

Net Zero for Churt

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Starling aromatherapy

Local starlings spotted picking lavender to line their nest. Aromatic herbs are thought to kill bacteria.

Aerobatics at Thursley NNR



Whilst the Hobbys seemed happy to share the sky with a Red Kite, the crows ruthlessly mobbed it.



Banded and Beautiful Demoiselles

are plentiful in and around Churt this year.

Trumpet lichen

Plentiful lichen this year is an indicator that air pollution levels are down. (Fewer aircraft?)



Lepidoptera

Butterfly numbers are down this year but some interesting moths have been seen.

Here are a Lime Hawk Moth and a Small Magpie



Guess who dropped in at dinner time?

This handsome Tawny Owl visited a house in Churt Road

The 'Flower Crab Spider' (*Misumena vatia*)



An unusual type of white spider that can change colour. They get their common name from the crab-like way they hold their legs.



2022 is Tree-bilee Year for the Queen's Jubilee

Why not pot up any unwanted self-seeded trees in your garden, bring them along to the Village Picnic in September and we'll have a table for free giveaways (with planting notes) - so everyone can plant a tree (Right tree in the right place!)

Bluecoats on the Common

are on the lookout for anything that might again threaten Thursley National



Reserve. They still need more volunteers. Details at www.churtzero.org/friends-of-thursley-common or email friendsofthursleycommon@gmail.com

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Make space for wildflowers at www.churtzero.org/wildflower-space



Gardening for wildlife at www.churtzero.org/gardening-for-wildlife



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