

Net Zero for Churt

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### Dragonflies are about

Lots of Broad Bodied Chasers about around Churt– and lots more. Go spotting with the family. Id guides at:

<https://www.churtzero.org/id-guides>



### Orchids

After a spot of rewilding by leaving the lawn unmown, these orchids have appeared in a Churt garden.

### Is it a Natterjack?



Spotted on Churt's border. Maybe not, as endangered Natterjack Toads have a narrow yellow stripe in the middle of their backs.

### Butterflies at last

Late frosts and rain have reduced butterfly numbers this year. Help them by joining the Big Butterfly Count. See:

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>



This Dunnock is warning us to stay away from its nest. Nesting birds are protected by law, so please don't get the hedge trimmers out until after 31 July.

### Alarm call



**Hazel Sawfly caterpillars** enjoy a tasty snack on a hazel leaf.



**Guess who** dropped in for lunch on the bird table?



**The Buzzards** are still much in evidence enjoying the thermals above Churt.

### Leaf Beetle

There are 37,000 species of Chrysomelidae, commonly known as leaf beetles. Some, like this local one are iridescent.



### Found on Smithfield Lane

As non-native species, terrapins are voracious eaters and predators and a danger to local wildlife, he has now gone to an animal rescue centre.



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