

Hardy Orchid Society
List of Speakers
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Name, location & contact	Topics	Fee	Notes
Peter Ashburn Southampton peteandannashburn@gmail.com	1. Orchids wild and beautiful: an introductory talk covering both wild UK orchids & cultivated orchids 2. British hardy orchids; a talk on hardy orchids covering mainly the South of England	£50 + 33p/mile	Peter prefers to talk in person but will do Zoom if organised by recipients. Has his own equipment.
Colin Clay Leamington Spa colin.clay@tiscali.co.uk	1. Our native orchids 2. Cultivation of hardy orchids	£50 + 20p/mile	Will do Zoom talks. In person only up to 30 miles from Leamington Spa. Colin has his own equipment.
Sean Cole Kidderminster seancole65@yahoo.co.uk	Sean talks on a wide range of subjects including: identification, regional orchids, pollination, recounting his experience of orchid hunting. Covers UK, Ireland & Europe	Usually £50 - £75 plus fuel & any necessary expenses at cost.	Will do Zoom talks. In person more than an hour from Kidderminster by arrangement only. Sean can include other orders in his talk if group has a wider interest in wildlife
Ian Hadingham Dover jelltecks@yahoo.co.uk	The Kentish orchid season	Does not charge but likes to donate to Kent WT	In person & by Zoom
Peter Kerr Yorkshire pjhkerr@gmail.com	West Alpines of the Yorkshire Dales (which includes hardy orchids)		Zoom please unless local to Baildon, West Yorkshire

Phil Smith Lancaster philandelismith@gmail.com	1. Britain's orchids 2. Britain's naturally-occurring hybrid orchids 3. Orchids of the Scottish machair/Outer Hebrides	Asks for a charitable donation plus expenses	Prefers face to face and within 1.5 hours travel from Lancaster
Simon Tarrant Chelmsford tarrant.simon@outlook.com	European native orchids in the wild. A range of different topics are available.	Expenses only	Will do Zoom talks. In person, no more than an hours' drive from central Essex
Dave Trudgill Blairgowrie davetrudgill@googlemail.com	1. Creating an Orchid Meadow 2. Global climate change and orchids	£50 for HOS members plus travel costs and accommodation if required	Preferably in person but perhaps by Zoom
Celia Wright Shrewsbury celia.wright@windmill.me.uk	1. Finding & growing Cypripediums in SW China 2. Hunting for orchids in Sichuan & Yunnan 3. China with the AGS - Includes both orchids & alpine plants 4. Orchids in the Dolomites 5. Cypripediums in Swedish Gardens 6. Wild Orchids of the British Isles 7. Orchids in Lesotho – Land of the Blue Mountains 8. Orchids & other flowers of the Rhodope Mountains 9. Orchids of Crete and the Dodecanese 10. Orchids round the Mediterranean 11. Growing orchids in our garden	£30 - £80 plus travel costs	Will do Zoom and can host them. Overnight accommodation may be required for evening talks more than one hour's drive from home (2 hours during British Summer Time)