

BORDER BRYOLOGISTS 2019-2020

Our meetings are to help beginners learn their mosses and liverworts, rather than high-powered recording sessions. All are on Sundays, and start at 10.30 a.m. unless stated otherwise. Please bring sandwiches.

You may wish to bring with you a copy of the British Bryological Society's *Mosses and Liverworts of Britain and Ireland: a Field-guide* (2010), files for which are also on-line at <http://www.bbsfieldguide.org.uk/> (or click on the book cover of the Field-guide on the left-hand side of the BBS web-site's home page at <http://britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk/> and follow the links).

You are very welcome to suggest venues for future outdoor meetings; please include grid references and details for parking.

October 20th

By kind permission of Fiona Gomersall, we will explore oak woodland, flushes and moorland at **Walkmill** (SO 164826) on the Shropshire/Radnorshire border in the upper Teme valley.

From Abermule, take the Clun road (B4368) and after starting to lose height turn right towards Lethrau before the Anchor Inn. After about a mile and a half, turn left at a junction. After another mile and a half, turn left down a track signed 'Walkmill'. If you're coming past the Anchor up the Clun valley, turn left (sign-posted to Lethrau), and then as above.

From Knighton, drive through Felindre and after a quarter of a mile turn right. Pass Gorther Farm and turn right down a track signed 'Walkmill'.

January 19th

Margaret Tregear invites us to explore a variety of habitats at **New Barn Farm, Clyro** (SO 195445). From Clyro turn off the A438 by the bus stop on to the Painscastle road. Fork left by the church and after about 1km turn on to the Rhosgoch road. This soon bends to the right, and then turn left just before a red post-box. Continue until you reach New Barn Farm.

March 8th

Towns and villages can be as rewarding for bryophytes as open countryside. We will put this statement to the test in **Welshpool**. Meet outside St. Mary's Church (SJ 225077) at the southern end of Church Street. The churchyard and adjoining graveyard support a variety of species. Afterwards, we will find a different suite of species alongside the Montgomery Canal. Most of the car parks in Welshpool charge £4 per day, but it's also possible to park in the street in a few places.