

# Re-opening the Linnean Society Library

## Notes for staff and visitors



We are delighted to be able to re-open our library and archives service, on an expanded basis, from **Tuesday, July 20, 2021**.

The Library will now open three days a week: **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**.

Our opening hours will be **10am–4pm**.

Access continues to be **by appointment, booked at least 48 hours in advance**. We regret that visitors without an appointment—including Fellows and Associate Members—cannot be admitted.

## Precautions during your visit

To safeguard everyone's health and safety, and ensure the smooth running of the library service, we have produced some amended guidance for visitors and staff. All readers are asked to familiarize themselves with these procedures ahead of their visit.

- **No reader will be admitted to the Library without an appointment**, booked with a member of Collections Staff at least 48 hours in advance. Readers will be asked to specify which items they wish to consult (if any), so material may be fetched ahead of their arrival.
- **Readers with coronavirus symptoms** (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss of, or change in, your sense of taste and/or smell) are kindly asked to postpone their visit and remain at home. Please see the [NHS website](#) for symptoms.
- Following the Prime Minister's announcement on July 5, many Covid-19 mitigation measures, such as social distancing and the wearing of a face covering, have now become voluntary. **We respect the right of readers to make their own choices, but would encourage all visitors to the library to exercise common sense in observing good hygiene during their visit.** The wearing of a face covering is encouraged, especially in under-ventilated spaces, or when in close proximity to other people.
- We would ask readers to adhere to any relevant Covid-19 regulations in advance of their arrival.
- New visitors to the library will be required to register, bringing one piece of photo ID. **Information provided at registration may be shared with the NHS Test & Trace programme.** The Linnean Society's data protection and privacy policy can be consulted [here](#).
- Dedicated toilet facilities will be made available for readers. These will not be used by staff and will be regularly cleaned.

All other regulations governing library use (including library loans) remain in effect. These may be consulted on our website: <https://www.linnean.org/research-collections/access/use-the-library-or-visit-us-1>

If you have any questions concerning these procedures, or any other aspect of the library service, please speak to a member of staff, or email [library@linnean.org](mailto:library@linnean.org).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Society soon.

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