**British Lichen Society**

**Application for Ecological or Conservation Research & Survey**

*The application will be considered by a sub-committee of the BLS Conservation Committee: please send it to the BLS Conservation Officer* (conservationofficer@britishlichensociety.org.uk)

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| Name:  |
| Address:  |
| Phone:  |
| Email:  |
| Organisation and position (if any):  |
| BLS membership number: Member since (year): Has your subscription been paid for the current year? Yes / No |

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| Grant amount requested: £  |
| Full breakdown of costs: |
| Date of application:  |
| Dates of fieldwork/course/visit:  |
| Details: Please attach additional information as required (see the grants page on the BLS website for details). |

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|  |  | Dates |
| Supporting information  |  |  |
| Reviewers |  |  |
| Decision | Approved / rejected |  |
| Amount awarded | £ |  |
| Confirmation to applicant |  |  |
| Details to Treasurer |  |  |
| Amount claimed | £ |  |
| Report received |  |  |

**Grants For Ecological or Conservation Research & Survey on Lichens**

**Introduction**

The British Lichen Society invites applications for between £1000 and £5000 for research and field work on notable or threatened lichens and their habitats, where this leads to increased understanding of their conservation and management. Both non-members and members of the BLS are eligible to apply.

**Scope**

The work should cover species and habitats of conservation concern (Sanderson et al, 2018). The grant recipient would be expected to provide evidence that collections have been made with permission from the relevant landowner/manager, and important voucher material should be deposited in appropriate publicly accessible collections.

**Match Funding**

Although not essential, the BLS encourages applicants to seek other contributions to the costs of the work from other parties with an interest in management and conservation of the habitats and species covered.

**Costs Covered**

Unlike the Small Ecological Project Grants this grant is intended to include reasonable consultancy rates, to open it up to working lichenologists, as well as reasonable expenses. Contributions in kind from the applicant are appreciated where they can afford this, but this is not essential.

**Supervision**

The applicant will be expected to be responsible for planning and supervising the work. This grant is not suitable for those requiring supervision or mentoring.

**Training and Mentoring**

Training and mentoring of less experienced lichenologists within a project, however, would be very much welcomed.

**Geographic Coverage**

Normally grants would be for work in Britain and Ireland but work relevant to the understanding of British lichens and their habitats elsewhere could be considered.

**Results**

A detailed report on the work should be produced and distributed to the BLS conservation officer and other interested parties, the grant not released until Chair of Conservation agrees that a suitable report has been received. Also, applicants may be requested to summarise the work in an appropriate publication, including contributions to peer reviewed journals. The species data recorded must be sent to the BLS database, at a useful degree of detail (typically eight figure grid references for species of high conservation interest and six or four figure grid references for other species).

**Reference**

Sanderson, N. A. Wilkins, T., Bosanquet, S. & Genney, D. (2018) *Guidelines for the Selection of Biological SSSIs. Part 2: Detailed Guidelines for Habitats and Species Groups. Chapter 13 Lichens and associated microfungi*. Joint Nature Conservation Committee 2018: Peterborough <https://hub.jncc.gov.uk/assets/330efebf-9504-4074-b94c-97e9bbdbe746>