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Dear vice-county recorder,

BSBI Threatened Plants project 2009

Following the success of the pilot last year we have decided to focus on the following 10 species in 2009: *Carex ericetorum*, *Cephalanthera longifolia*, *Coeloglossum viride*, *Dianthus deltoides*, *Fallopia dumetorum*, *Gnaphalium sylvaticum*, *Groenlandia densa*, *Melampyrum cristatum*, *Oenanthe fistulosa*, *Vicia orobus*. Once again we would like you to (a) survey a sample of populations in your own VC and (b) check the records that we hold. This year we have altered the method to reduce the amount of work you need to do. First, virtually all the sample populations should have a 100m grid reference which should make re-finding populations much easier. Second, we have simplified data checking by just listing the most recent record for a given hectad. Therefore all you need to do is send us more recent records if you have them. The full list of records we hold for your VC can be downloaded from the following webpage: <http://www.bsbi.org.uk/html/tpp.html>. Please feel free to check these records but note that it is entirely optional!

With this letter you should receive:

- a list of sites we would like you to survey (note there are none for the following VCs: 74, 76, 84, 85, 107, 113, H4, H5, H10, H15, H16, H18, H20, H22, H26, H29, H31, H32, H34, H35, H37);
- a list of hectads with the year of the most recent record;
- instructions on how to survey populations and check hectad records.

As in 2008 the priority is to survey the sample sites this summer. If these are impractical to survey then please feel free to substitute them with others of your own choosing. As last year checking of the hectad records is a task that can be completed in the autumn. Once again I apologise for the delay in sending out this information. We plan to send it out much earlier for next year's species.

I hope that all of you, including those who did not manage to survey sites last year, will find time to take part in this interesting project and in the meantime if I can assist in anyway please don't hesitate to get in touch. I would especially like to hear, as soon as possible, from those who do not wish to take part, so that we can attempt to make other arrangements

Yours sincerely,

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