

Five Flowers for Fownhope

July – August

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.



Tansy – grassy banks and verges, disturbed but not cultivated ground, field boundaries and the riverside. Button-like rich yellow flowers in a cluster at the top of upright, almost woody stems with finely divided feathery leaves that have a strong distinctive smell.



Purple Loosestrife – damp places especially by the river. Tall tapering spires of purple flowers growing in groups often at the edge of the water.



White Bryony – climbing in hedges and shrubs. Ivy shaped leaves, curly tendrils and strikingly delicate greenish-white five petalled flowers. Later with strings of bright red poisonous berries. A member of the gourd family



Water Mint – damp ditches and marshy areas, along streams and the riverside. Growing in groups with rounded heads of pale blue to lilac flowers and leaves that give off a beautiful minty scent when touched. A valuable source of nectar for insects and common along the rides in Haugh Wood.



Greater Willowherb – damp places, ditches and the riverside. Tall, soft and downy with distinctive pink flowers that have a white four lobed stigma in the centre.