in 2003, the number of record cards sent to him had plummeted. Clearly the reason was that members are now storing most of their data in electronic form. Electronic data really started to flow in 2004. Without any prompting from me, recorders sent me 18,000 records. The brilliant highlight was 6,656 Lincolnshire records from Frank Lammiman, who will be 90 by the time most of you read this report. Yes, you can still come top in your late 80s; and not only come top but learn new electronic tricks. While Frank was unsurpassed, honourable runners up were Martin Godfrey, Staffordshire (4,067 records), Tony (A.V.) Smith, Cheshire (3,610 records), and Ann Hill, Worcestershire (2,729 records). I am

really grateful to these and to all who have sent data. Keep it up. In addition, Jonathan Sleath and Chris Preston recorded the BBS summer meeting electronically; I have not counted these records. We also got a good many record cards, including a batch brought home by me from Rum from Gordon Rothero. And there were hundreds of cards from SBAL. So the poor flow noted by Ron was a symptom of good things (electronic collation and some cards going directly to Chris Preston) rather than bad things (inactivity).

Much of our recording activity is as projects. Jeff Bates and team have been finishing off the report of the epiphyte survey. SBAL was in full swing, and produced an astonishing number of vice-county records. The new *Atlas* was launched at the AGM in Preston Montford, where the lectures were devoted to bryophyte recording.

A new column, entitled 'Rare and interesting bryophytes in Britain and Ireland' was launched in *Field Bryology* in August 2004. The flow of 'rare and interesting' records has not been as high as I would have liked, but even so there were a good many interesting things. I shall chase recorders a bit harder in future.

As we move towards a more effective electronic system for transmitting data from recorders to Recording Secretary, and from me to the Biological Records Centre, followed by rapid publication on the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Gateway, there have been several issues to be resolved. Which records should be treated as confidential on the NBN Gateway? What is the BBS data access policy? How can we ensure that new vice-county records are fed smoothly into the database without retying the records that appear in *Field Bryology*? The Conservation and Recording Committee has wrestled with these problems, and I have proposed some practical solutions.

On the matter of communication with Regional Recorders, 2004 was perhaps less successful. I contacted Regional Recorders, got them to tell me their updated e-mail addresses, and then did not tell them to do anything. That must wait for 2005. Regional Recorders certainly have duties, but their duties need to be revised. Of course their main duty is to provide their records for the new *Atlas*, but in exchange they need feedback from the Recording Secretary. This they have not yet had.

Mark Hill, March 2005

Website Editor

Continuing small improvements and additions have been made to the website over the last year:

- February 2005: BBS Bulletin Board launched
- November 2004: details of local floras added to vice-county pages
- August 2004: versions of Census Catalogue files updated to 2003 added
- April 2004: 'Welcome to *Field Bryology*', *Schistidium* page and meeting reports added

The most recent addition is the development of a Bulletin Board. Following suggestions from members, Jonathan Sleath as Website Manager investigated the possibility of adding a Bulletin Board to the website. Since the idea was originally broached a few years ago this has become much more feasible – it now requires

only a link to an external site, and is free of charge, with the only requirement being that we accept banner ads. Visitors can register or contribute as guests, and there is a strong policy to protect privacy (no spam permitted, no sale of addresses or other information) and prevent misuse. The Bulletin Board is personalised, with the BBS logo and colour scheme, and the banner ad is low key and unobtrusive. Activity has been slow since not many people know about it yet, and the necessary critical mass has not yet developed. I would encourage Council members to visit this new feature (go to BBS Home Page > Activities > Bulletin Board and follow the link).

Angela Newton, March 2005

Referees (July 2005)

The refereeing service is intended to provide assistance to members who have genuine difficulty in naming their collections. **It is not intended as a 'free-for-all' identification facility**, least of all for bulk collections. Please therefore respect the following guidelines when submitting material.

- If possible, avoid sending large quantities at any one time. Do not send material if you are not prepared to examine it yourself in advance.
- Please ensure that fragile specimens are adequately protected in the post. This applies particularly to material with lumps of soil attached. It is dispiriting to open a packet and find nothing but a pile of dust inside! Small boxes or tins are ideal for protection from crushing.
- Please label all packets clearly with full collection details, including habitat, locality, altitude and at least a 10-km grid reference.
- Always enclose a stamped addressed envelope (or label), even if material is sent to universities or institutions. Otherwise you may not receive a reply.

The General Referee will help beginners who are having difficulty in placing their material in a genus. If you encounter any other problems, send the material to the appropriate Recorder: Tim Blackstock for hepatics (Countryside Council for Wales, Plas Penrhos, Ffordd Penrhos, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2LQ) or Gordon Rothero for mosses (Stronlonag, Glenmassan, By Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8RA

The numbers below refer to genera in *A check-list and census catalogue of British and Irish bryophytes* by T.L. Blockeel & D.G. Long (1998).

General referee

H.W. Matcham, 21 Temple Bar, Stretton, near Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0LB.

Hepatic referees

1, 64-69, 75-82: Dr M.E. Newton, c/o Department of Botany, Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EN. (All mail to be marked 'Private').

2-5, 9, 11-17, 52: T.H. Blackstock, Countryside Council for Wales, Plas Penrhos, Ffordd Penrhos, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2LQ.

6-8, 10, 18, 19, 32, 36-38, 50, 51, 53, 83-86: D.G. Long, Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR.

20-29, 39, 45, 46: M.F.V. Corley, Pucketty Farm Cottage, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 8JP.

30, 31, 33-35, 47-49, 70-74: G.P. Rothero, Stronlonag, Glenmassan, By Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8RA.

40-44, 54-63: N.G. Hodgetts, 55 Norton Street, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 6BX.

Moss referees

1-10, 156-160: Dr M.O. Hill, CEH Monks Wood, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon, PE28 2LS.

- 11-33:** G.P. Rothero, Stronlonag, Glenmassan, By Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8RA.
- 34, 35, 67-70, 187-195:** Dr A.J.E. Smith, 5 Queens Gardens, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 1RU.
- 36, 71-89, 104-111:** N.G. Hodgetts, 55 Norton Street, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 6BX.
- 37-66:** Dr D.F. Chamberlain, Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR.
- 68:** S.D.S. Bosanquet, Dingestow Court, Monmouth, Monmouthshire, NP25 4DY.
- 90-98, 112, 175-186:** Dr D.T. Holyoak, 8 Edward Street, Tuckingmill, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 8PA.
- 99-103:** A. Orange, Department of Biodiversity & Systematic Biology, National Museum & Gallery Cardiff, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NP.
- 113-146:** R.D. Porley, English Nature, Foxhold House, Crookham Common, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG15 8EL.
- 147-155, 161-174:** T.L. Blockeel, 9 Ashfurlong Close, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3NN.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Preston Montford, 2004

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Field Studies Council Centre, Preston Montford, nr Shrewsbury, at 12.20 p.m. on Saturday 9 October 2004.

Present. Dr C.D. Preston (President, in the chair) and 49 other members.

The President opened the meeting by reporting that, since the last Annual General Meeting in London, sadly, two noted members had died. The first, Mr J.P. Port, whose obituary had been published in *Journal of Bryology* Vol. 26, Part 2, had been a pioneer 'Border Bryologist' who the President remembered as a very accessible and helpful figure at field meetings in the 1970s and 1980s. The second, Dr Riclef Grolle, was a noted hepaticologist who had been a member of the Society since 1963 and an Honorary Member since 1968. An obituary was in preparation for Dr Grolle.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Dr G.C.S. Clarke, Dr S.R. Edwards, Dr D.G. Long, Dr R.E. Longton, Dr A.E. Newton, Dr M.E. Newton, J.A. Paton, Dr P.E. Stanley, H. Stieperaere, M. Watling and M.J.M. Yeo.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting on 6 September 2003.** The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting and were signed by the President.
- 3. Matters arising.** There were no matters raised.
- 4. Reports of Officers for 2003.** Apart from the following, the reports, which had been published in *Bulletin 83*, were approved without comment.

The Treasurer referred to the healthy state of the Society's balances and surprised the meeting by

saying that members should not be reluctant to propose projects that required financial backing.

Whilst the Meetings Secretary added no comments to his report, the Secretary, referring to the Society's insurance arrangements, highlighted the need for local groups to let him know of their activities and recommended that they also publish their programme in *Field Bryology* and/or on the Society's website if they are not already doing so.

The Recording Secretary, Dr M.O. Hill, thanked his predecessor, Mr R.D. Porley, for his help in the transfer of his duties. He apologised for the hiatus in the publication of the regular 'Recording Matters' feature and said that it will in future appear regularly in *Field Bryology*.

Following a proposal from T.L. Blockeel, seconded by C.R. Stevenson, the Officers' reports were accepted as published.

The President then thanked the Officers for their work on behalf of the Society during the year.

- 5. Report from Council.** The President's Report from Council, which was given at the meeting, has been published in Council Newsletter number 21 on pages 30-31 of the December 2004 issue of *Field Bryology* (*Bulletin 84*).

In giving his report, the President highlighted the enormous amount of hard work done by the Officers and many individual members and thanked them for their dedication to the BBS.

- 6. Election of Officers.** Council's nominations for the Officers who were due for re-election were: Dr D.S.

Rycroft (Treasurer), M.J.M. Yeo (Bulletin Editor), G.P. Rothero (Recorder for Mosses) and Dr A.E. Newton (Website Editor).

The President and the Vice-President also proposed that Dr J.W. Bates (Journal Editor) and R.J. Fisk (Reading Circle Secretary), both of whom had completed 10 years service, be reappointed for a further two-year term.

The Secretary had received no other nominations and, following a proposal by Dr R.A. Finch which was seconded by M. Pool, the foregoing Officers were duly elected.

7. **Election of Elected Members of Council.** Council proposed that Dr J.D. Sleath and H. Stieperaere be elected as Elected Members for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2005. The Secretary had received no other nominations and, following a proposal by C.R. Stevenson which was seconded by J. Wright, the foregoing were duly elected.
8. **Election of an Honorary Member.** Council submitted the name of Dr G.C.S. Clarke for election as an Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of his service over a period of 30 years.

Dr Clarke's service had begun in 1972, when he had become an Elected Member of Council. This was followed by his election as Meetings Secretary, an office that he had held from 1973-1975, following which he had been elected Bibliographer and served in that capacity for a further 14 years. In 1990 he had taken up the office of Acting Treasurer, subsequently serving as Treasurer for the period 1991-1993. Finally, in 1996, Dr Clarke had been elected Vice-President, becoming President of the Society in 1998. Whilst serving in these various offices, he had also participated as a member of many of the sub-committees of Council.

Throughout this long period of service, Dr Clarke's administrative and organisational skills, as well as his sound judgement, had been of enormous value to the Society. Throughout his membership of Council he had always been a voice of common sense and reason, one of those influential members who don't speak unnecessarily but who always command attention when they have something to say. At times of stress and strain, he had always been a calming and steady influence. Although the list of offices that he had held was impressive, his service to the Society could not be measured by those alone.

Dr Clarke had also made important contributions to the study of bryology.

As a research student he had studied Antarctic mosses as a member of the research group at the University of Birmingham led by the late Dr Stanley Greene. His papers had included a detailed comparison in the field and in cultivation of *Pohlia cruda* and *P. nutans* from Arctic and Temperate climates, studies which had shown that populations of both species were genetically adapted to their home climate. He had also contributed taxonomic accounts of *Pohlia* and related genera to *A synoptic flora of South Georgian mosses*.

While at Manchester he had compiled and published a catalogue of the type specimens held by the Museum, a meticulous compilation which included details of approximately 1,000 collections.

His subsequent research publications had covered flowering plants rather than bryophytes (and include the accounts of numerous families for *The northwest European pollen flora*, which he had edited for a period). However, as the BBS Bibliographer, Dr Clarke compiled 28 instalments of 'Recent bryological literature' between 1976 and 1990, a service to the Society which must have involved hours of tedium (especially in the days of manual typesetting and subsequent proof-checking). He had also edited, with Prof. J.G. Duckett, the influential symposium volume *Bryophyte Systematics* (1979).

The President, therefore, proposed that Dr G.C.S. Clarke be elected an Honorary Member of the Society. This proposal was seconded by M.A. Walton, and Dr Clarke was duly elected with a show of hands from those present at the meeting.

9. **Place and date of the next Annual General Meeting.** The next Annual General Meeting will be held on 10 September 2005, at the University of Wales, Bangor, Gwynedd.
10. **Other future meetings.** Mr Lawley gave an outline of future meetings, as follows.

A meeting connected with the Survey of the Bryophytes of Arable Land would be held in North Aberdeenshire on 29 October - 1 November 2004. Dr Preston commented that, whilst a sufficient number had booked to attend, further participants would be welcome.

An Amblystegiaceae workshop, tutored by Lars Hedenäs, would be held in Cambridge on 25-27 February 2005. Dr Preston asked that members who wished to attend should contact him as soon as possible.

In 2005, the spring meeting would be held in Cardiganshire (Ceredigion) on 13-20 April, the local secretary being A.D. Hale; the summer meeting would be held in Co. Fermanagh, Ireland, from 30 July to 9 August, the local secretary being Dr D.T. Holyoak; and the autumn meeting would be held at Bangor, Gwynedd during 9-11 September, T.H. Blackstock being the local secretary.

In 2006 there would be an early spring meeting in Italy organised by Prof. J.G. Duckett (who added that the meeting would be ‘physically and bryologically challenging’); a spring meeting in Staffordshire (which offered a variety of poorly recorded sites), the local secretary being M. Godfrey; and a summer meeting on Orkney during three-four days in July with a few days in East Sutherland and Caithness before and after the Orkney visit, R. McCance being local secretary for the Orkney visit and M. Lawley for the other visits.

A venue for the autumn 2006 meeting had yet to be arranged and offers, to Mark Lawley, would be welcomed.

It was hoped that the spring meeting in 2007 might be held in Northamptonshire – a ‘white hole’ in the current bryophyte distribution maps where a recording visit would be helpful to the proposed new *Atlas* project.

Dr S. O’Leary, M. Godfrey and M. Lawley would be visiting Mull during summer 2005 to explore the island with a view to arranging a meeting there for the summer of 2007. Members who wished to accompany them would be welcome.

A venue for the autumn meeting in 2007 had yet to be arranged – offers would be welcome.

11. Any other business. There was no other business but Dr Preston thanked all those who had attended.

The meeting was then drawn to a close at 12.55 p.m.

M.A. Walton, General Secretary, October 2004

Subscriptions for 2005

At the time of writing (24 May), there are 48 members who haven’t yet paid their 2005 subscriptions. I would love to hear from you, not least so that I can arrange for you to receive your missing issues of the *Journal* and *Field Bryology*. If you are unsure of how to pay, or have

any other query regarding membership, my contact details are given below.

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