

# SBS Field Meetings Programme 2024



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<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	<p><b>Byfleet Village to Wisley</b> for a morning walk from St. Mary's Church to River Wey and Wisley Church and circling back. There is off street parking available. Meet at St. Mary's Church off Church Road.  <b>TQ0626 6043, KT14 7NF, ///drips.nights.pillow</b>  <b>Leader:</b> Richard Jewell</p>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<p><b>Croydon, Bethlem Royal Hospital</b> for early spring flora in a variety of habitats in the extensive grounds of the hospital. Joint meeting with the Kent Botanical Recording Group (KBRG). There is free parking along Monks Orchard Road and in neighbouring streets. If using public transport, West Wickham station is a short walk away and there are regular bus services from East Croydon Station and Elmers End tram stop. Meet at the main entrance to the hospital in Monks Orchard Road. Numbers will be limited to six per county. Book your place by contacting Caroline Bateman at <a href="mailto:carolinebateman@outlook.com">carolinebateman@outlook.com</a>. <b>Please note start time of 10.45 for 11.00 start.</b>  <b>TQ3737 6649, BR3 3BX, ///canny.pigs.poster</b>  <b>Leaders:</b> Caroline Bateman and Geoffrey Kitchener</p>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<p><b>Hampton Estate</b> for grassland recording. A day of two halves with the morning session starting at Myrtles Courtyard and then moving on in shared cars to Shoelands Farm Offices car park to record at Polo and Bank Fields. Park and meet at Myrtles Courtyard which can be reached either via Littlewood Road or Suffield Lane by The Tarn (lake) at Cutmill.  <b>SU9047 4622, GU8 6BJ, ///touched.recken.feuds</b>  <b>Leader:</b> Bill Stanworth</p>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<p><b>West Norwood Cemetery</b> for a joint meeting with South London Botanical Institute (SLBI). This cemetery is one of the Magnificent Seven Victorian cemeteries and is the only one with ancient woodland at its centre. There may be time at the end of the day for a quick visit to the institute, a 15 minute walk away. If coming by car there is some unrestricted parking in Robson Road which runs alongside the cemetery. Meet at West Norwood Station off Hannen Road.  <b>TQ3190 7200, SE27 0DT, ///coherent.diary.begin</b>  <b>Leaders:</b> Amanda Tuke &amp; Geoffrey Norman</p>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<p><b>Albury Estate</b> for general recording in damp meadow, open woodland and by river margins. Meet at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, New Road (NOT Church Lane), Albury  <b>TQ0632 4784, GU5 9BL, ///those.swear.club</b>  <b>Leader:</b> Jon Wilson</p>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<p><b>Pirbright Ranges Deer Enclosure</b> for wet meadow recording including Heath Spotted Orchid and other grassland species. We will walk over Hagthorn Paddock (and possibly Priest Lane Paddock depending on access on the day). Park and meet at western end of Brentmoor Road by Priest Lane.  <b>SU9317 6057, GU24 9ND, ///jams.page.putty</b>  <b>Leaders:</b> Isobel Girvan &amp; Ben Habgood</p>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<p><b>Dormansland, Hooper's Farm</b> for survey of species-rich unimproved and semi -improved grassland. Directions: At the traffic lights at Blindley Heath follow signs to Lingfield and the racecourse. After passing the racecourse follow the B2028 (Moor Lane) towards Marsh Green for a couple of miles. Passing a turn to Haxted Mill and Starborough Nursery on your left you will see a post box and water trough filled with flowers on your right which is at the end of the drive to the farm. Follow the tarmac drive until it bears sharp left. Here go straight up the concrete track (<b>not sharp left</b>), then past Steppe Cottage, the old farmhouse (Hoopers) and down into the valley where parking area will be signed.</p>

	<b>TQ4258 4275, TN8 5QU, ///mild.excuse.admire</b> <b>Leaders:</b> Caroline Bateman and Polly Dumbreck
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sheepleas</b> aimed at beginners and new members. A gentle stroll through woodland and flower-rich chalk grassland to learn how to identify many of the common species found there. We will also discuss how to take records. Whilst aimed at beginners, all levels are welcome to join in a relaxed teaching session. Meet at SWT Sheepleas car park behind St Mary's Church. <b>Please note this is not a full day, 10.30 to 13pm</b> <b>TQ0881 5250, KT24 6AN, ///cheek.hangs.cares</b> <b>Leaders:</b> To include Isobel Girvan, Caroline Bateman & Jon Wilson
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Priest Hill</b> for recording on chalk scrapes. The day will include looking at the colonisation of the chalk scrapes in this SWT reserve since our last visit in 2014. Enter the site via Priest Hill Close, 1km south of NESCOL off the A240 Reigate Road and turn left immediately through the field gate where we shall park. <b>TQ2269 6098, KT17 3FD, ///drives.linen.took</b> <b>Leader:</b> Peter Wakeham
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Broadford Meadows</b> for recording unimproved wet/marshy and dry grassland plus some woodland (owned by the National Trust) in this part of the Wey Valley Meadows SSSI. Meet at the National Trust car park at the end of Stonebridge Wharf (off the Horsham Road/A281). <b>SU9984 4656, GU4 8EH ///solo.rated.doing</b> <b>Leaders:</b> Bill Stanworth & Holly Stanworth
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Long Bottom and Caesar's Camp</b> Joint meeting with Hampshire Flora Group for heathland recording. Note that it will be quite a long walk of about 4 miles (6½ km) round trip with some steep slopes across heathland and boggy areas. This was last visited in July 2017 with over 200 plants recorded including Lesser Centaury, Dodder, Fringed Water-lily, White Beak-sedge, and Marsh Speedwell. Of particular interest this year will be re-finding Marsh Clubmoss and Ivy-leaved Bellflower. Meet and park in car park next to the Wellington Statue off Claycart Road. Note that there is no access to the car park directly off the A325. Instead, access is via the junction on Bourley Road. <b>Please note numbers will be limited. Please book your place by contacting Tony Mundell via email at <a href="mailto:argmundell@gmail.com">argmundell@gmail.com</a></b> <b>SU8534 5113, GU11 1QB, ///farm.notion.holds</b> <b>Leaders:</b> Isobel Girvan & Tony Mundell
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Banstead Downs</b> for chalk grassland recording. Use on-street parking on High Down Road, walk south on Sutton Lane to meet on site. <b>TQ2587 6148, SM7 3RE, ///shed.riders.lucky</b> <b>Leader:</b> Jon Wilson
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Beddington Farmland, Hackbridge</b> for recording in a range of habitats including grassland restoration, marshy grassland/wetland edge and industrial/urban. Although potentially of great ecological interest, this site has a chequered industrial past and is very slowly being developed into a nature reserve. Meet at entrance gate on Mile Road if coming by train to Hackbridge. Car park at Pavilion Café in Beddington Park, 15-20 minutes walk away. <b>Please note that site access rules state that long trousers and study footwear must be worn.</b> <b>TQ2873 6617, SM6 7JU, ///spray.park.spider</b> <b>Leaders:</b> Claire Million & Charlie Owens
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Chobham Common</b> a joint meeting with BSBI for general heathland recording. Join us on a walk around part of Chobham Common lowland heathland that is managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust. We will be checking on Surrey rare species such as Marsh Gentian and other heathland specialist plants, whilst meeting new people and having a lovely day out. All standards of botanists are welcome, including beginners. Terrain will be mostly flat with some slopes. It may be damp underfoot so wellies would be useful or stout shoes. <b>Numbers will be limited.</b> Please book your place by contacting Isobel Girvan via email at <a href="mailto:Isobel.Girvan@surreywt.org.uk">Isobel.Girvan@surreywt.org.uk</a> . On the day the leader can be contacted on 07811 440892. Meet and park in SWT Staple Hill car park. <b>SU9735 6487, GU24 8TU ///snake.hugs.flames</b> <b>Leader:</b> Isobel Girvan

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Unless otherwise stated, meetings will start at 10.30. Please arrive by 10.15 so that we can make a prompt start. Each meeting will contain a strong educational component to help new or less experienced members. Bring packed lunch as all-day meetings. Many will be on uneven or wet ground so please ensure that you wear appropriate clothes and footwear.