

Net Zero for Churt

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..and the name of our wood is... Wicket Wood

Thank you to those who sent in suggestions. The two parts are named 'Cover Point' and 'Extra Cover'.



Safety work

near the footpaths in Wicket Wood # this month has created new habitat for invertebrates



Herring Gulls

Lost perhaps on their way to the sea, this pair rested for a while in a field in central Churt.

Scarlet Elf Cup fungus

(Sarcoscypha coccinea)
Growing on decaying branches in damp spots on the woodland floor, folklore says that elves drink morning dew from the cups.



Extension to the Queen's Green Canopy

The last month has seen trees and hedgerows planted around the village



The daffodils provided by CHAPS and planted by 1st Churt's Beavers and Cubs as a 150th birthday present to St John's Church are looking wonderful this year



..whilst on the other side of Redhearn Green Phil Pheasant dropped



in to admire the daffodils. (You can just see Phil in the middle of the photo above)

Yellow Brain Fungus (*Tremella mesenterica*)



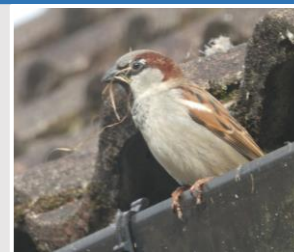
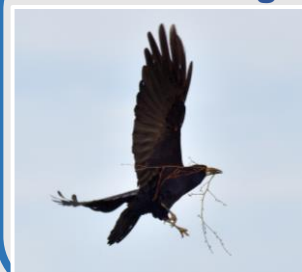
A jelly-like fungus, only seen in wet weather on fallen branches of deciduous trees. It is a parasite of wood decay fungi.



Wood Ant heaps

have become active! The ants sometimes congregate at the entrance to their nest to absorb heat when the weather warms up.

Nest building



is underway in earnest - everywhere.

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