

BSBI Field Trip to Tiree VC 103, 14-20 July 2009. Registration of interest.

I am hoping to take a field trip to Tiree next July, staying at the Alan Stevenson House at Hynish, SW Tiree. You can find details about this house on www.hynishcentre.co.uk It is owned and run by the Hebridean Trust, which has a connection with Morton Boyd, formerly a Scottish ecologist.

The accommodation is in bunk rooms, and there are 4 bedrooms with 2 bunks and 4 with 4 bunks. However, having stayed there previously, I would suggest that all rooms should have just 2 people in them. That gives a total of 16 that can be accommodated.

There is a kitchen, dining room, large sitting room, recreational/lecture room, and laundry/drying room.

The good news is that they do full board, so breakfast (not cooked but plenty provided), materials for packed lunches, and 2 course evening meal all provided for us, at a cost of about £31 per person per day, which is very reasonable.

I have provisionally booked the House for this period, but in order to secure it for then, I need to make a deposit of a third of the total cost within the next month. (BSBI Treasurer is willing to help here).

But before I go ahead and ask for his help financially, I would like to know whether there is sufficient interest to run the trip. Therefore I am asking for people who would like to come to Tiree to let me know ASAP, please. farrell104@btinternet.com, or by post to 41 High St, Hemingford Grey, Cambs. PE28 9BJ.

I would hope that we could share cars, as the costs of taking them across on the ferry is not cheap.

We would enjoy the botanical delights of the island, do some detailed recording of the rarer species and specialities for the Threatened Plants project and CRPR, and consider whether producing a tetrad flora, following on from David Pearman's and Chris Preston's Flora, which uses a 10km square basis, but does have detailed information also. I hope there would be time to include the birds, archaeology, and entomology, to a certain extent also.

Hoping to hear from you, Lynne Farrell