**HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAUNA AND FLORA SOCIETY**

**WINTER PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4TB. <https://www.brampton-cambs-pc.gov.uk/memorial-centre> Everyone is welcome: Members free, non-members/guests welcome on payment of £2 (refunded if you join on the night).

**Thursday 17th October 2024 Mosses and liverworts in Huntingdonshire - Mark Hill**

Huntingdonshire is a small vice-county and with 241 bryophyte taxa found in the last 50 years is only just above Middlesex with 240. It lacks chalk quarries and chalk grassland. Rock outcrops are very few. On the other hand, Monks Wood is one of the finest woodland sites in eastern England. For many years Mick Burton was regional recorder for bryophytes. He has just stood down and leaves us with an excellent 7,300-word review, which is published on the website of the British Bryological Society (https://www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk/recording/vice-county-maps/vice-county-31-huntingdonshire/). Mark’s talk will illustrate some of the county’s mosses and liverworts, and review some recent changes in the bryoflora.

**Thursday 21st November 2024 Wild Arctic Europe – Martin Davies**

The talk is a wide-ranging exploration of the fauna and flora of the Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish arctic habitats of Lapland and the Scandinavian mountains, including the birds, mammals, insect life and flowers, amidst some breath-taking scenery, but has an underlying theme focussing particularly on the special butterflies that occur in these northern latitudes.

**Thursday 19th December 2024 ‘Members Christmas Evening’**

# Please bring some of your wildlife pictures on a disc or memory stick to show as well as specimens etc. We will be doing a buffet so please bring along some food and drinks to get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy some time to chat and socialise. There will also be a raffle & quiz.

**Thursday 16th January 2025 A life of bird monitoring – Sarah Harris (BTO)**

Sarah will give a **Zoom only talk** on her experiences from the places she’s been to and the birds she has encountered across during her life. Her life/job route takes us from inland Herts (bird ringing and birding), to Aberystwyth in Wales (university/Woodcock ringing), the Calf of Man Bird Observatory, Skomer and Skokholm Islands (seabird islands), the Isle of Skye (White-tailed Eagle monitoring), BTO (incl. Arctic Skua tracking on Fair Isle) and the surveys she’s co-ordinated (Seabird Monitoring Programme, Breeding Bird Survey, Waterways Breeding Bird Survey). The talk ends with a feature about Garden BirdWatch and what you can experience from home.

**Thursday 20th February 2025 Wildlife on walls – Brian Eversham (WT)**

In part of the world with few natural rock exposures, walls and buildings provide a habitat for lichens, ferns, flowering plants, spiders, molluscs, other invertebrates, and even for cliff-nesting birds, which would otherwise struggle to find a home. This talk introduces the range of species living on walls, including some which are seldom found elsewhere.

**Thursday 20th March 2025 (AGM)**

To be confirmed

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