

# THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society was founded in the Lake District in 1891 and soon became the focal point for fern enthusiasts throughout the British Isles. Today it continues to provide a wide range of information about ferns, through its website and by publishing regular journals, leaflets and books, and organising formal talks, informal discussions and outdoor meetings. The international membership includes those interested in gardening, natural history and botany, both amateur and professional. It is a friendly society run on a voluntary basis.

The OBJECTS of the Society are to promote horticulture for the public benefit, particularly by encouraging the cultivation of ferns and other pteridophytes (both wild species and cultivated varieties), and to further education in and study of their taxonomy, distribution, conservation and ecology through publications, meetings and the provision of grants.

The Society is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, and supports recording and conservation activities with other botanical societies.

Website: [www.eBPS.org.uk](http://www.eBPS.org.uk)

**Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales**

Registered Charity No. 1092399

## HOW TO JOIN

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

<b>Full Personal Members</b>	£20
<b>Optional Members</b> (not receiving the <i>Fern Gazette</i> )	£16
<b>Student Members</b> (full-time students)	£10
<b>Family Members</b> (spouse/partner; do not receive separate mailings)	£2
<b>Subscribers</b> (universities, libraries & other institutions, including agents acting on their behalf & trade agents)	£33
<b>Airmail postage</b>	
For all journals	£4.00
For those not receiving the <i>Fern Gazette</i>	£2.50

**Overseas remittances** not made in sterling £5 extra to cover charges.

**Credit card payment** extra £2 or 5%, whichever is greater, to cover charges.

**Subscriptions** are due on 1st January annually in advance; journals will not be sent until payment has been received. Cheques should be made payable to 'The British Pteridological Society'. Standing order forms are available from the address below or via the BPS website.

**Applications for membership** should be sent with payment to:

Mr M.G. Taylor,  
Membership Secretary,  
The British Pteridological Society,  
Westlea, Kyleakin,  
Isle of Skye IV41 8PH, UK.

**Data Protection Act 1998.** For the purposes of exemption of the Society from registration, prospective members please note that all membership & subscription details are held on computer file. Members may, on request, see a copy of their own entry. A full membership list and updates are published regularly in the Society's *Bulletin*.

### Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

\*I/We wish to join the British Pteridological Society as a \* Full/Optional/Student/Family member/Subscriber and enclose £..... in payment of my subscription for 1st January - 31st December \*\* 20.....

Surname..... First name & Initials.....  
 Title (Dr/Miss/Mr/Mrs etc.)..... Surname.....  
 Family Member: Title..... First name & Initials.....  
 Address..... Country.....  
 County/State..... Postcode.....  
 Tel. No. (home/work).....  
 E-mail address.....  
 Signature..... Date.....  
 \* Delete where not applicable \*\* Members joining at any time during the year will receive all journals for that year \*\*\* Will not be published  
**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**  
 I authorise the British Pteridological Society to debit my Visa..... / Mastercard..... account by £..... (Please remember  
 Card number..... to add extra £2 or 5%, whichever is greater)  
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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### PUBLICATIONS

All members receive the **PTERIDOLOGIST**, which contains articles and book reviews of more general interest for the amateur enthusiast and grower of ferns and their varieties, and the **BULLETIN**, which gives news about the Society and reports of its activities. The **FERN GAZETTE** contains scientific articles on many aspects of ferns and allied plants world wide. Members not wishing to receive the *Fern Gazette* pay a reduced subscription.

### MEETINGS

During the winter **INDOOR MEETINGS** are held, with talks, exhibits and informal discussions. In the summer there are **GARDEN VISITS** and **FIELD MEETINGS** (day, weekend and week) in fern-rich parts of the country and overseas, to see and study ferns in the field, to collect information on their status and need for conservation, and to enable those with little or no previous experience to become more familiar with species in their natural habitats. Academic meetings are held from time to time, ranging from short meetings of national interest to longer symposia attracting international attendance.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

A **SPORE EXCHANGE** receives a world-wide selection of fern spores from various sources and distributes them to members.

A **PLANT EXCHANGE SCHEME** offers the opportunity to obtain species and varieties of hardy and greenhouse ferns that are not readily available from commercial nurseries and enables good homes to be found for surplus plants.

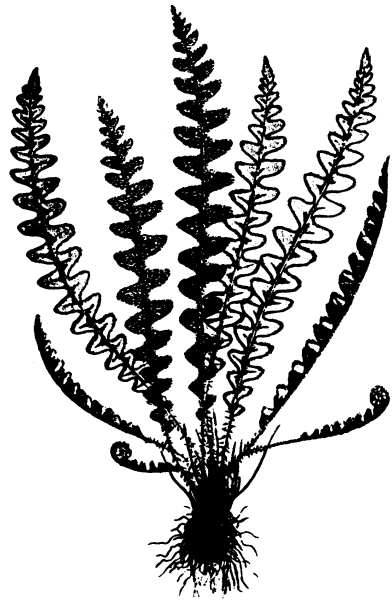
A **READING CIRCLE** passes the *American Fern Journal* among interested members.

A **BOOKSALES SERVICE** gives members the opportunity to acquire old fern books not easily obtainable through normal sources, as well as new books hot off the press!

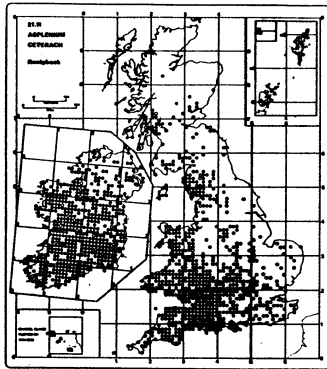
**REGIONAL GROUPS** give opportunities for informal meetings with other fern enthusiasts in your own area.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** provide opportunities for members with similar interests to share ideas and experiences.

A variety of **MERCHANDISE** is available to members, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, ties, mugs, notepaper and greetings cards.



*Taxonomy*



*Distribution*



*Cultivation*

