# Greenfingers 2026

## October 2026: Ed Cook from Meadowmakers

Ed gave a very interesting talk to the group in September. We heard about so many different butterflies and moths, some quite common and others to keep a look out for.

The cabbage white is one of the most common butterfly species in the world. Draping fine mesh nets over brassica crops is the only way to keep the butterflies from landing and laying their eggs. The high brown fritillary is widely recognised as Britain's most threatened and rarest butterfly species.

Ed brought along lots of plug plants for us to buy and plant to encourage butterflies. He also brought very attractive bird nests for sale.

Nicola Dandie






## November 2026: The Four Seasons

For our November meeting we had a talk called 'The Four Seasons' by Steve Lovell from 'Greenspaces'.

Starting with Autumn, Steve showed plants for year-round colour and interest. We expect colour in Spring and Summer but there are many shrubs to give this during the other cooler months. Poppy seed heads and dried teasels have good structures

and in addition have seeds for birds. Dogwood comes in vibrant red or pale green varieties and displays best if pruned in the late winter/early spring, as it is the new growth that is colourful.





Snowdrops are one of the first bulbs to break through in early spring followed by all the colours of daffodils and tulips.

Then as we head into summer, we have a full palette of colourful plants and flowers to choose from.

Nicola Dandie