

Wildflower Hunt - find our wildflowers



The other day, while out walking, I noticed lots of wildflowers in the churchyard. It made me wonder just how many different varieties we can find as we go for our daily exercise.

First step is to look out for any you already know. You probably recognise daisies from making daisy chains or dandelions from 'telling the time' by blowing seeds from their seed heads. The gardeners may well recognise some they think of as weeds but, in their natural habitat, they are very precious and beautiful wildflowers.

Some of the best places to find wildflowers can be roadside verges (watch out for traffic) and old churchyards. These spaces can be ideal for grassland wildflowers as they're mown infrequently and are rarely disturbed. There's also Hampton Meadow and the riverbank to explore.

Once you start looking, you'll be finding wildflowers everywhere! It would be great to compile a list of all those you find in and around the village but please remember to take part in the Hunt only as part of your daily exercise, keep safe and follow Government advice on travel and social distancing.

We can start with April, take photos then name as many as you can. Make a note of where you found it e.g. churchyard, verge, meadow. Use online resources such as Plantlife to help with identification. If you can't find out what it is the photo will do.

At the end of the month send your photos/list to val.watson987@btinternet.com and we'll look for the person who has spotted the most during the month. We can then publish the entire list in the Village Scene.

Good luck!