

SOMERSET RARE PLANTS GROUP

Recording all plants growing wild in Somerset, not just the rarities



Winter meetings 2022

"Please note that booking for field meetings is essential; please contact the leader as specified below. This is so we can plan the day effectively and also make sure we have enough experienced botanists on hand to ensure all members benefit from the day. It will also allow us to trace contacts should anyone experience Covid symptoms after a meeting."

New Year Plant Hunt Sunday 2nd January 2022; Bridgwater.

This year we will meet at 10.45 for 11am start at Town Bridge in Bridgwater (east end of Fore Street shopping centre) at ST300 371 to split into two groups to record on either side of the River Parrett, which is the boundary between VC5 & VC6. Car parks seem to be free on Sundays, or park in the side streets. This is a 3-hour plant hunt to find as many plants as possible in flower.

Booking Essential- contact Liz on lizmcdonnell2005@gmail.com

AGM (Zoom). Saturday 29th January 2022 at 2pm

Invitations to Zoom will be sent out before the meeting. Similar format to past AGM's with a presentation by SRPG member Mike Dilger titled "A thousand shades of green - my big botanical hunt", Chairman's report, Election of Officers, Accounts, Meetings review, Question and Answer session. In all a total of probably 2.5 hours.

Saturday 19th February. Winter Twigs meeting Taunton.

An opportunity to get to grips with winter twigs. We'll investigate a range of shrubs and trees in hedgerows and amenity plantings on W. side of Taunton (VC5) in vicinity of Silk Mills/Roughmoor and in Netherclay Community Woodland, Bishops Hull. **Meet outside Silk Mills Park-and-Ride (ST2070 2552) at 10.30am for 11am start.** The Park-and-Ride itself will be closed, but there should be plenty of parking down road on left just before car park barriers. **Booking essential:** please contact Simon if you wish to come. If you have either John Poland's BSBI Field Key to Winter Twigs, or FSC guide to Winter Trees, then please bring with you; secateurs could also be useful. NB: this is a field meeting, with no indoor venue, so make sure you come suitably clad and with good supply of food and drink! We'll aim to finish between 3 and 4pm depending on weather.

Leader: Simon Leach, simonleach@phonecoop.coop

Saturday 26th March. Recording and mapping meeting, Shapwick

This will be an indoor meeting focusing on all aspects of recording, We will look at all aspects of recording; using the SRPG recording cards; use of BSBI database (DDB) and BSBI guidance on recording in detail; referees; GPS and plant ID Apps. Also a report on significant and exciting plant records in VC5 and VC6 in 2021. Bring surplus plant books for exchange. Tea and coffee will be provided but bring a packed lunch.

The venue at Shapwick is a new one for us:-it is The Pavilion in Northbrook Road, Shapwick ST418 382, postcode TA7 9LN. This is a fairly recently built cricket pavilion with plenty of parking. Meet at 10.30 for 11am start. **Booking essential** with [**lizmcdonnell2005@gmail.com**](mailto:lizmcdonnell2005@gmail.com)