

## W.C.W.T

### April 2019 Conservation report:

Much of April saw very welcome periods of high temperatures and dry conditions that allowed spring to finally arrive! Many of our summer migrants have arrived with good numbers of warblers taking up residence in our woodland, these are mainly made up of Chiffchaff's, Blackcaps and Willow warblers. Last week saw the return of the Swallows and House Martins and there has been reports of Swifts now in the area although I have not yet seen one this year.

We are now entering the height of the Bird nesting season and it's very important to be aware that many of these birds like Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps make their nest very close to the ground and can very easily be disturbed or even destroyed by things like dogs running free, people not sticking to the paths or when doing woodland maintenance work!



Our local Buzzards have again used the old Crows nest that they took over last year, hopefully they are successful in raising their young?

April saw the start of our 3rd year of Butterfly transect, although these got off to a slow start with the cold weather conditions the good weather we over the Easter period resulted in quite a few

Butterflies on the wing, the transects are something we could all join in with throughout the summer months and not only provide great information but are also a great way of learning how to identify the different species we have and what habitat and time of year you are likely to see them.



We have our Woodland dawn chorus walk coming up on Sunday 5th May as part of International Dawn Chorus Day, this year it will start and finish at the Marquis of Ormonde where Breakfast Cobs will be served, it would be great to see some of you there.

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