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AN EVENING WITH
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FLOWER SEX HOTSPOT AND
HORTICULTURAL MOTHERLODE



THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

SCOTLAND'S WESTERN RAINFOREST, AND
INCREASING HINTS OF

Botanical Society of Scotland
and the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
Present a talk by
Award-winning writer **Cal Flynn**

Islands of Abandonment: ruderal species, metallophyte plants
Other strange and beautiful residents of the

FIS GLEN PROSEN:
ECOLOGICAL BLANK CANVAS
OR BOTANICAL HOTSPOT?



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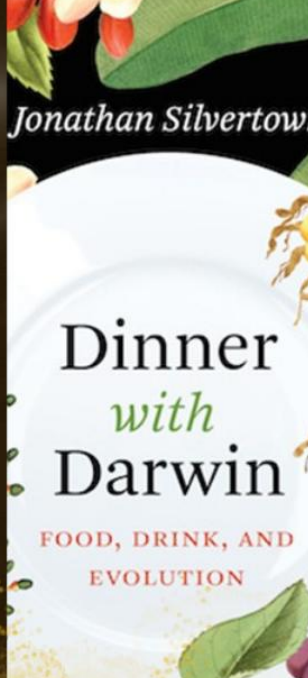
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WHERE:
LECTURE THEATRE, RBGE, EDINBURGH
20A INVERLEITH ROW, EDINBURGH EH3 5LR

Jonathan Silvertown

Dinner
with
Darwin

FOOD, DRINK, AND
EVOLUTION



DR. BRIAN STEIDINGER PRESENTS:

THE LATITUDINAL TREE SPECIES



EITHER WAY - ENJOY AN EVENING
WITH DAVID WILKINSON

TO DELVE AND DEBATE INTO
THE PERSPECTIVES OF A

MYCORRHIZAL WOOD WIDE WEB:
HOW NATURE MEETS COMPLEX
SCIENCE



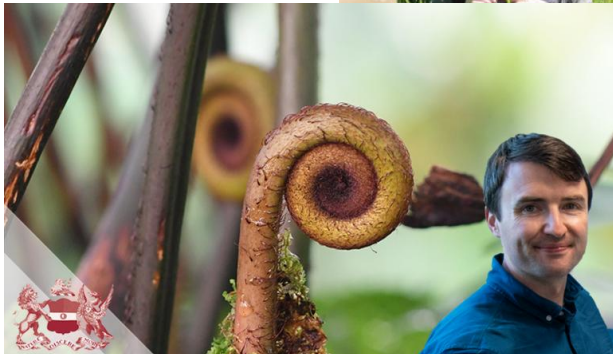
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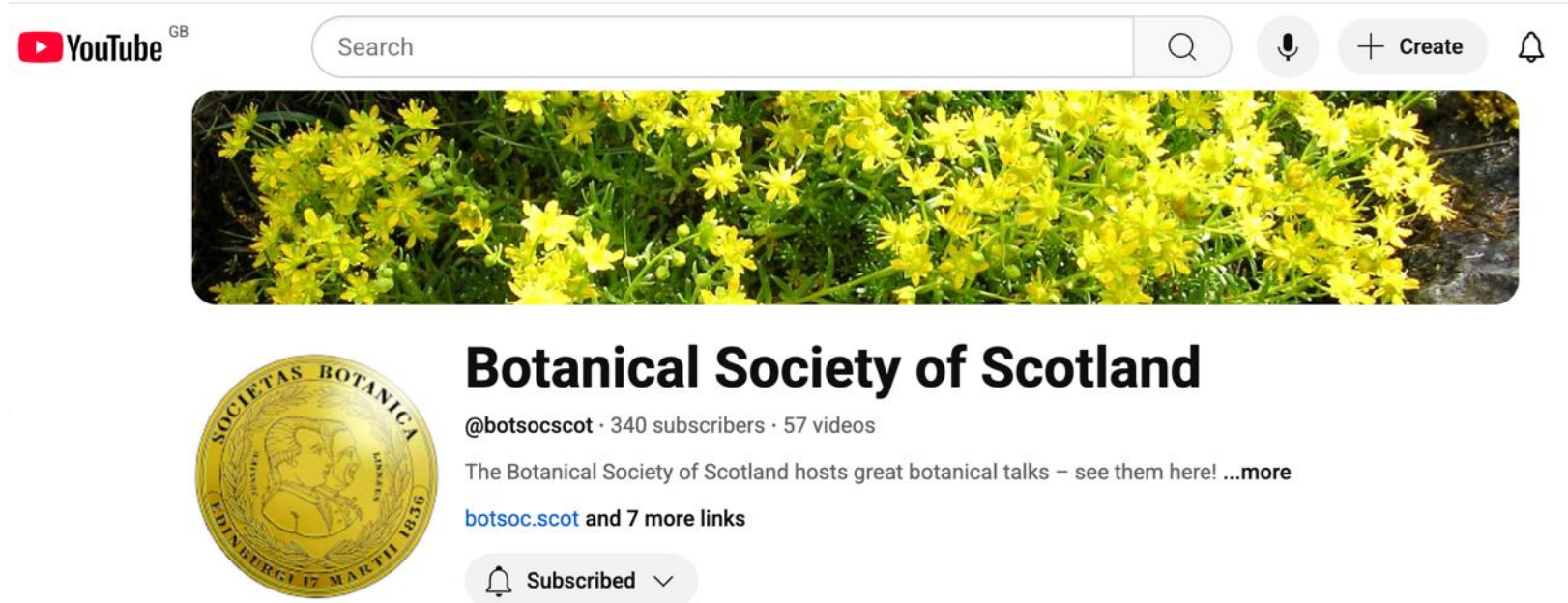
NATURE'S PALETTE:
UNDERSTANDING HOW FLOWERS
PATTERN THEIR PETALS



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Lectures live, and then on YouTube



Thanks to Maria Chamberlain for organizing the lecture programme and Jim McIntosh for editing videos.

Isn't this
where the
famous
Plant Pub
meets?

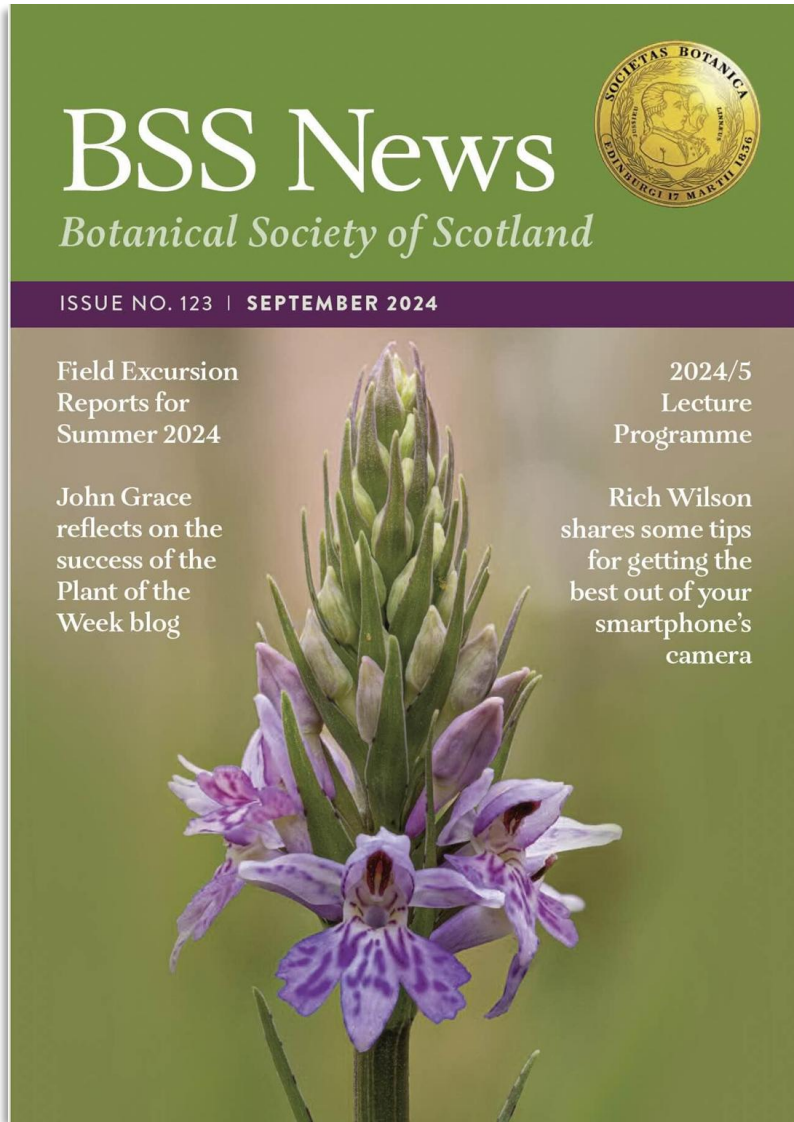
Yes it is!
Come on
up!

Plant Pub
2nd Thursday,
Sept – June
(~~Dec, Jan~~)

The Wash Bar
The Mound
Edinburgh

Next: Nov 13th





Chris Jeffrey



Susan White



Ben Averis

We welcome items from anyone, including non-members.



FIELD MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

CALENDAR

Sign up via this calendar. If an event shows as FULL, you can sign up anyway and your name will go list. Then, if a place later becomes available, you will be contacted. If you'd like to organise a field meeting use the contacts page to let us know and we'll get back to you.

Event Type: All ☐ Day of Week: All ☐ Search Filters



May 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
Sun, 1	11:00 - 13:00	West Lothian Bings West Lothian Bings Field Meeting		3 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sun, 22	10:00 - 16:00	Holyrood Park: Towards 900 plants to celebrate Edinburgh 900 Holyrood Park Education Centre Field Meeting		0 / 50 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 28	10:00 - 16:00	Ben Chonsie (via Glen Turret). BSS Alpine Field Meeting Ben Chonsie Field Meeting		1 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up

June 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
Sun, 1	11:00 - 13:00	West Lothian Bings West Lothian Bings Field Meeting		3 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sun, 22	10:00 - 16:00	Holyrood Park: Towards 900 plants to celebrate Edinburgh 900 Holyrood Park Education Centre Field Meeting		0 / 50 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 28	10:00 - 16:00	Ben Chonsie (via Glen Turret). BSS Alpine Field Meeting Ben Chonsie Field Meeting		1 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up

July 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
Sat, 12	10:30 - 17:30	Evanton, Easter Ross Evanton, Easter Ross Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 12	10:30 - 17:30	Kinghorn Loch, Fife The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn Loch Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 26	11:00 - 16:00	Carsehall Bog, near Loch Leven Loch Leven's Larder Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up

STUDENTS

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SEARCH

AWARDS

For information on awards for students, please visit the [Awards page](#).

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STUDENTS NEWS



STUDENTS! APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM BSS

Two kinds of grant are available for students – apply by April 30th More details of both can be found on the [Awards page](#)



STUDENT ECO CEILIDH 2024!

What better way to spend a Tuesday night than with a ceilidh! Better yet, an eco ceilidh organised in partnership with eco and environmental based...

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STUDENT CYANOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP RESULTS!

Two weeks ago the student sub group organised a cyanotype printing workshop at the Royal Oak, and after a long wait, the results can finally...



STUDENT EVENT: CYANOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP

The student subgroup have a new event to announce! On Monday 26th February, we will be holding a cyanotype printing workshop. Bring along any old...

- We have an active student group, which is represented on Council
- An undergraduate thesis prize
- Training and fieldwork grants.
- We support Botanical University Challenge, which was won this year by the University of Aberdeen



***Plant of the Week*, every week since May 2020**

Various contributors, images by Chris Jeffree and others



Plant of the Week – April 14th 2025 –
Purple Saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*)



(Honorary) Plants of the Week – April 7th
2025 – Truffles (*Tuber* sp.)



Plant of the Week – March 31st 2025 –
Wood Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)

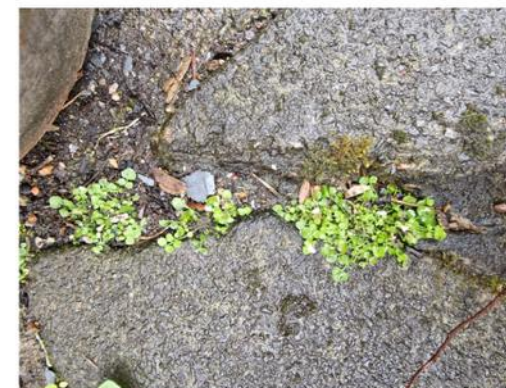


Plant of the Week – May 5th 2025 –
Tuberous Comfrey
(*Symphytum tuberosum*)



Plant of the Week – April 28th 2025 –
Weld (*Reseda luteola*)

A traditional source of yellow dye



Plant of the Week – April 21st 2025 –
New Zealand Bittercress
(*Cardamine corymbosa*)

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> 300 species, now
indexed

Suggestions and offers
are always welcome!



Our science journal, *Plant Ecology and Diversity* (On-line only, from 2025)

Featuring a Special Issue *Urban Floras - a contribution to biodiversity*

A few early online articles of the Special Issue are available.
Others are coming soon.

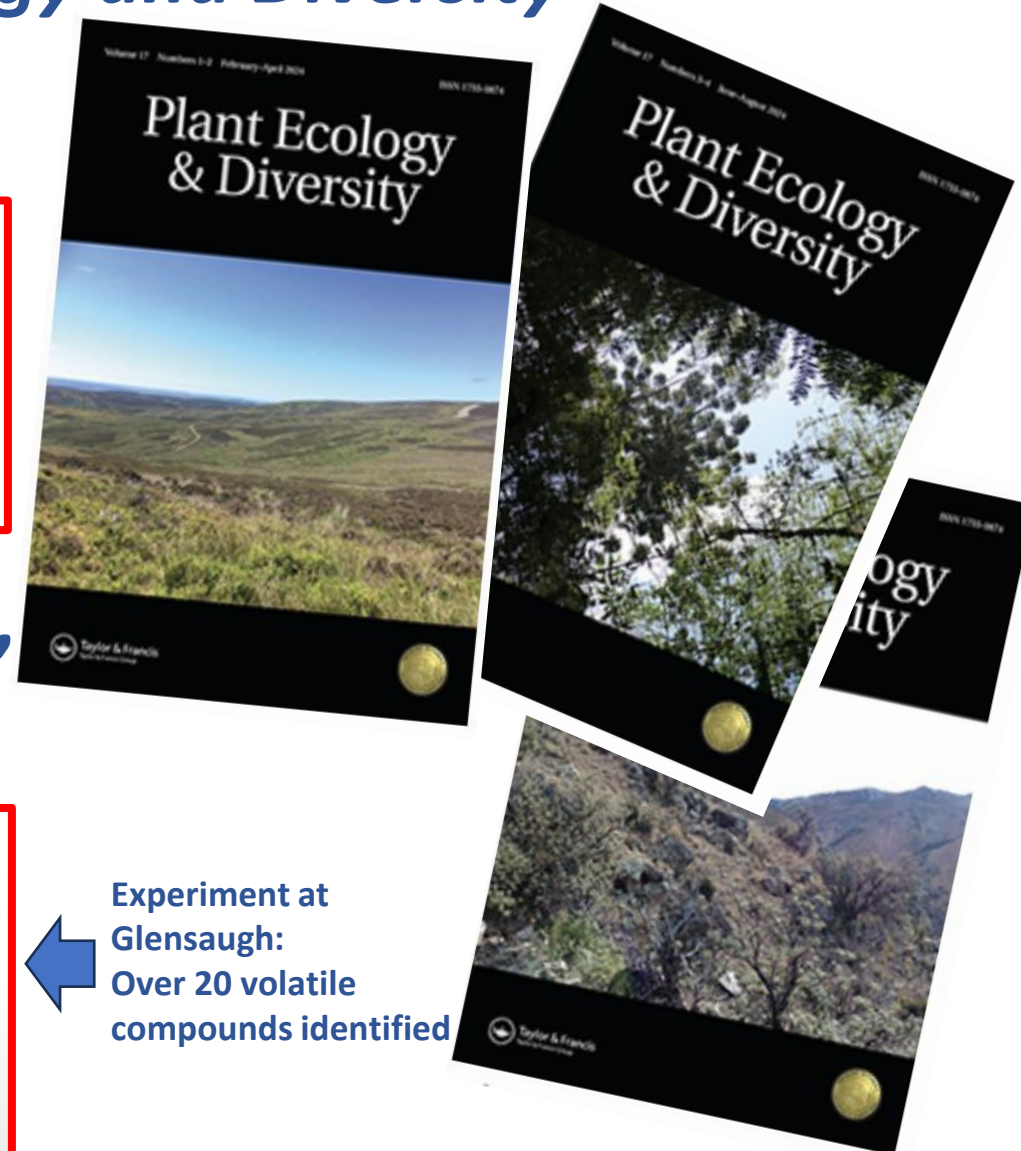
Contents of 2024: 17 papers published,
my 'top pick' is is:

Research Article

***Calluna vulgaris* volatile emissions suggest varying anti-herbivore defence strategies with plant ontogeny**

Evans Effah, D. Paul Barret, Robin J. Pakeman, Joan K. Beaton & Andrea Clavijo McCormick  

Pages 65-74 | Received 11 Oct 2023, Accepted 03 Jun 2024, Published online: 20 Jun 2024



Experiment at
Glensaugh:
Over 20 volatile
compounds identified



BSS Group: Urban Flora of Scotland (2015-now) (*“what grows in your street”*)

Analysis: Science papers now appearing online in the Special Issue of *Plant Ecology and Diversity*

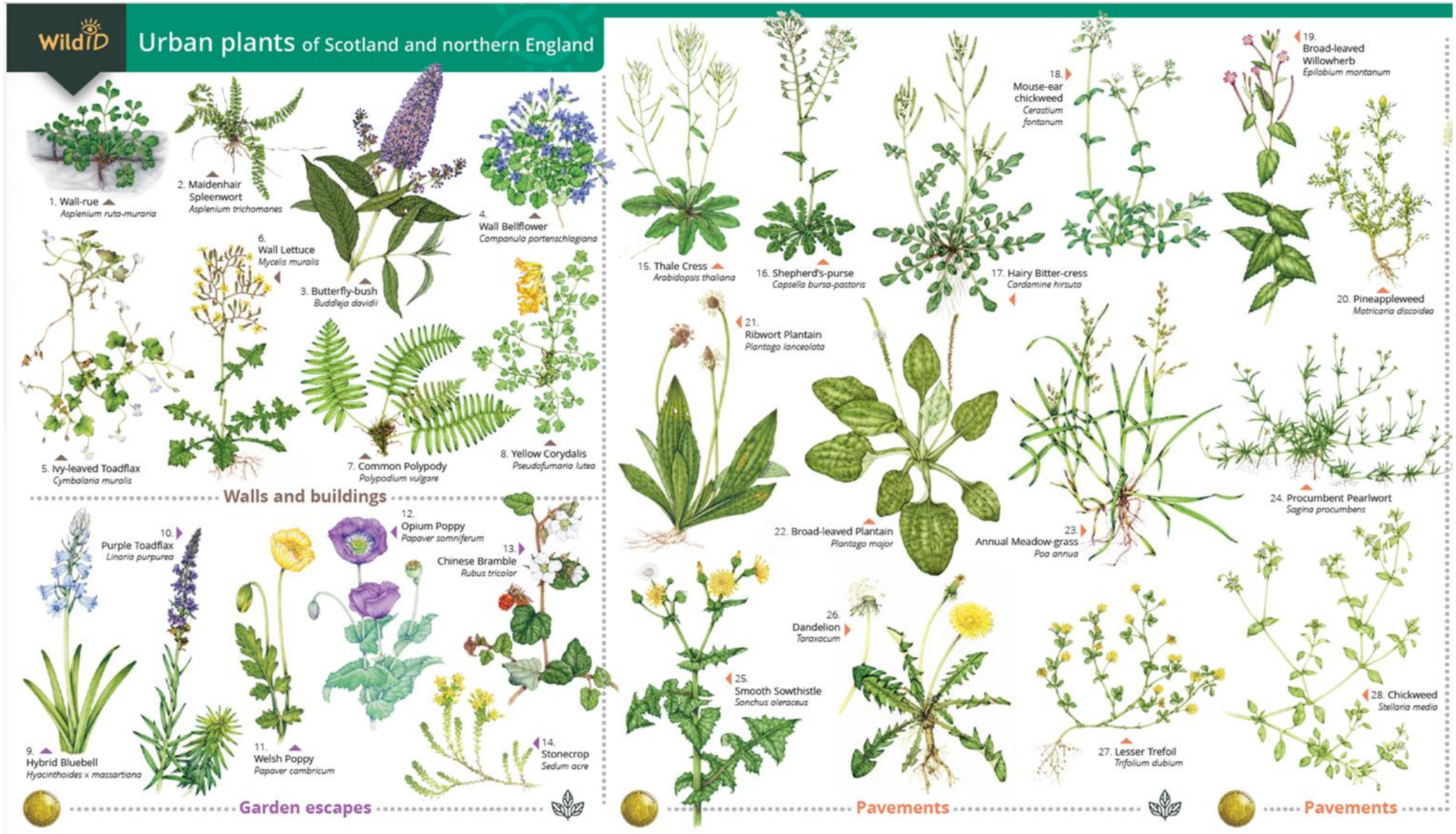
Publication: BSS is funding a full-colour 400 page book *The Urban Flora of Scotland*

Dissemination: the complete **irecord data set** now being ‘cleaned’ before being made widely available via the EIDC (UK/CEH Environmental Information Data Centre)

Public Engagement: **FSC WildID Guide** now available



Urban Flora of Scotland WildID Guide



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**The Botanical Society of Scotland SCIO
Financial Statements
For the Year to 30 April 2026**

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Bankers

Bank of Scotland

BSS Head Office

c/o Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
20a Inverleith Row
Edinburgh
EH3 5LR

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Statement of Bank Receipts and Payments	Note	2025-26(£)	2024-25(£)
1. Incoming resources, voluntary Income:			
Subscriptions		6,184.42	5,504.43
Donations		246.47	745.81
GiftAid Claim	Note 5	4,139.85	-
Roger West Bequest	Note 6	44,818.58	-
Total		55,389.32	6,250.24
2. Incoming resources, charitable activities:			
Editorial Subvention		3,380.00	3,380.00
Royalties - Journal (Taylor & Francis)	Note 7	10,578.42	-
Total		13,958.42	3,380.00
Total - All Incoming Resources		69,347.74	9,630.24
Interest - CCLA Investment Accounts		6,690.63	6,407.58
Total – All Incoming Resources & Bank		76,038.37	16,037.82
3. Payments: Costs of generating funds			
Journal, Members' Copies & Edit. Meeting	Note 8	8,184.86	2,936.00
4. Charitable activities, directly allocated:			
Lecture Expenses (incl. hospitality, editing YouTube videos)		1,658.74	890.91
BSS/BSBI Joint Annual Conference		300.00	360.00
Printing Newsletter		1,216.68	3,029.54
Designing Newsletter	Note 9	1,000.00	1,000.00
Student Thesis Prize	Note 10	200.00	400.00
Student Grants	Note 11	3,757.19	1,328.62
Botanical University Challenge	Note 12	2,000.00	2,000.00
Student Group Expenses		-	-
Total		10,132.61	9,009.07
5. Charitable Activities, support costs:			
Printing		88.00	-
Insurance		100.00	96.00
Total		188.00	96.00
Total - All Charitable Activities		18,505.47	12,041.07
6. Governance costs:			
Subscription rebate	Note 13	-	-
Accounting Fees		210.00	200.00
Officers' Expenses (incl. postage, publicity)		45.89	204.36
Website Upgrade		675.00	215.99
WebCollect – Membership Management		-	324.20
MyClubHouse – New Membership Management	Note 14	656.16	606.00
Bank charges for paying in cash	Note 15	0.81	
Total – Governance		1,587.86	1,550.55
Total Net Resources Expended		20,093.33	13,591.62
Net		55,945.04	2,446.20
Purchase of investments		-	(25,000.00)
Net surplus on restricted funds	Note 16	22,658.00	20,000.00
Net surplus on unrestricted funds		33,287.04	(42,553.80)

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Statement of Balances		2025-26(£)	2024-25(£)
Closing balances at bank, 30 April		72,516.41	16,571.37
Opening balances at bank, 1 May		(16,571.37)	(39,125.17)
Surplus/(deficit) for financial year		55,945.04	(22,553.80)
Movement on unrestricted funds		33,287.04	(42,553.80)
Movement on restricted funds		22,658.00	20,000.00
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		55,945.04	(22,553.80)
Cash			
Closing Bank Balance		19,846.12	7,591.71
Cash in hand		-	-
Cash in CCLA reserve fund (C – Deposit Fund)	Note 17	52,670.29	8,979.66
Total		72,516.41	16,571.37
CCLA Investments (AA - Ethical Income Fund)		169,208.42	172,383.04
CCLA Investments (AB – Ethical Accum. Fund)	Note 18	48,614.20	47,970.91
Total		217,822.62	220,353.95
Net Assets		290,339.03	236,925.32
Reserves (restricted) Funds	Note 19		
Symington Grieve Trust Fund		500.00	500.00
Urban Flora Project		24,000.00	2,342.00
Douglas Malcolm Bequest (conferences)		10,000.00	10,000.00
Taylor & Francis (journal editing)		21,000.00	20,000.00
Total		55,500.00	32,842.00
General (unrestricted) funds		234,839.03	204,083.32
Total Available Funds		290,339.03	236,925.32

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Notes to the Statements of Receipts & Payments

Note 1 - Accounting Policies

- **Receipts and Payments**

These accounts are presented as receipts and payments

- **VAT:** the Society is not registered for VAT, so, expenditure includes VAT, where appropriate.

- **Unrestricted funds, Revenue**

The funds of the Society that the Council are free to use are in accordance with the Society's objectives. Any unrestricted revenue surplus is transferred to the unrestricted capital fund.

Note 2 - Council members remuneration

Council members do not receive any remuneration in their role as council members.

Note 3 - Taxation

The Society is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a Charity. No charge for taxation arises on the results for the year.

Note 4 - Commitments and contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at the 2025-26 year-end. Editorial subventions from Taylor & Francis in support of the editing costs of the PED journal have accumulated a surplus of £20,000 to date.

Note 5 – GiftAid Claim

GiftAid was claimed for the past four accounting years – see table below.

Accounting year	Amount	Repayment Interest	Total Payment
01May 2021 - 30Apr2022	£953.50	£101.32	£1,054.82
01May 2022 - 30Apr2023	£956.25	£86.80	£1,043.05
01May 2023 - 30Apr2024	£986.25	£49.37	£1,035.62
01May 2024 - 30Apr2025	£995.00	£11.36	£1,006.36
TOTAL			£4,139.85

Note 6 - Roger West Bequest

Roger Morgan West, a lifelong member of the society died November 2024 and left a bequest to the society. There were no stipulations for how the funds should be spent.

Allingham & Co. solicitor (executor): March 2025		
1	A share of investment with Aegon Ireland (now known as Monument)	Encashment value = £6,898.58 (July 2025)
2	20% share of share portfolio held with Rathbones Investment Management. Shares sold by solicitor on behalf of BSS.	No. of shares = 153,502 Value = £37,920 (September 2025)
		Total = 44,818.59

Note 7: Royalties - Journal (Taylor & Francis)

Royalties are normally calculated as 10% of annual turnover. Payment for the previous accounting year (2024-25) from Taylor & Francis was late, received in January 2026 (£5,088.70). Payment for the current accounting year (£5,489.72) was made in March 2026. A total payment of £10,578.42 therefore appeared in the current 2025-2026 accounting year.

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Note 8 – Journal, Members’ Copies & Edit. Meeting

The costs of producing physical copies of the journal, Volume 17, Issue 1-6 (2024) for society members in the previous accounting year (2024-25) was £3,874.86, invoiced in May 2025.

In the current accounting year 2025-26, the society has moved to online access, with costs of £1,000 (£10 per subscriber, based on a minimum of 100 online subscribers). A duplicate payment of £1,000 was made in error against invoice for £1,000; Taylor & Francis is in the process of refunding the society £1,000, which will appear in the next accounting year 2026-27.

Journal editor (Laszlo) attended an overseas conference to promote journal, with T&S costs of £2,310.

Note 9 – Designing Newsletter

These are charges for engaging professional services in designing two editions of BSS News.

Note 10 - Student Dissertation Prize awarded during the 2025-26 Session

A single prize of £200 was awarded to James Callaghan.

Note 11 – Student Field Research and Study Grants awarded during the 2025-26 Session.

Grants totalling £3,757.19 were awarded to seven recipients:

Grants	Amount	Recipient
1	£100.00	Illya Kavosh
2	£369.00	MG Scott
3	£1,000.00	Caitlin Lynch
4	£954.00	Clara Courtney
5	£675.00	Mariam Shabbir
6	£59.19	Tiye Salgado Swabe
7	£600.00	Hannah Udall

Note 12 Support for Botanical University Challenge

Support to University of Reading for organising and hosting Botanical University Challenge £2,000.

Note 13 – Subscription rebate

Membership subscription rates were changed in May 2025 to reflect increasing costs of running the society. The new rates are:

Standard membership = £25

Student membership = £5 (unchanged)

Online electronic access to digital journal = £10.

Overpayment: 27 members who subscribes with standing orders/BACS continued paying £40 (membership + journal). They confirmed they are happy for overpayment to be treated as donation.

Underpayment: 27 members who subscribes with standing orders/BACS continued paying £20 (membership only). Underpayment were written off by the society as they are long-standing members; they were all contacted to encourage them to change payment method to direct debit, where possible, to ensure they pay the correct amount for their subscriptions.

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Note 14 – MyClubHouse

MyClubHouse membership management software has replaced the previously used WebCollect. There are no overlapping period between the two in the current accounting year.

Note 15 – Bank charges

New charges were brought in by the Bank of Scotland for charity accounts in the current accounting year.

Account features for Charity Account (from 13 November 2025)	Account for charities
Cash paid in – Branch counter, ATM, depositpoint™, Nightsafe, Post Office® or other third-party deposit method	£0.75 for every £100
Cheque paid in – Branch counter, ATM, depositpoint™, Nightsafe, Post Office® or other third-party deposit method	£0.50
Cheque paid in – Immediate Deposit Machine or Business, Mobile Banking App	£0.42
Cheque paid out	£0.50
Bacs – electronic payment directly from BSS to another account	£0.07 for each payment

Note 16 – Net surplus on restricted funds

The net surplus on restricted funds for 2025-26 is the increase for the Urban Flora Project.

Note 17 – CCLA Investments (Deposit Account)

£44,818.58 from Roger West Bequest is held in this fund awaiting council decision for its investment in other CCLA funds.

Note 18 – CCLA Investments (Ethical Accumulation Fund)

This fund is intended to hold restricted funds:

£21,000 from Taylor & France (subvention payments), £10,000 from Malcolm Bequest and Urban Flora Project. £24,000 has been reserved to meet anticipated Publication Costs of the planned Urban Flora.book,

Note 19 – Reserves (restricted funds)

At CCLA Ethical Accumulation Fund is now deemed to contain all reserves (restricted) funds.

These notes form part of these financial statements, as approved by Council.

Yuk Sim Tang

David F. Chamberlain

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Yuk Sim Tang (Treasurer)

.....
David F. Chamberlain (Deputy Treasurer)

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**Independent examiner's report to the council members of
Botanical Society of Scotland**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

D. Millar, Edinburgh

Date:12 May 2026.....

APPENDIX 1

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	May	2025	To	30	April	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Botanical Society of Scotland SCIO
n/a
SC016283
c/o Royal Botanic Garden
20a Inverleith Row
Edinburgh
Postcode EH3 5LR

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Wilson	President, Publicity and Website Admin	President from June 2026	n/a
2	David Adamson	Treasurer	Elected 21 May 2026	
3	Brian Ballinger	BSBI Liaison		
4	David Chamberlain	Deputy Treasurer		
5	Maria Chamberlain	Programme Sec		
6	Tobias Cullen	Student Rep		
7	John Grace	Urban Flora Convenor/Journal Ed Cttee		
8	Chris Jeffree	Newsletter co-Ed		
9	Hamlyn Jones	Mountain Plants Alliance		
10	Elizabeth Kungu	Scottish Rainforest Alliance		
11	Fiona Maguire	Membership Sec		
12	Nikolaos Maragkos	Deputy Programme Sec	Co-opted June 2026	
13	Richard Milne			
14	Jonathan Silvertown	Newsletter co-Ed/Previously President	President for 2025-2026 reporting period	
15	Rachel Thomas	General Secretary		

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Yuk Sim Tang	Treasurer, 2025- 2026 reporting period
Laszlo Nagy	Stepped down at May 2026 AGM

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The BSS is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a constitution. Members of the Society appoint people to serve on Council. The Council controls the activities of the Society and decides on the roles of Council members. The Council is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the Society. The BSS is not affiliated to any other body but works closely with the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI).

There were no changes to the constitution May 2025 to May 2026.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees (Council members) are elected by members of the Society at the AGM (May each year). At each AGM all Trustees retire from office but are eligible for re-election. Those who have served on Council for a period of three years automatically vacate office at the end of that period but are eligible for re-election.
No external bodies are entitled to appoint Trustees

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

1. To advance the study of plants, algae, cryptograms, fungi and associated organisms, to spread botanical knowledge, and understanding of the part played by these organisms in Scotland's environment, culture, history and heritage.
2. To encourage the academic study of botany at school and university level by providing a forum for professional and amateur botanists and students to study and discuss all aspects of botany and by offering grants and awards for excellence in project work.
3. To promote public interest in Scotland's botany, native plants and vegetation and their habitats by involving and engaging with the public.
4. To provide information, education and advice with the aim of promoting awareness of the unique character of Scotland's flora.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The society runs a series of free lectures in the winter many of which are recorded for You Tube and a programme of field meetings in the summer. It holds a joint, annual meeting with BSBI – 'The Scottish Botanists' Conference'
It produces an academic journal Plant Ecology and Diversity (now online only) and a more accessible newsletter for all Members and others. Prizes and grants are awarded to undergraduate students studying plant sciences – an undergraduate thesis prize, field work and training grants. Reports from this work are published in BSS News.
The Urban Flora project which has collated information about the urban flora of Scotland's towns and cities has moved on to its publication phase.
BSS continues to support the Alliance for Scotland's Rainforests and the Mountain Plants Alliance

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The BSS ran 12 public lectures over the winter of 2025/26 in Edinburgh, Dundee (jointly with the Dundee Naturalists) and Inverness (with Inverness Botany Group). Most of these were recorded and subsequently promoted more widely via YouTube.

There were eight field meetings across Scotland and a joint indoor meeting with the BSBI – the Scottish Botanists' Conference. Increasing numbers of student members continued to participate in their own workshops and events including a ceilidh, a cyanotype printing workshop and a moss identification workshop. The Society supports Botanical University Challenge which was won by a team from Aberdeen University in 2025. The monthly 'plant pub' event enables anyone interested in plants to meet socially.

With increasing membership, the new database now enables these events to be booked online.

Two editions of BSS News now professionally designed and in colour have been produced. This continues to attract articles from members and non-members, acts as platform for students to publish their first 'paper' and showcases the Society's work more widely. In addition, three issues of our peer reviewed scientific journal Plant Ecology and Diversity were published online.

More than 300 species have now been the subject of the weekly plant blog on social media reaching an audience of over 2000 on Facebook. An online species index is now available.

Funding assistance towards field work and training was made available for undergraduate students studying plant sciences. Seven awards totalling £3757 were made, an increase on previous years, and a prize awarded for the best undergraduate thesis (£200). Project reports were published in BSS News and promoted via social media.

The scientific papers from the Urban Flora of Scotland project have been published, the complete 'clean' dataset will be made publicly available through the UK/CEH Environmental Information Data Centre, a WildID Guide published with the Field Studies Council will help people in Scotland and the north of England become more familiar with the more common urban plants and the project is on schedule to publish a full colour book *The Urban Flora of Scotland* in 2027.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Trustees' reserves policy is to maintain free reserves at a level that equates to one year's normal unrestricted expenditure, i.e. around £20,000, plus anticipated exceptional expenditure. Current free reserves, which exceed that figure, should provide sufficient funds to cover all anticipated expenditure and meet any future professional fees for services currently provided by members such as bookkeeping and accounts.
Details of any deficit	The society has not incurred a deficit during this financial year.
Donated facilities and services (if any)	RBGE provides technical assistance and use of their lecture theatre for talks and the Scottish Botanists' Conference. All Council meetings were held online through Zoom or Teams. The 2026 AGM was held in person on 21 May 2026 and recorded.

APPENDIX 1

Other optional information

1. The accounts have been published on the Society's website in the About area.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Rich Wilson	Rachel Thomas
Full name(s)	Richard L. Wilson Jr.	Rachel Catherine Thomas
Position (e.g. Chair)	President	General Secretary
Date	9 th July 2026	9th July 2026