

## **Affiliation of the British Plant Gall Society (BPGS) and the British Entomological Society (BENHS)**

An invitation to form an affiliation with our Society was received from Paul Harding of BENHS in 2017. After discussion amongst the Committee it was felt that this could have positive benefits for both Societies and it was decided to raise the matter at the BPGS 2017 AGM in Buxton.

Jerry Bowdrey (JB), in the chair, outlined the benefits and responsibilities that such an agreement might entail and recommended it to the membership. After some discussion the motion was carried with a sizeable majority. JB volunteered to be the Society's representative and the new Chair, Brian Spooner, signed the memorandum of understanding which came into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

This affiliation offers the opportunity of mutually beneficial joint field meetings, workshops and courses as well as access for BPGS members to the collections and library at Dinton Pastures, the BENHS headquarters in Berkshire. The full text of the agreement is available to read on the Society's website.

BPGS joins several well-known groups in being affiliated to BENHS and we look forward to a long standing and mutually beneficial relationship.