

## Programme for 2019 BBS AGM

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

- 9.30 Meet at 'The Knoll' at University of Leicester Botanic Garden
- 10.00 **Des Callaghan: *Bryophytes underground: diaspore banks of coastal dune systems***
- 10.30 **David Long: *Little stars of the Liverworts - the genus Asterella.***
- 11.00 Tea/Coffee break (please bring a reusable cup if you have one)
- 11.30 **Peter Erzberger: *Bryophyte recording in Hungary - work in progress.***
- 12.15 **Oliver Pescott: *Wherefore and whither BBS recording?***
- 12.45 Lunch break
- 14.00 **Steven Heathcote / Kieran Sheehan: *Sphagnum surveys and peatland restoration at Thorne Moors.***
- 14.30 **Tom Aspinall: *The catastrophe of bare peat: putting the moss back.***
- 15.00 **Tom Blockeel: *Searching for bryophytes in the Pindus mountains of Greece.***
- 15.30 Break
- 16.00 AGM
- 19.30 Meal at Tipu Sultan Restaurant in Leicester <http://www.tipu-sultan.com>

Directions for the AGM: The talks and AGM will take place at 'The Knoll' at the University of Leicester Botanic Garden. This building is situated behind the main visitor entrance on Glebe Road at LE2 2LD (see attached map). There is ample space for parking on Glebe Road.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

- 10.00 **Field excursion to Charnwood Lodge NNR (see map for directions and parking)**  
<https://www.lrwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/charnwood-lodge/>

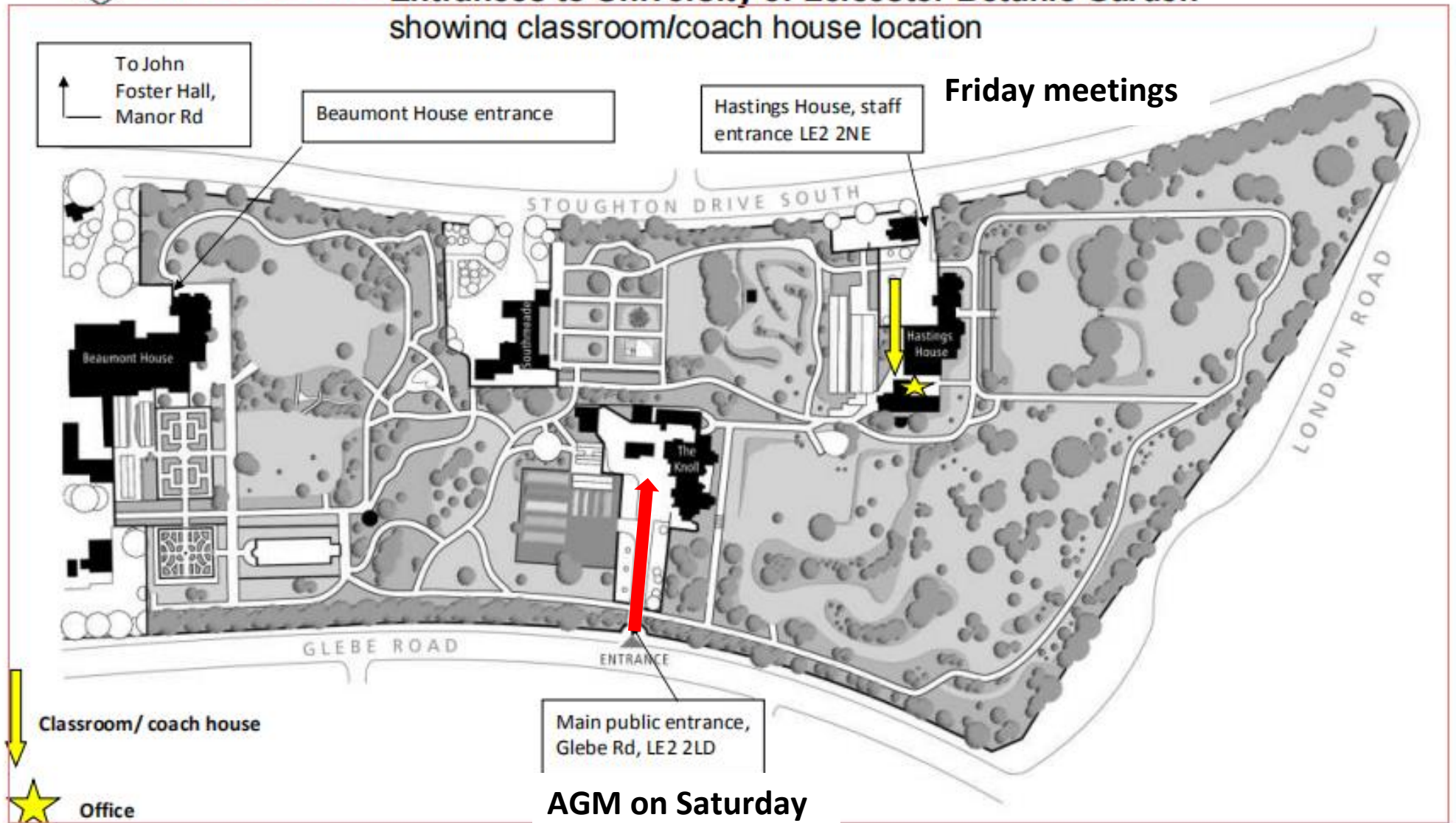
This nature reserve of 200ha in the Charnwood Forest includes a variety of habitats such as dry and wet heath as well as Precambrian rock outcrops. The reserve was visited by the BBS during the AGM 1998 when *Barbilophozia atlantica* was first found in the county. Although the reserve is one of the best sites for bryophytes, it has not been recorded systematically and an update of the species list would be good. Recent bryological highlights of the site were the re-find of *Schistostega pinnata* and first records of *Racomitrium lanuginosum* and *Hylocomium splendens*. If time allows, we could also visit some low input arable fields which are part of the reserve where a good number of arable species was recorded in 2017 including a large population of *Fossombronia pusilla*. Attempts to find hornworts have been unsuccessful so far, but the habitat should be suitable.

Remember to bring lunch and suitable clothing including waterproof boots. The reserve can be very muddy in places.



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## Entrances to University of Leicester Botanic Garden showing classroom/coach house location







Entrance track

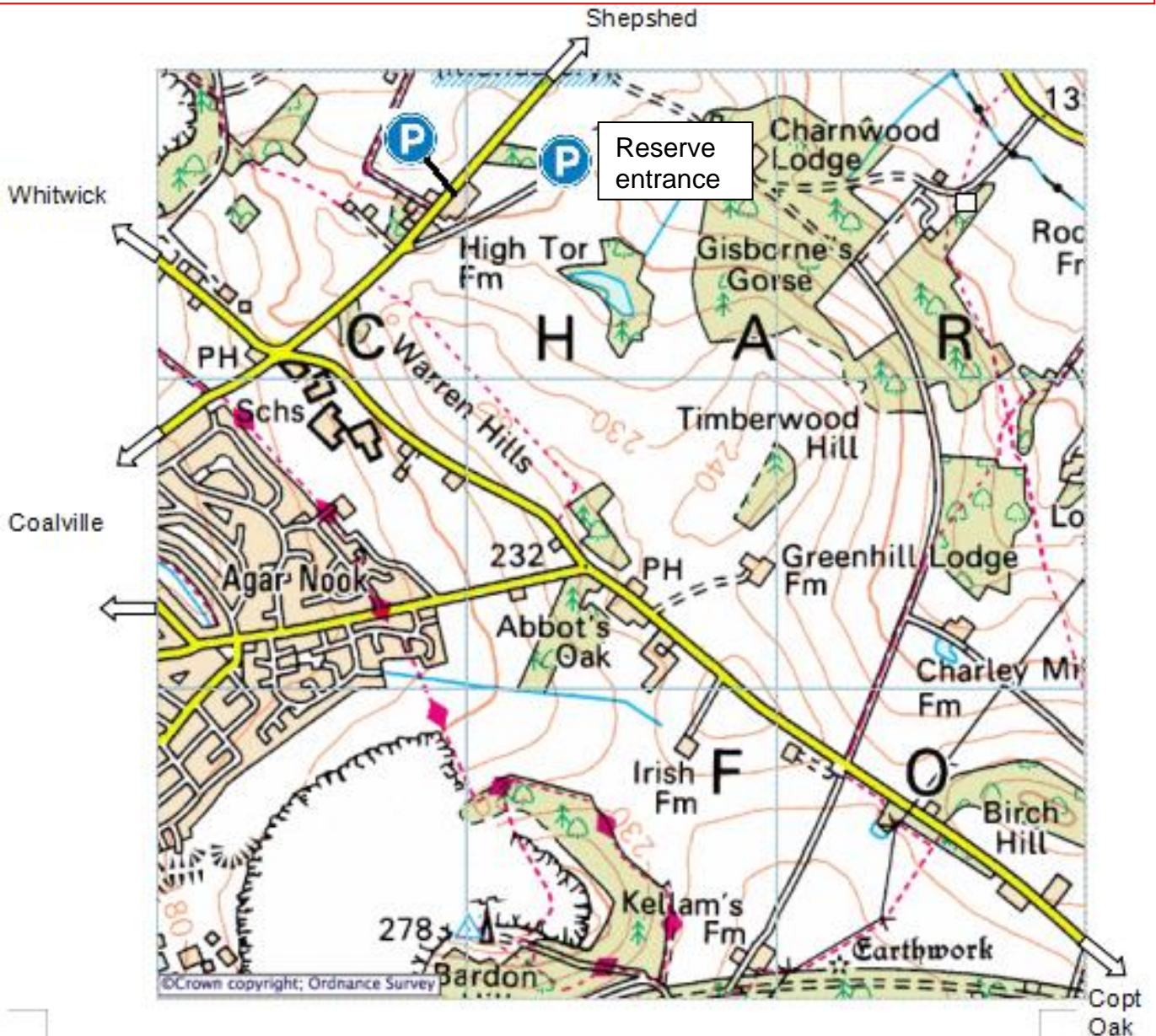
### Charnwood Lodge Nature Reserve

Turn right off the Abbey Road by the house with green roof soffits (before High Tor Farm), you will go through an open field gate. The second field gate will be closed with a sign on the lines of "no entry, for permit holders only." Go through the gate closing it behind you. Please drive to the end of the track and park next to the information sign.

The nearest postcode is LE67 4UA.

**Do not leave valuables in your car**

There will also be a fungi event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and parking space will be more tight. We are allowed to park in the yard of High Tor Farm from which the track to the reserve entrance can be reached. See 2<sup>nd</sup> page for more directions.





Coming from Leicester (A50 or M1)



Turn right here onto the track that leads to the entrance of the reserve after c. 500m.



Or drive another 200m and turn right into the farmyard and park here and walk through the farm onto the track and up to entrance to the reserve.