**HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAUNA AND FLORA SOCIETY**

**WINTER PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Countryside Centre, Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon. Everyone is welcome: Members free, non-members/guests welcome on payment of £2 (refunded if you join on the night).

**Thursday 19th October 2023 Strawberry Hill – 30 years in the making and where do we go from here? – Aidan Matthews and Chantelle Warriner**

An Illustrated talk exploring the development of one of the richest areas of ex-arable land in the Wildlife Trust BCN area. Drawing on research and surveys carried out by interest groups, volunteers and external bodies, we will discuss the importance of the site and opportunities we have, as we look to move from tenants to landowners.

**Thursday 16th November 2023 Nature-friendly farming supporting fauna and flora to improve farmland – Martin Lines**

Martin is a 3rd generation farmer based near St Neots, growing mainly arable crops on his family farm. For nearly 20 years he has been delivering environmental schemes to improve the environment. He is also the CEO of nature friendly farming network:a network of farmers across the UK who are trying to improve biodiversity on their farms. Martin will talk about how fauna and flora play an important role in our farming system.

**Thursday December 2023 ‘Members Christmas Evening’**

# Please bring some of your wildlife pictures on a disc or memory stick to show as well as specimens etc. Get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy some time to chat and socialise.

There will also be a raffle & quiz. **Note/ date and venue to be confirmed**

**Thursday 18th January 2024 Flora and Fauna of the Alps – Alice Hunter**

Alice has been visiting the Alps for almost as long as she can remember but first started to take serious photos of the species she found there well over a decade ago. Since then she has made a number of return trips and built on her portfolio of the area. In this talk, she takes you from the high mountain tops to the verdant valleys below exploring how altitude affects the animals and plants to be found there.

**Thursday 15th February 2024 A Butterfly Safari in East of England -** **Sharon Hearle**

How to see all the resident and migrant butterflies in East Anglia in one year with tips and locations. Illustrated with examples of the work the Butterfly Conservation is doing to help conserve resident species and keep migrant butterflies returning.

**Saturday 23rd March 2024 (AGM) Bird Migration and technology – Mike Drew**

Why are birds still being caught and ringed in the name of conservation and science? Is the use of technology unlocking the understanding of bird migration? Mike will illustrate the reasons and benefits of bird ringing and the technology currently being used.

For further information about the Society please go to www.hffs.genesis-ws.co.uk/