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* ALL RECORDS HAVE SINCE BEEN
RETURNED TO THE BES.

Archival Note

In the late 1970's the Hon. Sec. to Council, Dr. J. M. Cherrett, received a growing number of requests to use the BES archives for research purposes. At this stage the archives consisted only in working files of past secretaries, from about 1959 onwards, and more recent minute books. Dr. Cherrett made an appeal in the Bulletin for the early minute books, and most fortunately these were located and returned to the society. It was then felt that proper provision should be made for the archives, that they should be listed, made available for bona fide researchers, and a permanent home found for them, to end their former peripatetic existence with successive officers of the BES. A place of deposit was found for them at the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, and an archivist appointed. || *

During 1983-85 in an attempt to preserve for the future more of the society's current history, appeals were made both to past and present officers of the society, for archival material. These appeals brought in a small amount of material, much more having already been destroyed. These records have all now been listed, || * numbered, boxed, and deposited at the Linnean Society.

Access

AGM Minute books: the BES is now incorporated, and by law access to AGM minutes has to be open.

Council and committee minutes, secretaries' files: permission should be obtained from the Hon. Sec. to Council before these records can be consulted.

Editorial papers: for reasons of confidentiality a strict 40 year rule has been put on all editorial material. All files are closed until 40 years after the last date of each file.

Honorary members' files: these files are closed until 40 years after the death of the member concerned.

Classification

Minute books have been given the prefix MB and arranged in chronological order.

Hon. Sec. to Council's files have been prefixed SF, and each secretary's files given a sub-number from I - IV, and individual files given a further piece number.

Committee and Group files have been given appropriate initial prefixes, e.g. EAC (Ecological Affairs Committee), followed by SF or CF for secretary or chairman, and finally an individual file number.

Files of individuals, deposited as one unit, have been given the initials of that individual e.g. PGS for Prof. P. Greig-Smith, followed by the individual file number.

Editors' files have been prefixed with the initials of the Journal, thus JE, JANE, BUL, followed by the initials of the individual editor, and then a file number.

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Lucie Nottingham, M.A., D.A.A., Bangor, 1985.

A brief history of the British Ecological Society

The British Ecological Society (BES) originated out of an earlier body called the Central Committee for Study and Survey of British Vegetation, but more widely known as the British Vegetation Committee (BVC).

According to the BVC Minute Book, a meeting was held in December 1904 on the initiative of Dr. W. G. Smith and Mr. A. G. Tansley in order 'to discuss the present position of the vegetation survey begun by the late Robert Smith' (brother of Dr. W. G. Smith) 'in Scotland, and since continued by others and to consider the advisability of forming a committee to further the study of British vegetation.' As a result the Central Committee for Study and Survey of British Vegetation was formed. Its objectives were stated as being:

- 'a) To proceed with the survey of the vegetation of the British Isles;
- b) To co-ordinate the work which is done and to secure uniformity of method so far as may seem desirable;
- c) To discuss various topics arising in connexion with the survey and study of British vegetation, and
- d) Generally to advance and promote such survey and study.'

Sir Edward Salisbury has stated that William Smith, founder of the Botanical Survey Committee of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, was also founder of the British Vegetation Committee. However, A. G. Tansley's contribution to its formation and work should not be underestimated. Early in 1904, for example, he delivered a paper to the British Association in which he proposed the formation of a Committee to conduct a systematic survey of the vegetation of the British Isles. Tansley also edited and wrote large parts of Types of British Vegetation, published in 1911, as the guide book to the four-week International Phytogeographic Excursion organised by the Committee in that year. This work, according to Sheail, was 'an important landmark in the history of ecology, classifying for the first time some of the plant communities in Britain'.

It is difficult to assess the contribution of the Committee and its work. Its efforts, for example, to publish surveys of the vegetation of the whole of Britain together with maps had to be abandoned because of the BVC's failure to obtain the necessary financial assistance from the Treasury. But the Committee did stimulate active interest in the subject by organising regular field excursions, including the International Phytogeographical Excursion which attracted a number of foreign ecologists, and by holding discussion meetings. Papers based on these discussions were also published in New Phytologist (a journal founded and edited by A. G. Tansley). The Committee thus encouraged co-operation between those involved in the study of British vegetation, a number of whom made significant contributions such as C. E. Moss, who published Vegetation of the Peak District in 1912.

Initially the BVC consisted of only a very small number of members but, as early as 1907, some members of the Committee proposed the establishment of a society to allow wider membership. This was apparently discussed on a number of other occasions before the British Ecological Society was finally formed in 1913. It was created for a number of important reasons. In the first place the system of working by committee was no longer the most effective means of advancing the progress of the subject. The increased number of workers in the field demanded the creation of a larger organisation so that all would be able to participate in excursions and discussion meetings; and the inclusion of workers in new areas would also promote the study of ecology. Moreover it was felt that the creation of a society would provide the necessary authority to attract financial assistance. Finally

the growing development of the subject also required the existence of a specialised journal where ecological papers could be published together, and it was felt that this would be a very important function of the new society.

As a result of discussions at a meeting of the BVC in Bristol in May 1912, members were circulated with the suggestions for setting up a British Ecological Society. At a further meeting in Manchester it was unanimously resolved to found such a society. It was formally constituted in April 1913 and its object defined as being 'to promote and foster the study of Ecology in its widest sense'. The Society was to be governed by a Council of twelve including the President, two Vice-Presidents and Treasurer. A. G. Tansley was appointed as the first President, and the first Council consisted of the 12 members of the former British Vegetation Committee which was absorbed by the new British Ecological Society. An annual meeting was to be held every May in London, and at least one other meeting was to be arranged later in the year outside London. Other meetings and excursions were to be organised at the discretion of the Council. The Journal of Ecology was also created as a medium for ecological papers.

War broke out almost immediately after the formation of the BES and this greatly curtailed its activities. By 1917 it had a membership of just over 100 (together with seven institutional members). The figures remained at a relatively low level throughout the 1920s and 1930s, as the following figures indicate:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Membership</u>
1920	138
1925	166
1930	254
1935	341
1940	335

With so small a membership the Society consequently had only a very low income, and attendances at its meetings and excursions were also poor because its membership was scattered throughout the country. However, the Society's journal provided a valuable medium for ecological research, and its publications or original papers during the inter war period contributed to the development of such concepts as the plant community and the ecosystem. Moreover, as a result of the expansion of this journal, a new journal - Journal of Animal Ecology - was created to publish papers concerned exclusively with animal ecology.

The BES is essentially a learned society. Today it publishes three scientific periodicals: a Journal of Ecology concerned with the botanical aspects of the subject; a Journal of Animal Ecology; and a Journal of Applied Ecology. Each is published three times a year and is circulated widely outside the Society's membership, especially abroad. Their principal contents are original papers of research on all aspects of ecology. The Society also issues a Bulletin four times a year (and available to members only) which contains news and notices and articles of general interest, and information about and reports of meetings of the Society and its various specialised groups.

It holds three principal meetings each year, some in conjunction with other scientific bodies: the Winter and Annual General Meeting, the Annual Spring Symposium and the Summer Field Meeting. The Winter and Annual General Meeting is usually held in January at which papers on subjects of current ecological interest are read and discussed. The Symposium is normally organised in March or April on a specific

topic, and recent subjects have included Population Dynamics, Origins of Pest, Parasite, Disease and Weed Problems, and The Role of Terrestrial and Aquatic Organisms in Decomposition Processes. The Society has also recently begun a series of European Ecological Symposia, the first held in September 1977 at the University of East Anglia on Ecological Processes in Coast Environments. The Summer Field Meeting is an organised excursion to sites of ecological interest in the United Kingdom or abroad.

In more recent years various specialised groups within the BES have been created, of which there are now seven: Industrial Ecology, Production and Decomposition Ecology, Mathematical Ecology, Tropical Ecology, Mires Research, Freshwater Ecology and the Education Group. Each group acts as a forum for discussion for specialists in a particular field.

Their meetings (usually held twice a year) are open to all members of the Society. The formation of these groups indicates the increasing diversity of interests of the Society's membership. Membership of the BES is in fact open to all who are interested in ecology, both in Britain and abroad; and the current figure is 4,301 in 1985. Although it has only a small membership, its numbers have risen quite sharply since 1945 when its membership was only 458.

The Society is governed by a Council consisting of the officers (i.e. the President, two Vice-Presidents, two Honorary Secretaries and two Honorary Treasurers), and 15 Ordinary Members elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and up to nine editors. The President normally serves for two years and the other officers and members of the Council for three.

There are six Committees in existence at present which are responsible to the Council. These are:

1. Finance and General Purposes Committee, which is chiefly responsible for the Society's finances.
2. Ecological Affairs Committee, which is responsible for keeping the Council advised and informed on all ecological matters of national and international interest; and for ensuring that when ecological knowledge or advice is needed within the Society or outside it is made available in a scientific manner.
3. Education and Careers Committee, which is concerned with educational activities including the arrangement of courses for teachers on various aspects of ecology.
4. Meetings Committee, which organises the Society's programme of scientific meetings (formerly known as the Programme Planning Committee).
5. Publications Committee, which has overall responsibility for producing the Society's journals, Symposia volumes and other publications.
6. Travelling Fellowship Committee, which is responsible for awarding Society Fellowships.

Sources

Archive and publications of the British Ecological Society

J. Sheail, Nature in Trust : a history of nature conservation in Britain, 1976

New Phytologist, 1904-1912

PUBLICATIONS

I Journal of Ecology, Vol I 1913-

This is published three times a year. It contains original contributions on general and plant ecology, and reviews of literatures on the subject.

II Journal of Animal Ecology, Vol I 1932-

This Journal, again a learned publication, contains original papers, summary papers, abstracts, short notes and reviews. It was created to publish papers exclusively concerned with animal ecology.

III Journal of Applied Ecology, Vol I 1964-

This Journal was created to publish results of original research in which ecological ideas and methods are practically used in the study, conservation, management, control, development and use of natural resources in the widest sense. It is also published three times a year.

IV Bulletin, June 1970-

This is published four times a year and it aims to provide members with more information about the activities of the Society. It publishes accounts of all meetings and provides the means by which members can consult colleagues and seek advice on matters of importance. It also includes, for example, lists of members and Group reports.

V Symposia

These have been arranged annually since 1959; and the proceedings published in book form since that date. These include, for example:

The biology of weed; a symposium of the British Ecological Society in 1959, ed. J. L. Harper (1960)

The exploitation of natural animal populations; a symposium of the British Ecological Society held in Durham, 28-31 March 1960, ed. E. D. Le Cren and M. W. Hold (1962)

Biology in pest and disease control; the thirteenth symposium of the British Ecological Society held in Oxford, 4-7 Jan. 1972, ed. D. Price-Jones and M. E. Soloman

Origins of pest parasite diseases and weed problems; the eighteenth symposium of the British Ecological Society held in Bangor 12-14 April 1976, ed. J. M. Cherrett and G. R. Sagar (1977)

PRESIDENTS

1913 A. G. Tansley
 1914 "
 1915 F. W. Oliver
 1916 "
 1917 W. G. Smith
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 1919 R. H. Yapp
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 1921 R. Lloyd Praeger
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 1923 F. Weiss
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 1925 Woodhead
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 1927 E. J. Salisbury
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 1929 F. E. Fritsch
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 1931 A. E. Boycott
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 1933 J. R. Matthews
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 1935 W. H. Pearsall
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 1937 A. G. Tansley
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 1939 C. Diver
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 1964 D. Lack
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 1966 J. L. Harper
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 1968 H. N. Southern

VICE PRESIDENTS

F. W. Oliver	W. G. Smith
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A. G. Tansley	"
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W. Watson	
T. W. Woodhead	
Lilian Clarke	
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H. Boyd Watt	
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W. H. Pearsall	
J. R. Matthews	
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A. J. Wilmott	
C. Oldham	
E. S. Russell	
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C. Diver	"
J. Hepburn	
C. S. Elton	
W. B. Turrill	
J. A. Kitching	
D. H. Valentine	
C. Diver	
N. A. Burges	
J. B. Cragg	
D. A. Webb	
D. Chitty	
P. W. Richards	
T. B. Reynoldson	
C. H. Gimingham	
D. Lack	
H. N. Southern	J. M. Lambert
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J. Harley	H. N. Southern
"	M. E. Solomon
P. J. Newbould	"

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1969 H. N. Southern
1970 J. L. Harley
1971 "
1972 A. Macfadyen
1973 "
1974 G. C. Evans
1975 "
1976 T. R. E. Southwood
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1978 P. Greig-Smith
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1980 G. M. Dunnett
1981 "
1982 A. D. Bradshaw
1983 "
1984 L. R. Taylor
1985 "

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P. J. Newbould	E. D. Le Cren
G. C. Evans	"
"	M. J. Way
G. F. Asprey	"
"	G. M. Dunnett
A. J. Willis	"
"	E. A. G. Duffey
A. D. Bradshaw	"
"	J. L. Monteith
J. Maynard-Smith	"
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"	D. H. N. Spence
E. Broadhead	"
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"	I. H. Rorison
N. W. Moore	"
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SECRETARIESTREASURERS

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1952	"	"	"	"
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1954	"	E. D. Le Cren	"	"
1955	"	"	"	"
1956	C. H. Gimmingham	E. D. Le Cren	"	"
1957	"	"	"	"
1958	"	"	F. H. Whitehead	J. L. Harper
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1964	G. T. Goodman	E. A. G. Duffey	"	"
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1966	"	"	"	R. A. French
1967	"	"	T. R. E. Southwood	"

SECRETARIES

1968	G. T. Goodman	E. A. G. Duffey
1969	M. J. Chadwick	"
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1972	" (meetings)	" (council)
1973	"	"
1974	J.A.Lee "	" "
1975	"	R.R.Askew "
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1981	A.J.Davy "	"
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1984	"	"
1985	"	"

TREASURERS

T. R. E. Southwood	R. A. French
R. Snaydon	"
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" (membership)	" (council)
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S.McNeill "	"
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B.D.Turner "	"
"	R.P.Gemmell "
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EDITORS JOURNAL OF ECOLOGY

JOURNAL OF ANIMAL ECOLOGY

1913	F. Cavers		
1914	"		
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1917	A. G. Tansley		
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1938	W. H. Pearsall	"	"
1939	"	"	"
1940	"	"	D. Chitty
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1962	"	"	"
1963	"	"	O. W. Richards J. B. Cragg

EDITORS JOURNAL
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ECOLOGYBULLETIN

1964	P. Greig-Smith	O. W. Richards J. B. Cragg	A. H. Bunting V. C. Wynne Edwards	
1965	"	O. W. Richards J. B. Cragg	A. H. Bunting V. C. Wynne Edwards	
1966	"	O. W. Richards J. B. Cragg	A. H. Bunting V. C. Wynne Edwards	
1967	"	O. W. Richards K. H. Mann	A. H. Bunting V. C. Wynne Edwards	
1968	"	H. N. Southern E. Broadhead	A. H. Bunting V. C. Wynne Edwards	
1969	G. F. Asprey A. J. Willis	H. N. Southern E. Broadhead	J. P. Dempster J. Warren Wilson	
1970	G. F. Asprey A. J. Willis	H. N. Southern E. Broadhead	J. P. Dempster H. W. Woolhouse	M. J. Chadwick M. B. Usher
1971	G. F. Asprey A. J. Willis	H. N. Southern E. Broadhead	J. P. Dempster H. W. Woolhouse	M. J. Chadwick M. B. Usher
1972	A. J. Willis P. J. Grubb	H. N. Southern E. Broadhead	J. P. Dempster H. W. Woolhouse	M. J. Chadwick J. H. Lawton
1973	A. J. Willis P. J. Grubb	H. N. Southern L. R. Taylor	T. H. Coaker H. W. Woolhouse	M. J. Chadwick J. H. Lawton
1974	A. J. Willis P. J. Grubb	H. N. Southern L. R. Taylor	T. H. Coaker H. W. Woolhouse	J. H. Lawton
1975	A. J. Willis P. J. Grubb C.H.Gimmingham	H. N. Southern L. R. Taylor	T. H. Coaker R. W. Snaydon	J. H. Lawton
1976	P. J. Grubb C.H.Gimmingham J. H. Tallis	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	T. H. Coaker R. W. Snaydon	J. H. Lawton
1977	P. J. Grubb C.H.Gimmingham J. H. Tallis	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	T. H. Coaker R. W. Snaydon	J. H. Lawton
1978	J. H. Tallis C.H.Gimmingham R. S. Clymo	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	R. W. Snaydon M. J. Way	J. H. Lawton
1979	J. H. Tallis R. S. Clymo	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	R. W. Snaydon M. J. Way	A. H. Fitter
1980	J. H. Tallis R. S. Clymo B. Hopkins	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	G. R. Sagar	A. H. Fitter
1981	R. S. Clymo B. Hopkins B. Moss	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	G. R. Sagar J. A. Wallwork	A. H. Fitter
1982	R. S. Clymo B. Hopkins B. Moss	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	J. A. Wallwork T. M. Roberts	A. H. Fitter
1983	B. Hopkins B. Moss J. A. Lee	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	J. A. Wallwork T. M. Roberts	A. H. Fitter
1984	B. Hopkins B. Moss J. A. Lee	L. R. Taylor J. M. Elliott	T. M. Roberts W. C. Block	A. H. Fitter

SECRETARIES OF SPECIALISED GROUPS

	TROPICAL ECOLOGY	INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	ENERGY AND PRODUCTION ECOLOGY (production and decomposition ecology from 1978)	MATHEMATICAL ECOLOGY	MIRES RESEARCH
1961	T. R. E. Southwood T. C. Whitmore				
1962	T. R. E. Southwood T. C. Whitmore				
1963	R. W. J. Keay				
1964	"				
1965	"				
1966	"				
1967	Rosemary McConnell				
1968	"	G. T. Goodman			
1969	"	"			
1970	"	"	S. McNeil		
1971	"	"	"		
1972	P. S. Ashton	"	J. H. Lawton		
1973	"	"	S. McNeil		
1974	M. J. Delaney	E. B. Cowell	"	M. B. Usher	
1975	"	T. M. Roberts	M. K. Hughes	"	R.E.Daniels
1976	"	"	"	"	"
1977	A.G. Marshall	"	"	"	"
1978	"	"	"	"	M.C.Pearson
1979	"	"	D.W.H.Walton	R. H. Smith	J.H.Tallis
1980	"	"	"	"	"
1981	"	"	"	"	P.A.Greatrix
1982	"	P.J.Coughtrey	"	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"	"
1984	"	"	"	"	P.D.Hughes
1985	"	"	"	A.R.Watkinson	"

FRESHWATER ECOLOGY

1983	P. S. Giller
1984	"
1985	"

EDUCATION

1983	-
1984	-
1985	P. L. Sanderson

ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY YEAR OF ELECTION

- 1913 W. B. Crump, O. V. Darbishire, T. G. Hill, C. E. Moss, F. W. Oliver, R. Lloyd Praeger,
W. G. Smith, A. G. Tansley, H. B. Watt, F. E. Weiss, T. W. Woodhead, R. H. Yapp
- 1914 R. S. Adamson, A. D. Cotton
- 1915 M. C. Rayner
- 1916 J. Ramsbottom, S. M. Baker
- 1917 C. A. Cheetham, R. Paulson, G. Morris
- 1918 F. W. Oliver, W. E. Brenchley, O. V. Darbishire, W. Watson
- 1919 Lilian Clarke, J. Ramsbottom
- 1920 T. G. Hill, R. Adamson
- 1921 G. K. Sutherland, T. W. Woodhead, W. E. Brenchley, O. V. Darbishire
- 1922 H. Hamshaw Thomas, C. Oldham
- 1923 J. R. Mathews, F. W. Oliver
- 1924 F. E. Fritsch, W. H. Pearsall
- 1925 Bews, J. Ramsbottom, R. H. Yapp
- 1926 W. Watson, Burtt, Davy
- 1927 V. E. L. Anderson, A. E. Boycott
- 1928 Burtt, Marquand, C. E. Moss, H. Godwin, O. W. Richards,
V. S. Summerhayes
- 1929 J. R. Mathews, J. L. S. Gilmour, R. G. Headdle, W. D. Simson,
R. J. Tabor
- 1930 C. S. Elton, A. J. Wilmott
- 1931 M. Macgregor Skene, E. Price-Evans, E. J. Salisbury, A. S. Watt
- 1932 W. B. Turrill, Woodhead, J. R. Mathews
- 1933 A. E. Boycott, E. S. Russell
- 1934 R. Gurney, W. H. Pearsall
- 1935 A. C. Hardy, W. Leach
- 1936 E. Ashby, A. S. Watt
- 1937 E. Ashby, A. R. Clapham, E. J. Salisbury, G. H. Bates, C. Oldham,
E. W. Jones, C. Diver, A. D. Middleton, F. T. K. Pentelow, Russell,
W. Turrill (complete list of members)
- 1938 O. W. Richards
- 1939 A. G. Tansley, J. L. S. Gilmour, D. Lack, T. G. Osborn
- 1940 T. T. Macan, G. E. Blackman, A. Foggie, A. L. Harvey
- 1941 F. T. K. Pentelow, P. W. Richards, D. H. Chitty, J. Ritchie, W. B. Turrill, V. Conway,
H. N. Southern
- 1942 none
- 1943 G. H. Champion, T. A. Stephenson, R. S. McLean
- 1944 T. G. Osborn, C. B. Williams
- 1945 none
- 1946 A. R. Clapham, H. C. Gilson, I. Hepburn, A. C. Hardy, G. C. Varley

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- 1947 A. C. Hardy, G. M. Spooner, G. C. L. Bertram, R. E. Hughes, T. G. Tutin
- 1948 W. H. Pearsall, O. W. Richards, E. Ashby
- 1949 W. B. Turrill
- 1950 D. E. Coombe, J. B. Cragg, J. L. Harley, J. A. Kitching, Miss J. M. Lambert, E. D. Le Cren, E. W. Russell, D. H. Valentine
- 1951 A. R. Clapham, C. Diver, C. Gimmingham, A. J. Rutter, M. E. Solomon
- 1952 H. G. Baker, D. E. Coombe, J. L. Harley, J. A. Kitching, Miss J. Lambert, E. D. Le Cren, A. MacFayden, E. W. Russell, D. A. Valentine, A. S. Watt
- 1953 Baker, Clapham, Coombe, Cragg, Diver, Elton, Gimmingham, Harley, Kitching, Lambert, Le Cren, MacFayden, Rutter, Valentine, Solomon, Watt
- 1954 As above
- 1955 Baker, MacFayden, Watt, P. Holmes (retire 1956): Elton, N. A. Burges, V. Conway, N. W. Moore (retire 1957): H. B. N. Hynes, G. C. Varley, F. H. Whitehead, C. B. Williams (retire 1958): J. H. Barret, E. M. Burrows, Coombe, J. F. Hope-Simpson (retire 1959) complete list
- 1956 Holmes, Hughes, T. T. Macan, D. A. Webb, M. W. Holdgate, Cragg, Moore, Hymes, O. W. Richards, P. W. Richards, Whitehead, Barret, Burrows, Coombe, Hope-Simpson, complete list
- 1957 D. J. Crisp, M. W. Holdgate, C. D. Pigott, H. V. Thomson, P. Greig Smith, J. E. Satchell
- 1958 M. Ashby, F. J. Burgley, Greig Smith, L. A. Harvey, F. E. Round
- 1959 F. Fraser Darling, J. L. Harley, K. H. Mann, J. Warren Wilson
- 1960 A. R. Clapham, W. H. Dowdeswell, E. A. G. Duffey, P. J. Newbould
- 1961 P. A. Jewell, J. M. Lambert, J. K. Skellam, D. H. N. Spence, E. White
- 1962 L. Davies, G. T. Goodman, T. O. Pritchard, E. White
- 1963 J. G. Blower, W. A. Clark, K. Mellanby, C. B. Goodhart, D. N. McVean
- 1964 E. D. Le Cren, G. W. Dimbelby, G. C. Evans, R. W. Edwards, E. Broadhead, R. G. Glover, R. W. J. Keay, D. S. Ranwell
- 1965 T. Huxley, C. G. Johnson, D. S. Ranwell, I. Rorison
- 1966 E. Broadhead, R. G. Glover, C. B. Goodhart, R. W. J. Keay
- 1967 J. N. Black, M. J. Chadwick, F. H. Whitehead, D. Bremner
- 1968 P. S. Ashton, J. Phillipson, A. J. Rutter, C. R. Spedding, O. W. Richards
- 1969 F. G. Dixon, D. Jenkins, L. F. H. Merton, G. T. Goodman
- 1970 L. R. Taylor, G. T. Goodman, F. H. Whitehead, J. B. Whittaker (retire 1971): P. Ashton, J. Phillipson, D. H. N. Spence, C. R. Spedding, (retire 1972): A. F. G. Dixon, D. Jenkins, J. T. Williams, L. F. H. Merton (retire 1973): B. Campbell, P. J. Grime, I. N. Healey, P. J. Newbould (retire 1974) - complete list
- 1971 L. R. Taylor, G. T. Goodman, R. L. Jeffries, J. B. Whittaker
- 1972 J. B. Kenworthy, T. R. E. Southwood, G. C. Evans, G. R. Conway
- 1973 J. P. Dempster, J. C. Coulson, S. B. Chapman, I. H. Rorison
- 1974 G. C. Varley, D. T. Streeter, C. D. Pigott, J. M. Cherrett
- 1975 T. T. Elkington, F. B. Goldsmith, M. P. Hassell, O. W. Heal
- 1976 J. Carr, M. F. Claridge, I. J. Linn, E. I. Newman

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- 1977 J. M. Anderson, J. Carr, M. F. Claridge, I. J. Linn, E. I. Newman (retire 1980), A. Duncan, T. T. Elkington, O. W. Heal, M. O. Hill, D. W. Jeffrey (retire 1979), J. M. Cherrett, C. D. Pigott, V. Standen, D. T. Streeter, G. C. Varley, (retire 1978) complete list
- 1978 R. J. Berry, M. J. Liddle, R. S. Smith, V. Standen, M. H. Williamson
- 1979 R. P. Gemmell, J. L. Harper, A. D. McIntyre, J. Phillipson, T. C. Whitmore
- 1980 R. M. Anderson, J. H. Crothers, J. P. Curry, D. M. Eager, D. A. Goode
- 1981 J. M. Baker, J. P. Barkham, R. Law, A. G. Marshall, B. Shorrocks
- 1982 M. Begon, T. M. Roberts, W. C. Block, J. C. Sheldon, J. Proctor
- 1983 A. J. Gray, D. J. L. Harding, M. D. Hooper, M. G. Morris, C. R. Townsend
- 1984 J. Grace, J. R. Krebs, A. J. C. Malloch, J. B. Whittaker, S. D. Wratten
- 1985 S. Bucknall, P. J. Grubb, M. K. Hughes, E. T. Idle, J. White.

Minute Books (BES/MB)

The earliest volumes in the Society archives are the minute books of the Botanical Survey Committee, 1903-1907, and that of the British Vegetation Committee, 1904-1912: the latter also contains the agenda for the meeting held in April 1913, at which the new society was formally constituted. From 1913 onwards the minutes of BES council are complete.

Annual General Meeting signed minutes are contained in two volumes, 1913-1936 and 1937-1954: from 1955 onwards although reports of the meetings are printed in the Journal of Ecology, and from 1970 in the Bulletin, no signed minutes were kept until 1978. From 1978 onwards reports of the AGM have been signed in copies of the Bulletin.

Council Minutes: the first volume of council minutes is in a handwritten volume, 1913-1932. The second volume, 1932-65, was duplicated sheets bound into a volume: many of the duplicated sheets were becoming damaged, so this was rebound by the University College of North Wales bindery in 1985. Minutes from 1965 onwards were formerly loose, and these too were bound into volumes in 1985.

Xerox copies: in 1984, as an added precaution, xerox copies of all the above minute books were made. These are now kept separately at Monkswood Experimental Station, Huntingdon, Cambridge, PE17 2LS.

Condition: the condition of the earlier minute books, namely MB 1-4 and 6, is somewhat dilapidated, and where possible reference should be made to the xerox copies.

- BES/MB/1 1903 Jan-1907 Minute book, Botanical Survey Committee of Yorkshire Naturalists Union: handwritten, signed. Minutes from its formation in Jan 1903, reports of excursions. Inserted misc. papers of convener of committee, Dr. W. G. Smith, including letters from Dr. H. H. Corrett, C. H. Cheetham, T. Sheppard and Cosimo Jones, relating to affairs of the committee. Also letter, 17. 6. 1951 from Noel Smith, son of Dr. W. G. Smith, sending this volume to the BES, and enclosing a list of books and pamphlets held by his father on his death.
- BES/MB/2 1904 Dec-1912 Minute book, British Vegetation Committee: handwritten, signed. Committee formed Dec. 1904 by Dr. Smith and A. G. Tansley. Minutes of 18 meetings, and agenda of 19th: proposal to form BES made at 18th meeting, Dec. 1912. Inserted various printed matter, including memorandum proposing information of BES.
- BES/MB/3 1913 April-1936 Minute book, Annual General Meetings: handwritten, signed. Inaugural meeting held at University College, London, 12th April 1913, chaired by A. G. Tansley. Includes minutes of some early general meetings, and excursion reports.
- BES/MB/4 1913-1932 Minute book, Council: handwritten, signed. First meeting held Manchester, Dec. 20th 1913.
- BES/MB/5 1932-1965 Minute book, Council: duplicated sheets, signed. Minutes of publications committee from 1956: minutes of programme planning committee are in SF/1/16, from 1958-1965. Inserted: some correspondence, cuttings, printed programmes for AGMs and excursions. Rebound 1985.
- BES/MB/6 1937-1954 Minute book, Annual General Meetings: duplicated, signed. Includes handwritten accounts of 1938 and 1939 Easter meetings, and printed programmes of society meetings.
- BES/MB/7 1966-1972 Minute book, Council and Committees: duplicated sheets, bound 1984. Signed council minutes; publications committee 1966-69, thereafter editors' reports; programme planning committee; ecological affairs committee 1970-72.
- BES/MB/8 1973-1975 Minute book, Council and Committees: duplicated sheets bound 1984. Signed council minutes; editors' reports to 1974, thereafter Publications committee; ecological affairs committee; programme planning committee 1973-74, thereafter became meetings committee; reports of secretaries, list of officers of BES.
- BES/MB/9 1976-1978 Minute book, Council and Committees: duplicated sheets bound 1984. As above; minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee and Education and Careers Committee from 1976.
- BES/MB/10 1979-1980 Minute book, Council and Committees: duplicated sheets, bound 1985. As above: revenue accounts and treasurers reports.
- BES/MB/11 1981-1983 Minute book, Council and Committees: duplicated sheets, bound 1985. As above.
- BES/MB/12 1978-1983 Annual General Meeting minutes: copies of Bulletin with AGM minutes signed by Presidents.

Administrative and Correspondence Files of Hon.Sec. to Council (BES/SF/I-IV)

Series I consists of the files of E. D. Le Cren, who was secretary from 1954 - 1964. These files were unnumbered, and have been listed in chronological order.

Series II are the files of Dr. E. Duffey, who held the post from 1964-74. These files were numbered and titled by the secretary, and have been listed as they stand.

Series III In 1974 Dr. G. Gradwell was appointed Hon.Sec. but died before he could take office. Dr. Duffey continued as locum tenens until the appointment of Dr. R. R. Askew in 1975: he held the post until 1977. These files were not numbered, and have been listed in chronological order.

Series IV are the files of Dr. J. M. Cherrett, Hon.Sec. from 1978 to 1985. As these were still current when listing was done they have been weeded from 1978-83, but from 1983-85 have been left complete for working purposes. The files have been stamped, and when no longer current will be deposited at the Linnean Society. Numbers of files have been retained: gaps in the numbering occur where files have been discarded completely.

Much of the material was of a routine or ephemeral nature, or could be found printed elsewhere: this type of material has been discarded according to the following guidelines:

Council, committee and journal files: correspondence with council members and particularly with other officers of the society has been retained except where it is of a routine nature, concerning arrangements for meetings, claims for expenses.

General correspondence files: requests from the public for information about the BES or ecology in general have been destroyed.

Other organisations: correspondence with BES representatives on other bodies has generally been retained, except where it concerns only attendance at meetings, or claims for expenses. Agendas, minutes and other publications of other organisations have been destroyed.

Condition: the condition of all the files is good. All steel paper clips have been removed, and replaced by brass clips to prevent rust damage. New files have been provided for papers where necessary.

- BES/SF/1/1 1954 correspondence of Hon. Sec. E. D. Le Cren, with officers of BES, including H. Godwin, A. R. Clapham, Elfyn Hughes, V. S. Summerhayes, and others.
- BES/SF/1/2 1955 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/3 1955 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to the organisation of meetings at Durham and Aberdeen.
- BES/SF/1/4 1955-57 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of BES on the Burren survey and publications.
- BES/SF/1/5 1955-63 Papers relating to publications committee, including accounts from Blackwells, and 2pp notes on changes in membership by E. D. Le Cren, 1959.
- BES/SF/1/6 1955 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with journal contracts committee re: transfer of publishing contract from C.U.P. to Blackwells, including circular to members and report of committee.
- BES/SF/1/7 1956 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to organisation of summer meeting at Ferry House, Lake District.
- BES/SF/1/8 1956 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to arrangements of Spring meeting, symposium on Production, in London. Includes abstracts of papers.
- BES/SF/1/9 1956 Results of BES questionnaire on future society meetings.
- BES/SF/1/10 1956-57 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/11 1956-57 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with joint Hon. Sec., Dr. C. H. Gimingham, and Hon. Treasurers, V. S. Summerhayes and C. E. Hubbard.
- BES/SF/1/12 1957 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to the organisation of the Spring meeting in Cambridge.
- BES/SF/1/13 1957-62 Dr. E. Duffey's papers as member of BES council from 1959: printed programmes, circulars etc.. only, except for correspondence re: his acceptance of election to council.
- BES/SF/1/14 1957-58 Papers re: setting up of Council for Nature, including letter from H. C. Gilson to the secretary of Council for Nature about setting up the committee, 1958.
- BES/SF/1/15 1958 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/16 1958-1965 Correspondence, programmes, circulars and abstracts of papers for BES meetings in Bangor (Spring 1958), Flatford Mill (Summer 1958), Birmingham - cancelled, and Reading (Spring 1959). Duplicated minutes of Programme Planning Committee, 1958-1965.
- BES/SF/1/17 1959 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/18 1959-60 Correspondence and other papers of Hon. Sec. relating to the symposium at Durham University, March 1960, on 'The Exploitation of Natural Animal Population'.

- BES/SF/1/19 1959-60 General correspondence of Hon. Sec., including letters about the cancelled symposium to have been at Reading, 1959.
- BES/SF/1/20 1959-61 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to the setting up of an ecology section within the International Union of Biological Sciences. Includes letters to and from Dr. Hugo Boyko, and minutes of a preliminary meeting held in London in Sept. 1960, at which BES were hosts.
- BES/SF/1/21 1960 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/22 1960-61 Correspondence, circulars and minutes relating to BES representation on British National Committee for Biology.
- BES/SF/1/23 1960-61 General correspondence of Hon. Sec., including letters re: Braunton Burrows.
- BES/SF/1/24 1961 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. relating to setting up of Journal of Animal Ecology, and off-printing symposium volume papers.
- BES/SF/1/25 1961-62 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES, and general correspondence.
- BES/SF/1/26 1962 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with officers of the BES.
- BES/SF/1/27 1962 General correspondence of Hon. Sec.
- BES/SF/1/28 1962-64 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with his successor, Eric Duffey, on the latter taking over the post.
- BES/SF/1/29 1963-64 Publications committee: 61 replies to questionnaire sent out to members on whether or not to discontinue abstracts of Journal of Animal Ecology.
- BES/SF/1/30 1963-64 Publications committee: correspondence of Hon. Sec. with Blackwells about publication of a new journal of applied ecology.
- BES/SF/1/31 1962-1967 Publications committee: general correspondence of Hon. Sec., Dr. E. Duffey.
- BES/SF/1/32 1962-69 Correspondence of Hon. Sec., Dr. E. Duffey relating to meetings and symposia.
- BES/SF/1/33 1963-68 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. on council matters.
- BES/SF/1/34 1963-68 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. with G. T. Goodman, joint Hon. Sec., re: council matters.
- BES/SF/1/35 1963 Papers relating to BES Jubilee meeting, Queen Elizabeth College, London, March 1963.
- BES/SF/1/36 1963-64 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. during preparations for BES Exeter meeting on Freshwater Ecology, July 1964.
- BES/SF/1/37 1963-70 General correspondence of Hon. Sec.
- BES/SF/1/38 1965 Correspondence relating to Capt. Diver's papers on "Eccentricity of Webs of *E. diadema*" and "Variations in the webs of *Epeira diadema*", and typescript copies of these papers.

- BES/SF/1/39 1967-70 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. about arranging symposia and conferences.
- BES/SF/1/40 1967-68 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. re: BES representation on Council for Environmental Education.
- BES/SF/1/41 1970 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. re: Norwich Symposium, July 1970, on "The Scientific Management of Animal and Plant Communities for Conservation".
- BES/SF/1/42 1971-72 File on Rothschild-Dainton Reports ("The Organisation and Management of Government R and D" and "The Future of the Research Council System"), including comments from BES council members and final BES statement.
- BES/SF/1/43 1957-58 Correspondence of Hon. Sec. re: whereabouts of BES property, including letters from Prof. Harvey, D. F. H. Whitehead, Prof. A. R. Clapham, Dr. H. Godwin, Sir E. Salisbury, about old minute books, etc... of BES.

- BES/SF/II/1 1971-75 General correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/2 1965-74 Harvest House: correspondence re: sharing admin. accommodation with Institute of Biology.
- BES/SF/II/3 1972-74 Membership: correspondence re: subscription rates.
- BES/SF/II/3A 1976-77 Honorary membership: correspondence with recipients.
- BES/SF/II/4 1964-74 Presidents: correspondence with presidents of BES about society affairs.
- BES/SF/II/5 1966-72 Vice-presidents: letters offering position and replies.
- BES/SF/II/6 1969-72 BES Fellowship: correspondence re: 6 month fellowship awarded to Dr. M. C. Speight, and copy of his report on "Ecological Change caused by Outdoor Recreation".
- BES/SF/II/7A 1968-74 Council correspondence: re: Rothschild-Dainton reports, culling of grey seals, BES representation on National Trust.
- BES/SF/II/7B 1970-73 Council papers: copies minutes, agendas, lists of officers, etc.. circulated to council members.
- BES/SF/II/8 1969-72 Secretaries' reports: duplicated copies.
- BES/SF/II/9 1971-74 Meetings, conferences, symposia: correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/10 1970-73 BES Field Meeting, Austria, 1972: correspondence, programme.
- BES/SF/II/11 1969-72 A Countryside Commission: correspondence re: Speight report.
- BES/SF/II/12 1969-74 International Association for Ecology: correspondence re: BES involvement.
- BES/SF/II/13 1969-70 Subcommittee to consider role of BES: minutes of meetings, 29. 1. 69 and 23. 3. 70, report of committee and some correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/14 1969-77 Ecological Affairs Subcommittee: correspondence re: formation of committee in 1970, duplicated copies minutes and committee reports.
- BES/SF/II/15 1969-73 Energy and Production Ecology Group: correspondence re: setting up group; report for 1973.
- BES/SF/II/16 1964-73 Tropical Ecology Group: correspondence with officers.
- BES/SF/II/17 1969-74 Industrial Ecology Group: correspondence with officers.
- BES/SF/II/18 1965-74 Journal of Ecology: correspondence with editors and contributors, re: copyright and royalties.
- BES/SF/II/19 1963-74 Journal of Animal Ecology: correspondence with editors, publishers and contributors.
- BES/SF/II/20 1963-73 Journal of Applied Ecology: correspondence re: setting up journal, and with editors.

- BES/SF/II/21 1972 Journal of Biogeography: correspondence re: proposed journal.
- BES/SF/II/22 1964-73 Blackwells and Publications: correspondence with Blackwells and journal editors re: publishing policy: replies from council members on proposed new cover design for journals, 1973.
- BES/SF/II/23 1972 Pamphlets: correspondence re: proposed BES grant to publication on Soay sheep of St. Kilda.
- BES/SF/II/24 1963-74 Treasurer: correspondence re: subscription rates, application of funds, investments, etc..
- BES/SF/II/25 1966 Subcommittee on Spending: correspondence re: use of surplus funds to benefit BES work.
- BES/SF/II/26 1964-73 Burren Survey: correspondence re: application for study grants, council members replies to a survey on whether to continue fund, 1972.
- BES/SF/II/27 1960-77 Programme Planning Committee; correspondence re: meetings and symposia; copies minutes, 1969-73.
- BES/SF/II/28 1966-67 IUBS Section of Ecology: council members replies to establishment of Ecology section, and correspondence re: Montreux meeting, 1967.
- BES/SF/II/29 1964-67 Landscape Ecology and Advisory Unit: correspondence re: setting up this sub-committee, 1965 and minutes of meeting, 1. 3. 65; correspondence with councils, etc.. on landscape improvement.
- BES/SF/II/30 1966 Teesdale: correspondence re: BES support for Teesdale Defence Committee's opposition to creation of reservoir.
- BES/SF/II/31 1964-73 Royal Society: correspondence and reports from BES delegates on BNCB Biological Control subcommittee.
- BES/SF/II/32 1971-77 Administrative Services of Society: correspondence re: re-organisation of admin. and appointment of a press officer.
- BES/SF/II/33 1972-75 Commonwealth Human Ecology Council: correspondence and reports of BES representatives.
- BES/SF/II/34 1973-74 Recreation Ecology Group: correspondence re: setting up.
- BES/SF/II/35 1971-76 Professional Institutions Conservation Group: correspondence with BES representative.
- BES/SF/II/36 1973-74 BES Education Working Group: correspondence re: formation of group, minutes of meetings, Sept. and Nov. 1973.
- BES/SF/II/37 1969-73 Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/38 1971-75 BES Consultancy List: correspondence re: setting up list, and copy of topics and participants.
- BES/SF/II/39 1972-74 First International Congress of Ecology, 1974: correspondence with Royal Society about grants for BES delegates.

- BES/SF/II/40 1970-73 BES Bulletin: correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/41 1974-77 Finance and General Purposes Committee: correspondence re: setting up of committee, copy minutes 20. 2. 1976.
- BES/SF/II/42 1973-74 Ministry of Defence Land: correspondence with Col. Clayden, services conservation officer.
- BES/SF/II/43 1972-74 Ian Healey Memorial Fund: correspondence.
- BES/SF/II/44 1970-71 Institution of Environmental Sciences: correspondence re: possible BES involvement.
- BES/SF/II/45 1975-77 Publications Committee: correspondence and reports.
- BES/SF/II/46 1975 Behavioural Ecology Group: correspondence re: setting up of group within BES.
- BES/SF/II/47 1974-75 Nature Conservancy Council: correspondence re: setting up of National Phyto Sociological Society.
- BES/SF/II/48 1974-82 General correspondence of Dr. Duffey, acting as sec. after Dr. Gradwell's death, 1974-75, and other misc. BES papers.
- BES/SF/II/49 1961-82 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources: Dr. Duffey's papers, mostly re: 1962 conference on wetlands.

- BES/SF/III/1 1974 General correspondence (Dr. E. Duffey)
- BES/SF/III/2 1974 Papers for Council meeting, March 1974 (Dr. E. Duffey)
- BES/SF/III/3 1974 Papers for Council meeting and financial reports, September 1974 (Dr. E. Duffey)
- BES/SF/III/4 1975 Papers for Council meeting, Jan. 1975 (Dr. R. R. Askew is Hon. Sec. from this meeting on)
- BES/SF/III/5 1975 Papers for Council meeting, March 1975
- BES/SF/III/6 1975 General correspondence, and Council papers for meeting, Oct. 1975
- BES/SF/III/7 1976 Papers for Council meeting, Jan. 1976
- BES/SF/III/8 1976 Papers for Council meeting, April 1976
- BES/SF/III/9 1976 Papers for Council meeting, Sept. 1976
- BES/SF/III/10 1977 Papers for Council meeting, Jan. 1977
- BES/SF/III/11 1977 Papers for Council meeting, March 1977
- BES/SF/III/12 1977 Papers for Council meeting, Sept. 1977
- BES/SF/III/13 1977 Papers for Council meeting, Dec. 1977

- BES/SF/IV/1 1983-85 General Enquiries: requests for funds, information about BES, publications, exchanges of information, etc.. from public.
- BES/SF/IV/2 1974-84 Help with Enquiries: replies from BES members willing to help with ecological queries made by general public.
- BES/SF/IV/4 1982-85 Correspondence with Presidents: correspondence with Prof. A. D. Bradshaw and Dr. L. R. Taylor.
- BES/SF/IV/6 1978-81 Ecological Affairs Committee: minutes of meetings, correspondence with officers of the committee, including papers concerning small ecology project grants.
- BES/SF/IV/6a 1981-84 Ecological Affairs Committee: as above.
- BES/SF/IV/6b 1984-85 Ecological Affairs Committee: as above.
- BES/SF/IV/7 1978-85 Publications Committee: minutes of meetings and correspondence with officers of the committee.
- BES/SF/IV/8 1979-83 Finance and General Purposes Committee: minutes and correspondence.
- BES/SF/IV/13 1979-85 Treasurer: revenue accounts, investment reports, correspondence with treasurer.
- BES/SF/IV/14 1979-85 Press Officer: correspondence with press officer, and other officers about the post.
- BES/SF/IV/16 1980-83 Tansley Lectures: request to lecturers to speak.
- BES/SF/IV/17 1977-85 Honorary Members: correspondence with recipients.
- BES/SF/IV/18 1975-85 Blackwells: correspondence about copy for journals, offprints, etc..
- BES/SF/IV/20 1977-85 Education and Careers Committee: minutes and correspondence with secretary of the committee, including papers re: preparation of a leaflet on careers in ecology.
- BES/SF/IV/21 1978-85 Meetings Committee: minutes and correspondence with secretary, Dr. A. J. Davy.
- BES/SF/IV/23 1978-80 Past Council Correspondence: all papers prepared for council meetings, including correspondence with other officers.
- BES/SF/IV/23a 1980-85 Past Council Correspondence; as above.
- BES/SF/IV/24 1978-85 Archives: correspondence with past and present officers of the BES about depositing papers in the archives: letters from researchers wishing to consult archives: papers re: appointment of archivist and curating archives.
- BES/SF/IV/25 1976-85 BES Representatives and Reports: representatives reports on work of other committees and organisations.
- BES/SF/IV/26 1977-85 AGM Minutes and Correspondence: copies of agendas and minutes, correspondence about meetings.

- BES/SF/IV/27 1978-81 I.U.C.N.: correspondence with BES representative.
- BES/SF/IV/28 1978-85 BES Groups: correspondence with secretaries of specialist groups within BES.
- BES/SF/IV/29 1977-82 Sub-committee on Administrative Organisation: minutes of meetings held during 1979 to discuss move from Harvest House to Linnean Society and the incorporation of the BES, and correspondence.

ECOLOGICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (EAC)

The Ecological Affairs subcommittee of Council was set up in April 1970 as a result of the recommendations of the BES working party on 'The Future Role of the Society'. In general terms its duties are to advise Council on all ecological affairs relating to matters of public concern (Bulletin, 1972). These files were deposited with the society in October 1984, following an appeal for the secretaries of committees for material for the archives. They are the administrative files of successive secretaries, namely, Prof. P. J. Newbould, 1970-73, Dr. F. Goldsmith, 1973-76, Dr. B. H. Green, 1976-78, Dr. R. S. Smith, 1979-83. The files consist mainly in general correspondence with other members of the committee, with BES representatives on other organisations and with members of the public, together with copies of minutes and agendas. They reflect the growth of the committee as a vehicle for giving the BES response, both to specific reports and commissions, and also to the growing number of requests for expert advice and comment on ecological affairs.

The files have been given the reference BES/EAC/SF/1-13. They are in good condition, and have been weeded where appropriate, prior to listing and boxing. They are deposited at the Linnean Society, London, and access is as for the other secretaries files, through Hon. Sec. to Council.

Further information on the committee can be found in Council minutes, in published form in the Bulletin, but more particularly in BES/MB/8-11, where complete copies of the minutes are found, and in BES/SF/II/14, which contains Hon. Sec. to Council's papers relating to the committee and its formation, 1969-77.

ECOLOGICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (EAC)

BES/EAC/SF/1	1970-73:	correspondence, general
BES/EAC/SF/2	1971-72:	correspondence, liaison with other organisations
BES/EAC/SF/3	1972:	correspondence, projects in hand, including compilation of a list of experts
BES/EAC/SF/4	1974-78:	printed copies of minutes and agendas
BES/EAC/SF/5	1974-76:	correspondence, general
BES/EAC/SF/6	1974-75:	correspondence, comments of delegates to First International Congress of Ecology at the Hague.
BES/EAC/SF/7	1975:	correspondence, re: preparation of list of members willing to comment to press on ecological matters, and copy of list
BES/EAC/SF/8	1975-76:	correspondence, re: compilation of notes for guidance of ecologists in Conservation Evaluation: copy of notes
BES/EAC/SF/9	1976-78:	correspondence, re: application for grants, requests for advice and comments; general correspondence; appointment of press consultant; BES representation on other bodies
BES/EAC/SF/10	1979-80:	correspondence, general, including returns of questionnaire sent to BES members re: their involvement in providing advice and comments, 1979. Printed copies of minutes and agendas
BES/EAC/SF/11	1980-81:	correspondence, general. Copies of minutes and agendas
BES/EAC/SF/12	1981-82:	correspondence, general, including reports of BES representatives on other bodies. Copies of minutes and agendas
BES/EAC/SF/13	1982:	correspondence, members views on Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
BES/EAC/SF/14	1983:	correspondence, members views on Countryside Commission's enquiry "A Future for the Uplands", and BES report

ECOLOGICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN'S FILES (BES/EAC/CF/1-5)

In July 1985, Dr. M. B. Usher, who was chairman of this committee from 1979-85, deposited these files with the archives. The files, largely weeded of ephemeral material before deposit, relate to the advisory and consultative role played by the BES with government bodies and other organisations.

- BES/EAC/CF/1 1979-81 Responses of BES to Nature Conservancy Council's "Nature Conservation and Forestry", to the proposed Wildlife and Countryside Legislation, to EEC environment policy and to R.S.N.C. consultative paper "Towards 2000"
- BES/EAC/CF/2 1982 Responses of BES to proposed tourist development on island of Fuerteventura, to "A Conservation strategy within Rural Development", to the Royal Commission of Environmental Pollution and to the Humberside Structure Plan
- BES/EAC/CF/3 1983-4 Responses of BES to "Earth' Survival. A conservation and development plan for the UK", to the development of Henderson Island, to "Objectives and Strategy for Nature Conservation in Great Britain", to "A Strategy for Higher Education into the 1990's"
- BES/EAC/CF/4 1984 Responses of BES to Forestry Commission's Broadleaves policy consultative paper
- BES/EAC/CF/5 General correspondence

MATHEMATICAL ECOLOGY GROUP (BES/MEG/SF/1-7)

Seven files of secretaries' correspondence, dating from the formation of the group in 1973, to 1983, were deposited with the archives in 1984. The group was set up at the instigation of Dr. M. B. Usher, first secretary of the group, and it is run jointly by the BES and the Biometric Society. Meetings are held twice a year, and a two-day summer workshop is organised in September. Programmes, titles, and abstracts of these meetings are published in the BES Bulletin, and the proceedings of some workshops, Ecological Stability and Multivariate Methods for example, have been published.

MEG/SF/1	1973-74	Correspondence between the two first joint secretaries, Dr. Usher, BES, and Prof. R. M. Cormack, relating to the first meeting, April 1974.
MEG/SF/2	1975-76	Correspondence between secretaries about meetings and workshop
MEG/SF/3	1977	Correspondence between secretaries about meetings and first two-day workshop, Reading, 1977
MEG/SF/4	1978-79	Correspondence between Dr. R. H. Smith, who became BES secretary in 1978, and R. Kempton, Biometric Society Secretary, re: arrangements for meetings and workshops.
MEG/SF/5	1980-81	Correspondence between secretaries and organisers of meetings and workshops
MEG/SF/6	1981	Dr. R. H. Smith's file as organiser of two-day workshop held in Edinburgh on 'Multivariate Methods'
MEG/SF/7	1982-83	Correspondence between Dr. R. H. Smith and Dr. P. H. North, who became Biometric Society secretary in 1983, re: organisation of meetings and workshops.

PAPERS OF PROF. PETER GREIG-SMITH, 1961-79 (BES/PGS/1-7)

In July 1985 Prof. Peter Greig-Smith deposited with the archives the files relating to his period as an officer on Council. He was first elected to Council in 1957, and in 1961 he became Hon. Sec. (membership): he held this post until 1964, when he resigned to become editor of the *Journal of Ecology*. He remained as editor until 1968. In 1977 he was elected Vice President of the Society, and served as President in 1978 and 1979.

The files from 1961-63 contained almost entirely copies of council and committee minutes, circulars, etc.. all of which have been destroyed as they are preserved in the society's minute books. The small amount of correspondence has been retained.

The editors files again largely contained copies of minutes: no original articles or correspondence with contributors or referees remained.

The files of 1977-79 contain a large amount of correspondence, and these have been retained.

- BES/PGS/1 1961-63 Hon. Sec. (membership): small file of correspondence with honorary members and other officers of the society relating to membership and journal subscription queries
- BES/PGS/2 1963-65 Hon. Sec. (membership): small file of correspondence with Gordon Goodman, on the latter's taking over as secretary
- BES/PGS/3 1967 Editor Journal of Ecology: small file of correspondence relating to work as editor and chairman of publications committee
- BES/PGS/4 1977 Vice President: correspondence file
- BES/PGS/5 1977-78 President: large file of correspondence with other officers of BES, and with Blackwells about publication problems
- BES/PGS/6 1978-79 President: as above
- BES/PGS/7 1979 President: correspondence as above, also minutes of the committee established to discuss re-organisation of the administrative affairs of the society, and correspondence about these changes

JOURNAL OF ECOLOGY

In 1985 Professor A. J. Willis deposited in the archives four large boxes of unsorted papers, relating to his editorship of the Journal of Ecology, 1968-75. The papers have been sorted and filed in chronological order: they fall broadly into four categories:

Correspondence with fellow editors and the editorial board.

These letters to and from Prof. Asprey, joint editor until 1972, Dr. Peter Grubb, joint editor from 1972 and Prof. C. H. Gimingham, joint editor from 1975 have almost entirely been kept. Letters from members of the editorial board, including P. Greig-Smith, J. L. Harper, B. Hopkins, J. W. G. Lund, P. J. Newbould, P. W. Richards, I. H. Rorison, A. J. Rutter, R. G. West, concerning articles submitted for publication, have also been retained.

Correspondence with authors, and referees.

Much of this correspondence related to the safe receipt and dispatch of articles, and to minor editorial changes required in articles accepted for publication: this material has been discarded. All referees reports, together with editors' letters elucidating these reports have been kept, together with letters concerning any particularly controversial paper.

Correspondence with Blackwells Scientific Publications.

This was almost entirely routine, and has been discarded.

Copies of Articles.

No copies of rejected articles existed, because these were returned to the author. Articles accepted for publication appear in print in the Journal, so copies in the files have been destroyed, except where first drafts needed significant revision before publication. The material for one complete year, 1969, has been retained in toto as an example of the work involved.

Access

BES Council decided in 1985 that for reasons of confidentiality a 40 YEAR RULE should apply to all editorial material. Each file has been marked with a red sticker giving the appropriate access date.

Classification

Each file is identified by the letter JE, Journal of Ecology, followed by the initials of the editor, thus AJW, A. J. Willis, and finally a piece number from 1 to 13.

In October 1985 Professor C. H. Gimingham also deposited a file of his editorial papers for the years 1975 to 1979. This contains mainly correspondence with his fellow editors, Dr. P. J. Grubb and Dr. J. H. Tallis, together with a small quantity of referees reports and correspondence with authors. The same access rule applies to this material, and the classification is JE/CHG/1.

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BES/JE/AJW/1	1968 July to Dec.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2008
BES/JE/AJW/2	1969 Jan. to July	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2009
BES/JE/AJW/3	1969 Aug. to Dec.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2009
BES/JE/AJW/4	1970	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2010
BES/JE/AJW/5	1971	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2011
BES/JE/AJW/6	1972 Jan. to June	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2012
BES/JE/AJW/7	1972 July to Dec.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2012
BES/JE/AJW/8	1973 Jan. to Aug.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2013
BES/JE/AJW/9	1973 Sept. to Dec.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2013
BES/JE/AJW/10	1974 Jan. to Aug.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2014
BES/JE/AJW/11	1974 Sept. to Dec.	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2014
BES/JE/AJW/12	1975	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2015
BES/JE/AJW/13	1976	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2016
BES/JE/CHG/1	1975 - 1979	Editorial Correspondence	Closed till 2019

JOURNAL OF ANIMAL ECOLOGY

Prof. E. Broadhead deposited this list of all papers received by him during his editorship of the Journal of Animal Ecology, 1967-72, in 1985.

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1967-1972 list of all papers received with dates, titles, authors, note of whether accepted or rejected - 'fate and date' - and in some cases names of referees. Closed till 2012

BULLETIN

In October 1985 Dr. Alastair Fitter deposited in the archives several files of correspondence relating to his editorship of the Society's Bulletin, 1979 to 1985; these also contained some material from the previous editor, Dr. J. H. Lawton, dating from 1972 onwards.

The file containing correspondence with contributors to the Bulletin, together with a small amount of correspondence with other officers of the BES has been retained. Much of the material in the file relating to Wm. Sessions, York, who printed the Bulletin, was of a routine nature, consisting of invoices, receipts, quotations for printing, etc., and has been destroyed: some correspondence has been retained. The file containing correspondence about advertising in the Bulletin, was of a similar nature, and routine requests have been destroyed, together with other material relating to requests to buy the membership lists of the society.

Access

This is restricted to the 40 year rule as with other editorial material.

Classification

The files have been given the letters BES/BUL/AF/1-4

BES/BUL/AF/1	1972-1979	Correspondence relating to the Ecological Affairs Committee	Closed till 2025
BES/BUL/AF/2	1974-83	Correspondence with Wm. Sessions, York, printers, about printing the <u>Bulletin</u>	Closed till 2025
BES/BUL/AF/3	1976-1985	Correspondence with contributors to the <u>Bulletin</u> , and with some officers of the BES	Closed till 2025
BES/BUL/AF/4	1979-1983	Correspondence about advertising in the <u>Bulletin</u>	Closed till 2025

HONORARY MEMBERS FILES

In 1985 it was decided by Council to prepare files on all individuals who were proposed for honorary membership of the BES. Proposers are to be asked to write supporting their suggestions for honorary membership: curriculum vitae are also to be prepared on honorary members.

These files are to be kept at the Linnean Society, with the archives. Access to these files is restricted: they are only to be made open for research 40 years after the death of the individuals concerned.

JOURNAL OF ECOLOGY

In November 1985 Prof. R. G. West deposited a day book of the editor of the Journal of Ecology. This had been amongst the papers of the late Dr. Harold Godwin, who had been editor of the Journal of Ecology from 1948-1957: he was previously Hon. Sec. of the Society from 1931-1948. The volume dates from 1928, and so was presumably the day book for the two previous editors, A. G. Tansley (1917-1937) and W. H. Pearsall (1938-1948). The front of the volume has been used as a daybook for the editor of the New Phytologist, 1927-1931.

BES/JE/HG/1 1927-1950 Editors' day book, New Phytologist (1927-1931) and Journal of Ecology (1928-1950): hard-bound notebook, handwritten. Contains lists of articles received, authors' names and addresses, number of words, date of receipt and dispatch to printers, issue of journal article is to appear in, and 'remarks' including fate of articles and in some cases comments of referees. Also alphabetical list of authors, with addresses, for Journal of Ecology, and list of articles for this journal, 1932-1937, with dates of receipt, authors and comments.

Closed until 1990