

BMS Recording Network News

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To: BMS Recording Network Contacts
cc: BMS Field Mycology & Conservation Committee members
From: David Harries, BMS Recording Network Coordinator

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1. UK Fungus Day

Meg Scully, BMS Social Media & Outreach Officer & Co-ordinator UKFD16, [megan@britmycolsoc.info] has circulated contacts with the latest plans for UKFD 2016. I copy below the main points for anyone who may not have seen the original posting.

“...As in previous years, we are supporting the Royal Society of Biology’s Biology Week activities and our intense weekend of fungal events will kick start Biology Week and will run over the weekend of 8th -9th October; however, if you are planning a fungus event at some time other than this weekend, we are still keen to hear about it and will publicise it on our website and social media platforms. UK Fungus Day is the outreach arm of the British Mycological Society....promoting fungi and fungal science throughout the year.

We are planning to offer a wide range of materials & resources to support your events, such as Ann Miller’s oyster spawn kits; UKFD t-shirts; wristbands and magnifying rulers, as well as templates and ideas for children’s activities and BMS leaflets and other resources. Once we have details of your event, we will send out a request form with all available materials, so that you can let us know how many of these items you are likely to require in preparation for your event!

We have a limited amount of funding available to support individuals who wish to organise an event, so do get in touch if you are wishing to run an event but are restricted by funding constraints.

This year, we are focused and committed to making UK Fungus Day the largest celebration of fungi and fungal science ever! We want to increase our UKFD connections, and support as many events as possible across the country, to continue to raise awareness of the importance of fungi and fungal biology, as well as to highlight how exciting and interesting the fungal kingdom is.

However we cannot do it without your help! The success of UK Fungus Day is reliant on our fantastic event organisers, hosting incredible events nationwide, and we can’t wait to hear from you!

What we need to know: Name of the event, Date & Time, Location (with postcode), Target audience.

Any online links you wish us to add (to websites or social media platforms).

Image or poster to accompany the post, Price of admission if applicable, Brief description of event (Max 100 words).....”

2. Fungus red listing

The Fungi of Great Britain and Ireland website (link below) has been extended to include a conservation section with links to red lists and other information relevant to the British mycota.

The list includes: Assessments on a national basis by Justin Smith, Laura Martínez Suz and Martyn Ainsworth (2015, revised 2016).

<http://fungi.myspecies.info/content/conservation#>

3. Kew Lost and Found project

Brian Douglas has circulated the latest L&F newsletter (copy attached). The newsletter includes information on changes to the Lost and Found Fungi project website including summary pages and maps for each vice-county.

4. Natural England/unified foraging code of practice

Natural England has organised three meetings this summer to decide a unified code of practice for foraging in England. One is at Bradford on Avon in Wiltshire on 24th of May, one is at Seven Sisters in Sussex on 16th of June and one in the York area on the 30th of June.

It will be attended by several leading British foraging professionals and representatives from various conservation groups. Anybody interested in attending should contact:

David.Burton@naturalengland.org.uk.

5. Welsh Waxcaps Development Officer

Following a successful bid for HLF funds, Plantlife Wales is advertising for a Welsh Waxcaps Development Officer:

http://www.plantlife.org.uk/about_us/jobs_at_plantlife/

6. SNH report: Hazel gloves fungus

David Genney reports that SNH Commissioned Report 877: Hazel gloves fungus (*Hypocreopsis rhododendri*) survey of mid Argyll can be downloaded from the SNH website.

“This survey aimed to identify key sites for the hazel gloves fungus in Mid Argyll and record the characteristics and condition of these sites. Hazel gloves grows in west coast Atlantic hazelwoods as a component of the species-rich, hyperoceanic variants of the Graphidion lichen community. The report identifies areas of suitable habitat, areas where remedial management is required to ensure habitat continuity and areas with good potential for habitat expansion. Only one new location for hazel gloves was found, but a number of Atlantic hazel stands that supported notable lichens of the Lobarion and Graphidion communities were identified. Many of these populations were small and of questionable viability.”

<http://www.snh.gov.uk/publications-data-and-research/publications/search-the-catalogue/publication-detail/?id=2420>