

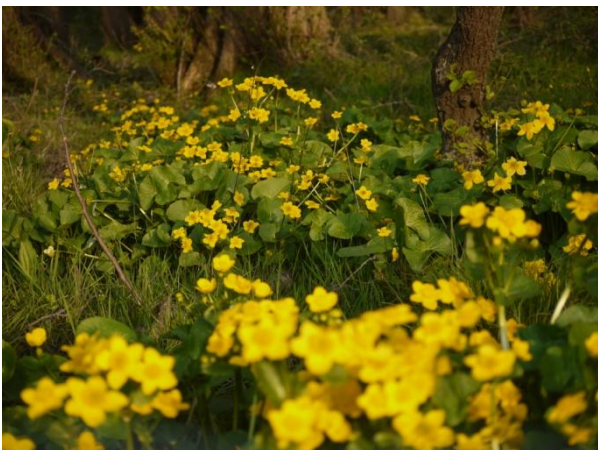
Five Flowers for Fownhope

April - May

The greatest variety and number of wild plants in Fownhope grow in the woodland and grassland on the Silurian limestone ridges. Many wild plants also grow along the river bank, roadside verges, hedgerows and in old orchards.



Jack-by-the-hedge, Garlic Mustard or Hedge Garlic – verges, woodland, along hedgerows, often in disturbed places. Young leaves smell and taste faintly of garlic.



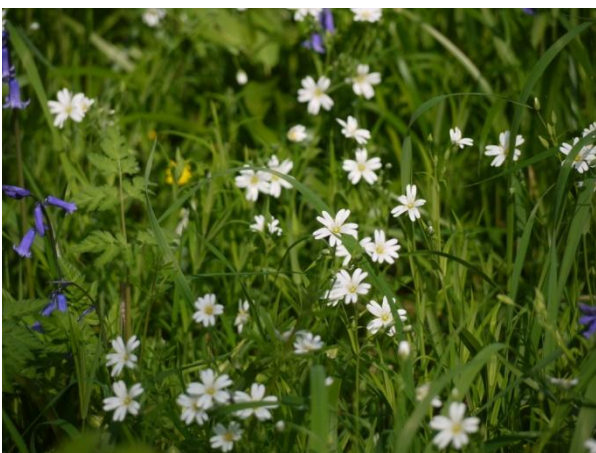
Kingcups or Marsh Marigold – wet marshy places in woodland, alongside ditches, streams and near ponds. The glorious third gold of spring.



Wood Spurge – woodland, often growing in damper places. Flowering with bluebells and wild garlic. The stems are often red and flowers are probably from outer space.



Early Purple Orchid – woodland, grassland and verges. The earliest and one of the most common orchids. Usually with spotted leaves and flowering in woods with bluebells and in grass with cowslips. It has a strong smell of tom cats.



Stitchwort – woodland, hedgerows, field boundaries, roadside verges. Often growing in clumps. It has square stems that are thin, floppy and need other plants for support. 'Wort' indicates a medicinal use and it may be helpful in curing the stitch.