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Evening light on Thursley Common



Stonechat

Often seen perched on gorse on heathland, the male is more colourful than the female. It's 'tac-tac' call sounds like two stones being hit together.



Pigeon stand-off

Territorial battles are much in evidence as nesting season approaches

February – in like a lamb – out like a lion??

Did somebody say Spring is on its way?



Hazel has male and female flowers

The yellow catkins are the male flowers. Look carefully for the tiny female flower - a red tassel, somewhere on the same twig as the catkins.



Redwing - a small thrush that visits UK in winter to feast on berry-laden hedgerows. Listen for their 'tsee' call overhead. They can often be spotted in flocks with fieldfares.



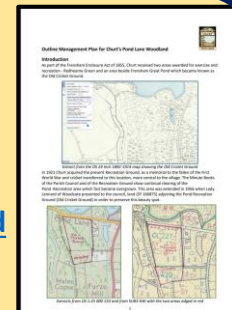
Oakmoss lichen (Evernia prunastri)

Grows primarily on oaks but on other trees also. Used in several iconic perfumes until banned by the EU.



The Management Plan

for Churt's own wood at Pond Lane is now published. Download it from the Churt environment website at www.churtzero.org/our-wood Next month we hope to announce the wood's name.



Friendly garden visitor

Have you noticed just how friendly the robins have been this month?



The crocuses

are out in sheltered places and looking magnificent – or at least, they were before storm Eunice hit!

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