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Hair ice

The presence of the *Exidiopsis effusa* fungus in rotting wood produces thin strands of ice - in Whitmore Vale.



Birdfeeders have been busy



Snowdrops are peeping through



Winter sunrises have been stunning this month again



...but when Mr Woodpecker appears....

...the other birds soon leave!



January sunshine soon brought the gorse into flower on the common

Hazel catkins put in an appearance

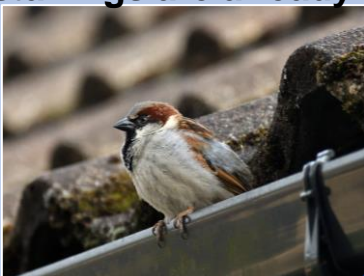


...whilst on the ground...

..the sprightly Pied Wagtail sends blackbirds and wood pigeons packing! .



Sparrows and starlings are already checking out last year's nesting sites.



Hibernating Peacock Butterfly

Most butterflies hibernate as an egg, pupa or caterpillar. But the Peacock can hibernate as an adult.



Spotted in a log shed

Happy New Year to all!

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