

# The Botanical Society Of Scotland SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC016283

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1918-02-19
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address** c/o Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
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Edinburgh  
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**Website** [botsoc.scot/](http://botsoc.scot/)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

**What the charity does:** The Society ran a pgm. of public lectures (13), field meetings (13), a joint mtng. with the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland and initiated a monthly 'plant pub' event to enable anyone interested in plants to meet socially. Our weekly plant blog grows in popularity. The Soc. produced 2 editions of a redesigned BSS News, and its scientific journal, Plant Ecology and Diversity (now online) published a special edition on the urban flora of Scotland. Membership increased, esp. among students and a new membership database was introduced. Funding assistance towards field work was made available for undergraduate students studying plant sciences (3 awards - £1328 total) and a competition run to identify the best undergraduate plant science dissertation (£200). Project reports were published in BSS News and promoted there and via social media. BSS continued to support the Alliance for Scotland's Rainforest and contributed to the new (Scottish) Mountain Plants Alliance.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** To advance the study of plants, algae, cryptogams, 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. To encourage the academic study of botany at School and University level by providing a forum for professional amateur botanists and students to study and discuss all aspects of botany and by offering grants and awards for excellence in project work so far as and by any means that our resources permit. To promote public interest in Scotland's botany, native plants and vegetation and their

habitats by involving and engaging with the public in constructive projects that promote the knowledge, appreciation, observation, recording and conservation of all wild plants. To provide information, education and advice, with the aim of promoting awareness of the unique character of Scotland's flora, encouraging awareness of environmental, climate change and management impacts on native plants, vegetation and habitats and an interest in the development of informed strategies for their conservation and the mitigation and reduction of adverse impacts

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£16,037	£13,591	-	0
2024-04-30	£30,980	£29,752	-	0
2023-04-30	£19,680	£15,598	-	0
2022-04-30	£14,771	£11,877	-	0
2021-04-30	£16,933	£2,085	-	0