

# Warwickshire Flora Group

## Autumn Field Meetings 2017

All botanical meetings will start at 10 a.m. (but not the 16<sup>th</sup> July) and finish at about 3.30 p.m. or when everybody has had enough. Please bring sandwiches and drinks. Walking will be limited to a couple of miles. You do not need to be member of the BSBI or anything else to come along. You can be a beginner or an expert, and just interested in identifying and finding plants. Please bring field guides and a lens if you have one. If you want any more information ring us on 01827-712455 or e mail [johnwalton46@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:johnwalton46@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Friday 14 July                    A WALK TO SEE THE DUNE HELLEBORINES (Morning only).**

We will meet at 10 a.m. in the car park for Temple Balsall Church in Fen End Road, Temple Balsall, (SP208760). If this is full, there is some more parking down Temple Lane by the cemetery. If you park there don't worry about being split from the group as we will be walking past the cemetery on the way to Cuttle Pool Nature Reserve where the Helleborines are. There and back is about two and a half miles, and we will be botanising as we go. Dune Helleborine is one of the county's rarest plants with the nearest colony near Wrexham. It is amazing that they were overlooked until last year when about a hundred appeared. On our way back, the warden has suggested that we look at the meadow opposite the cemetery entrance which is being developed as a green burial site.

### **Sunday 16 July                    A TRIP TO THE COTSWOLDS with BRIAN LANEY WE WILL MEET AT 11 a.m.**

Brian has kindly offered to take us to the Oxfordshire part of the Cotswolds this year. The meeting place is on the B4437 about 2 miles east of Charlbury at SP387191, about ¼ mile before the woodland. This is where the Saltway (signposted the Wychwood Way) crosses the road. Brian warns that there is little parking here, so please park carefully nearby and walk back to the site if you have to. Our target species are Downy Woundwort, Red Hemp-nettle, Night-Flowering Catchfly and Meadow Clary, plus other notable plants of limestone and chalk grassland. In the afternoon we will go and look for Smaller Tree-mallow amongst other things, at another site.

### **Sunday 23 July                    RUGBY TOWN CENTRE**

This is a rerun of the route of the BSBI Winter Wildflower Challenge that we did in January, without the added difficulties of black ice and sub-zero temperatures. **BEWARE -we will be meeting at a different car park this time: the Newbold Road Car Park, The Retreat, Newbold Road, CV21 2LN.** This is between the police station and the Benn Hall and is free on Sundays so there will be no difficulty if we return late to our cars. We will visit the toilets in North Street at the beginning of the walk.

### **Sunday 13 August                CHESTERTON**

Meet outside the church. There is plenty of room to park, but please leave room for parishioners if there is a service. The church is at SP357582 with a postcode of CV33 9LG. We will be surveying tetrad SP35P which is a varied one with a lake and even a windmill and it is currently poorly surveyed.