

Memorandum of Agreement for Affiliation between the British Entomological and Natural History Society (hereinafter referred to as BENHS) and the British Plant Gall Society (hereinafter referred to as BPGS).

Objectives of Affiliation

1. To increase work on British and Irish entomology and natural history by supporting autonomous specialist groups.
2. To increase communication and co-operation between BENHS and BPGS, subject to the terms of their respective constitutions.
3. Through affiliation, to enable BPGS to operate more effectively as part of a larger community of other specialist groups affiliated to BENHS.
4. To develop this communication and co-operation to augment the activities of BENHS and BPGS by, for example, encouraging participation in BENHS field and indoor meetings and BENHS annual exhibition.
5. To use the BENHS facilities at Dinton Pastures for training and research related to BPGS.
6. To use and to contribute to the BENHS library and collections, especially depositing specialist key publications and reference collections.
7. To stimulate a wider range of articles and communications for submission to the *British Journal of Entomology and Natural History (BJENH)* and *Cecidology*.
8. To prepare and publish new taxonomic and ecological information, for example as monographs published by or through BENHS, or jointly with BPGS.
9. To facilitate closer working, as appropriate, in matters such as websites and social media, conservation policy and practice, survey and research, and the publication of results.

BENHS will seek to work with officers of BPGS to fulfil these objectives, subject to availability and resources. For example by:

1. Inviting BPGS to nominate a (non-voting) representative from its membership to attend or correspond with meetings of BENHS Council; the representative being able to report fully to and from such BENHS meetings on matters concerning BPGS.
2. Inviting BPGS to contribute an annual or occasional report relating to its activities for publication in *BJENH*.
3. Consulting appropriate BPGS officers on matters on which BENHS may seek to represent or speak for its affiliated specialist groups.
4. Making available the BENHS facilities at Dinton Pastures for BPGS training events, research and meetings.
5. Agreeing appropriate contributions to be made by or on behalf of BPGS to the library and reference collections at Dinton Pastures.
6. Publicising BPGS and its events through the BENHS Meetings Card and other BENHS media, including links between the BENHS and BPGS websites.
7. Providing BPGS with public liability insurance cover for the Society's meetings.
8. Subject to negotiation, providing a discount to BPGS members on BENHS publications.

BPGS will seek to work with officers of BENHS to fulfil these objectives, subject to availability and resources. For example by:

1. Demonstrating the affiliation of BPGS to BENHS by, for example, displaying the BENHS logo on relevant BPGS publicity, including a link to the BENHS website.
2. Nominating a (non-voting) representative to attend or correspond with meetings of BENHS Council; the representative being able to report fully to and from such BENHS meetings on matters concerning BPGS.
3. Contributing an annual or occasional report relating to its activities for publication in *BJENH*.
4. Responding where appropriate to consultations by BENHS.
5. Working with BENHS officers to plan and lead training events at Dinton Pastures and to open such events to BENHS members (subject to numbers).
6. Planning and publicising BPGS events in co-ordination with relevant BENHS officers.
7. Contributing one copy of all BPGS publications (including serials and newsletters) to the BENHS Library.
8. Agreeing other appropriate contributions to the library and reference collections at Dinton Pastures.

With effect from 1st January 2018 BPGS will be recognised as being Affiliated to BENHS for the purposes described above. This Agreement will be current for three years from that date and then subject to review, revision, renewal or termination by mutual agreement. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either BENHS or BPGS, subject to 30 days written notice of intention to terminate.

Signed

On behalf of the British Entomological and Natural History Society

Paul T. Harding

Role: Co-ordinator, BENHS Affiliations

Date: 1 January 2018

On behalf of the British Plant Gall Society

Dr B.M. Spooner

Role: Chairman, BPGS

Date: 1 January 2018