



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park



NEWSLETTER — APRIL 2022

So April has gone and unsurprisingly it has been recorded as one of the driest on record with only 50% of average rainfall. However, that hasn't stopped the Park blooming and the birds are back with a vengeance. With the middle of the month being the Easter fortnight, the Friends Gardening Team have only spent a few hours around the Centre but did get chance to plant some more of the plants donated by Asda. I hope all that visit the Centre grounds enjoy the

colour. The edge in the Wildlife Garden has also been tidied up. From looking quite drab last month, the



plants around the Wildlife Garden pond have really come on and thickened up down the edge. This area is still work in

progress after installing the new pond liner a few years

ago. I noticed in The Quarry, used by school groups, a mass of Ramson which is not that evident in the wider Park; lovely, smelly sight! Talking about smelly I hope some of our visitors

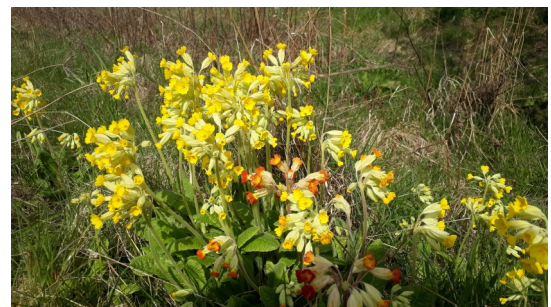
enjoyed the smell of the hot cross buns being baked down at the Artisan Bakery at the Farm—look lovely but give me a scone anyday!!



Visitors will also have noticed the trees appearing in, what is known as Swallow Field next to the Waggonway. This is a project run by the Rising Sun Farm to plant a new



woodland of mixed tree species. It is a massive project and let's hope to see that area flourish in the future. The wildflowers in the Park are really blooming and I noticed the Honesty (which I admit I had to ask



our Facebook followers last year what it was!) in the same place as last year beside Swallow Pond; what a vibrant colour. In the Plantation Wood primroses abound as do Cowslips near Hadrian Pond. So we look forward after this awful 2 years and more to a wonderful year in the Park and I did get my first Swallow on the 8th—here comes **Summer!**



NATURE NOTES

Too many wonderful Spring photos from our Facebook Page so few words, lots of thanks and enjoy!



Photo by Elaine Brown

Frogspawn (?) (2nd)



Photo by Linda Souter

Tree Sparrow (3rd)



Photo by Matthew Brown

Happy Rabbit (3rd)



Photo by Phil Westgarth

Ouch! (3rd)



Photo by Elaine Brown

Just good friends? (7th)



Photo by Michael Matthews

Makes my Summer! (9th)



Photo by Phil Westgarth

Not nice! (9th)



Photo by Gareth Evans

Great Crested Grebe (9th)



Photo by Ian Willey

Wonderful Treecreeper (11th)



Photo by Elaine Brown

Happy Roe Stag (12th)

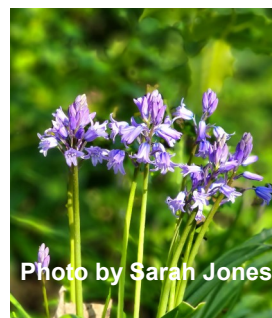


Photo by Sarah Jones

Bluebells (19th)



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Peacock (19th)



Photo by John Baker

Tortoiseshell (19th)



Photo by Michael Matthews

Orange Tip (21st)



Photo by Alan Revel

Cracking Linnet (21st)

We are currently meeting the second Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Rising Sun Centre everyone is welcome, nice to see some new faces. In the meantime why not follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofrscp/>