



Downlands Trust Newsletter

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From the Chairman

Peter Wakeham

Our ability to organise and attend events has of course been limited but as we now have a promising roadmap for recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, we shall be in touch with members once we are able to resume some of our summer activities. Otherwise, the Trust continues to receive and process grant applications unhindered and the trustees meet regularly using Zoom video conferencing.

Taking daily exercise is one of the freedoms that we have enjoyed throughout the pandemic and walking for our mental and physical wellbeing has become more important than ever. We are fortunate to enjoy large areas of accessible countryside in this area and, whilst problems have arisen from the increased pressure on these open spaces, they are counterbalanced by the benefits that this access brings. It is hoped that by spending more time in the countryside people will connect with and appreciate nature, especially the younger generation.

In the last issue we expressed our gratitude to Fidelity International for their sponsorship of the Trust and for the enormous difference that this had made to our achievements. We were therefore delighted when we learnt that they have chosen to sponsor us for another two years and we very much look forward to continuing what has been an enjoyable and productive relationship.

Thanks must also go to our other sponsors for their valuable help: Park & Bailey for continuing to support the work of the Downlands Partnership in the Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area, Copley Clark for their sponsorship of the newsletter and the Chandos Choir for their continued support.

Trustee News

Richard Marston who has been a trustee for over a year has decided to leave the area to be nearer his family in Stockport. Richard has done a fantastic job over that time, updating the Trust's IT procedures and website, as well as posting for the Trust on Facebook and Twitter. We will miss him and wish him well for the future

We are pleased to welcome Elspeth Pringle who has been appointed in his place. Elspeth grew up in a rural community in the Scottish borders where she developed her love for the countryside and she now volunteers with the Downlands Partnership at Old Lodge Farm. She will be responsible for posting on the Trust's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Grants

Pam Mascall

Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic when many local groups have not been able to work since 1 August 2020, the Trust has approved expenditure of over £10,000, although some half of the work has not yet been able to be carried out.

Grants that have been approved include the purchase of tools, a course on tree safety and on first aid, fencing at different sites, coir mats for the lagoon at Stagbury corner, walnut and hazel trees for the Knoll and crab apple for the Orchard at Banstead Woods (see later article), deer fencing at Happy Valley (see later article) and a hand milker and pressure washer (see picture) for the Downlands Partnership grazing team.



Sean Grufferty using the new pressure washer

Copley Clark

We, at Copley Clark Solicitors, were delighted to be asked to sponsor the Downlands Trust newsletters. It is a fantastic cause and one we are proud to be involved with. We have seen how much the countryside is enjoyed by members of the public, especially over the last year, and appreciate how much work is required by local groups in the conservation of the countryside.

For those who do not know of us, we are part of the Parfitt Cresswell Law Group with offices across the South East, including Banstead and Sutton. Our team of friendly and experienced experts are here to assist you with all your legal needs including family law matters, planning for later living - wills, deputyships, LPAs & probate, moving home or commercial premises and business & employment needs.

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We are looking forward to adding our support to the valuable work done by the Downlands Trust.

Walks, talks and events — please check beforehand to make sure the event will happen

- **Banstead Village Fair.** Saturday 2 July. 10.30-3.00pm. All Saints Church, High Street, Banstead SM7 2NG
- **Old Coulsdon Village Fair.** Saturday 17 July. 12.00-4.30pm. Grange Park, Old Coulsdon CR5 1EA
- **Environmental Fair. Monday 30 August.** Ruskin Park, Carshalton SM5 3DD **TBC** www.ecolocal.org.uk
- **Autumn Fungus Foray** led by Jane McLauchlin. Sunday 10 October. Meet at 10am at Holly Lane car park, Banstead. 10 people maximum. For a place, contact Noreen Siba - Noreen@nsiba.co.uk or 07770 417796
- **Canons Farm & Banstead Woods Bird Group.** Email cfwbirds@gmail.com to secure a place.
 - Saturday 1 May. Spring Migration Tour. Starts 9am. Finishes midday-1pm. Maximum 10 places.
 - Saturday 24 July. Butterfly Tour. Meet at Holly Lane car park 11am. Lunch stop. Finishes 3pm.
 - Saturday 11 September. Autumn Migration Tour. Meet Canons Lane at 9am. Finishes midday-1pm.
- **Butterfly Conservation** is organising a range of walks looking at butterflies in Surrey which are listed in Surrey Skipper magazine. David Warburton is leading two of the walks in June. Non-members are welcome to participate. Contact David direct on david.warburton@sutton.gov.uk to secure a place.
 - Wednesday 16 June 10.30. Roundshaw Downs, Plough Lane, Wallington CR8 3QL - Skippers and Browns
 - Sunday 20 June. Meet in Box Hill NT Car Park (opposite shop) KT20 9LB - Dark Green Fritillaries and orchids.
- **Hutchinson's Bank** - butterfly walks start Sunday 25 April and continue on Sundays and Wednesdays during May (maximum 6 people) and Sundays during June, with the final walk on 11 July. Meet at 11am at the junction of Featherbed Lane and Farleigh Dean Crescent. Click [here](#) for details or search InsideCroydon.
- **Downlands Trust AGM** Tuesday 19 October 7.45pm Lambert Room, Banstead Centre, The Horseshoe, Banstead SM7 2BQ.

The latest "moos" from the grazing team

Sean Grufferty, Downlands Partnership

The Downlands Partnership has always received a huge amount of support from the Downlands Trust and other organisations but when Rachel from Fidelity international asked how they could support our conservation work, we promptly requested funding for four new cattle to manage the various reserves which we graze.

It turned out to be a roaring success amongst the Fidelity staff, as Noreen and Rachel had the brainwave to host a cow naming competition! Connor and I were privileged to be able to pick the winning names, based on what the staff members felt each bullock's nature to be. A real mixture came through – thematical foursomes of floppy haired rock and rollers, cute ones of lovabull, although the selection of puns did not disappoint! Deja Moo, David Cowie and Bull Monty were highlights!

In the end we decided to go with a range of suggestions from the staff and settled on **Eric, Stanley, Dibley and Moogan Freeman**. What great fun it was during the lockdown! The boys have settled into the herd over the last few months and received enthusiastic receptions from locals at Roundshaw Downs, Nork Park and Chipstead Downs.

People talk to us of how they look forward to seeing them on their daily exercise, as well as all the associated wildlife which their grazing behaviour supports, a legacy which the Trust and Fidelity will be felt for many years to come! Thank you!

Clockwise from top left: Stanley, Dibley, Eric and Moogan Freeman.



Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area

Sarah Clifford

Downlands Partnership Countryside Project Officer Sarah Clifford is the dedicated warden for the Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area (SWCA) which lies on the border of Purley and Whyteleafe, forming part of the North Downs. This beautiful 200 acre area includes downland, fields, woodland and scrub. Sarah works extensively with conservation volunteers of all ages, local schools and scout/cub groups, to pro-actively restore and manage the special habitats.

December 2020 and another Lockdown. We rush to secure the Small Grazing Paddock in the Skylark Field for the arrival of the Portland Rams. These lovely rams eat their way through the scrub and grass to help the chalk grassland in both large and small grazing paddocks, grazing on the SWCA at no extra cost to Croydon Council which is vital in these difficult times. Only here till the end of March, try to see them while you can as many people have come from far and wide to catch a glimpse of these stunning boys.



Arthur the Ram, back left. You can just make out his magnificent horns.

The Skylark Field together with the Woodpecker Fields are now part of a larger National Nature Reserve. These two chalk grassland fields are worth seeing in early summer and represent why chalk grassland is so important. The views are stunning. Sitting at the picnic table listening to the Skylarks above your head displaying with their aerial performance singing their hearts out, what a treat!

January 2021, the country is still in Lockdown, volunteer tasks postponed but there is always something to keep you busy. Apart from patrolling the area, fly tipping starts in earnest again, aggressive cyclists, horse riders riding across the fields rather than sticking to the bridleway, criminal damage to our countryside furniture, boundary issues and motor-bikes! Never a dull day!

Projects for this year include a new fence line at Tithepit Shaw Lane layby entrance due to the illegal clearance of a hedge which was over fifty years old. Replacing the existing catching pen in the Large Grazing Paddock. New signage at Dunmail Drive and Tithepit Shaw Lane layby to promote the National Nature Reserve status. The completion of steps at Whyteleafe Recreation Ground together with two new notice boards and new benches.

Park and Bailey, a firm of estate agents in Coulsdon, have been providing financial support to SWCA since 2013 and this has been used to buy equipment for volunteers and machinery. Without their financial help, many of our projects would not have been possible.

When we returned in Autumn 2020 four new volunteers joined the group, including a Conservation Management student from Capel Manor wanting a work placement and a retired lady joining an existing volunteer who needed some exercise. We spent the autumn clearing scrub and small trees to open up the lower part of the Whitgift Field, a privately owned piece of land. The Whitgift Foundation help fund the post of the SWCA warden.

Now it looks as though we will be able to return to volunteering again mid-April and my volunteers cannot wait. Winter work is a distant dream. Work will continue with clearing footpaths, birch scrub and everybody's favourite Ragwort. My months will be spent working alongside my Monday and Sunday volunteers as well as working with local schools, scouts and groups on educational activities. Monitoring of Dormice will start again in June, giving me time to replace damaged boxes noted last year. This will require help from trained volunteers ready to take part in this marathon of monitoring. Trekking up and down 1 in 1 hills, through scrub and thorns, I leave the scrub bloodied and battered.

Looking at the photo of this beautiful little Dormouse in my hand I am not surprised that people want to join in to help with monitoring this species.



Some of my lovely volunteers. Clockwise from top left: Anna and Irena making a start clearing scrub; Josh, Irena's son, our youngest volunteer letting off some steam; Phil our best dressed volunteer looking a bit dishevelled; and Jonathon getting stuck into the work ahead.

Launching Downlands Partnership's fundraising campaign - Driving Downlands Ahead

The Downlands Partnership needs to acquire a new off-road vehicle by Autumn 2021 and have opted for a Toyota Hilux pick-up, as it can meet the demanding needs of their countryside management service and is reasonably priced!

An off-road vehicle is vital to accessing the glorious countryside sites that they manage in partnership across NE Surrey and South London, in particular rare chalk grassland, for biodiversity, wildlife and people. The vehicle will be used to transport tools and materials, including the important biscuits for volunteers, and some volunteers get a lift to site too.



The cost of the new vehicle is £20,000 net. The Downlands Trust has pledged £10,000 and a further generous donation of £5,000 has been pledged by Fidelity International (Kingswood Office), a very supportive corporate partner of the Downlands Trust. This leaves Downlands Partnership the challenge of raising the balance £5,000 by August 2021 and we need everyone's help to reach this target.

Please kindly donate whatever you can, either through the [Downlands Trust Virgin Money Giving dedicated campaign page](#) or if you prefer, you can send a cheque to Downlands Trust quoting "DP vehicle" on the back. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will make such a big difference. Why not consider having some post lockdown fun and set up your own mini fundraiser, such as a sponsored walk, bake or Zoom quiz to support the campaign (taking into consideration the latest Covid guidelines)?

Please also kindly spread the word to anyone you know that might be interested in supporting us in any way too: family, friends, colleagues, community groups, social media contacts etc. The target will only be reached if we have lots of supporters and shouters, so please do get involved and inspired!

Accessing and appreciating the local environment has been proven to be key in supporting everyone's wellbeing through the pandemic and will continue to be a vital lifeline to us all. The countryside needs to be managed correctly to benefit all the wonderful flora and fauna and to maintain safe access and this vehicle will vitally support this local work.

If you would like to find out more about the campaign please contact Debbie Hescott at the Surrey Countryside Partnerships, email: debbie.hescott@surreycc.gov.uk.

Helping to conserve Coulsdon Commons this autumn/winter

Debbie Hescott

Downlands Partnership's hardy conservation crew were kept busy working at Coulsdon and Kenley Commons during late September and October 2020. Notably these were socially distanced small groups of pre-booked volunteers joining in with staff during the lockdown break, when tasks were able to go ahead. Two task weeks were spent carrying out woodland management at Stites Hill Wood, tackling overgrown holly, yew and hawthorn and targeted areas of encroaching brambles and bracken. This was in order to free up the mature heather and to open up the woodland floor so the native fauna and flora can thrive. Next the crew visited Kenley Common for three days of popular scrub clearance work and the volunteers bravely carried on despite the incessant grim wet weather! Clearing the scrub opens up the Common's rare chalk grassland habitat to increase biodiversity, supporting all the wonderful wildlife and wildflowers to be found at this special site.



Stites Hill Wood



As all of the grant funded practical countryside management seasonal work needed to be completed by the end of February before the bird nesting season starts, Downlands Partnership staff were joined by some of their Lower Mole Partnership colleagues during three weeks in February to carry out the rest of the tasks. A week was spent at Farthing Downs carrying out fence line clearance, readying it for repair to prevent grazing livestock from escaping. A stretch of footpath at the top of New Hill was also cleared of overgrowing brambles and other scrub, so walkers can now easily access this path section once more. The final visit was to Riddlesdown, where staff tackled fallen ash and yew along the popular Yew Tree Walk and coppiced hazel to open up the woodland floor, again to support the wildflowers and butterflies. The volunteers were sorely missed and hopefully the Downlands Partnership will be able to welcome their conservation crew back out from around mid-April time - fingers crossed.

All of this habitat management work carried out by the Downlands Partnership is supported by the City of London Corporation, through a grant awarded to the Downlands Trust.

The grant has also funded the 2020-21 grazing of six of the Downlands Partnership goats at Riddlesdown Quarry, which started in late summer and will finish by spring. The local Downlands Partnership livestock volunteers that help to check the animals when they are grazing at this site, have continued their vital stock checking rota every day apart from on Mondays throughout the lockdowns; supporting animal welfare is an essential voluntary outdoors role. There is no public access to the quarry, but you can view it from vantage points on Riddlesdown and Kenley Common and the agile goats traversing the slopes with ease are a popular sighting.

City of London Coulsdon Commons comprises Coulsdon Common, Farthing Downs, Kenley Common and Riddlesdown and they are all beautiful areas to explore and enjoy.

Leaflet holders and posters

Noreen Siba



You may have seen these leaflet holders and posters advertising the Downlands Trust on gates and notice boards around the countryside. They have been put up with permission of the land-owners.

If you see any empty boxes or know of any more places where we can put Downlands Trust leaflets or laminated Downlands Trust posters, please advise Noreen Siba at Noreen@nsiba.co.uk

Tree planting in the Nuttery and the Orchard, Banstead Woods

Geof Haseler

The Trust has made a grant of £1,584 to the Woodchip Conservation Volunteers for the purchase of walnut and hazel trees to help regenerate both sites.

Roger Findlay tells me that The Nuttery (also called the Knoll) was originally called the Longshaw Orchard. Longshaw was a large house at the top of Hazelwood Lane, now converted into flats, and the stables have become the Chipstead Players' theatre.

The Orchard was originally planted in the 1890s when the Gartons bought Banstead Wood House. The last of the old trees disappeared only recently and the orchard was replanted around 2000, at a time when it was becoming apparent that orchards were disappearing nationally. Some of the trees planted at that time were species in danger of being lost.

Deer fence in Happy Valley

Dominic North

The Conservation Volunteers came out for two days and together we successfully installed the electric deer fencing which was kindly funded by the Downlands Trust.

The task went very well, and the fencing looks as though it will be very effective. As this is the first time we have used electric fencing in the woodland, I was slightly anxious that the local walkers might not like to see this kind of fencing used, or would worry about their dogs/children touching it. I have therefore put up explanatory notices next to the coop, and 'caution' signs on paths approaching the fence.

The fence is holding a good charge, no-one has interfered with it yet, and there have been no complaints so far – so fingers crossed! I'm looking forward to checking the trail-cam footage to see how the deer (and locals) react to it.

Big Farm Bird Count

Linda Mount

This bird count is organised by NFU, Wildlife Friendly Farming, Game & Wildlife Conservancy Trust amongst others.

The week of the count took place during the coldest week this winter. I planned to do this on Old Lodge Farm during my stock check on 10 February. The day I chose was bright and sunny with sub-zero temperatures in the strong east wind and snow covered fields. Very sensibly the sheep and cattle were located in sheltered parts of the fields which was a boon for me and I actually got quite warm crunching my way around the fields. It was a beautiful scene with sun sparkling on the frosty snow. The sheep were quite content in their thick fleeces enjoying the sun. They are beginning to take more naps now they have been in lamb since November....some even are beginning to show a bit of a bulge!!

The count is time limited to thirty minutes and there were some interesting birds around, including a sparrow hawk and male stonechat - particularly unusual and my first on the farm. Unusually I did not see any starlings or skylarks....maybe due to the presence of the sparrow hawk. Also, no doubt due to the cold weather, I reckon the other small birds such as finches and Robins were busy finding food in the leaf litter in the copse and under hedges out of sight.

Other birds recorded were: goldfinch, wren, blue tit, great tit, redwing, field fare, carrion crow, magpie, wood pigeon, herring gull, blackbird and dunnoek. Overall I felt it was a good selection.

Chalk scrapes in Oaks Park

Anne Pearcey



Thanks to David Warburton and his team, the first two chalk scrapes were created in Oaks Park in February 2021. Peter Wakeham kindly provided some of the essential kidney vetch seeds, which are already sprouting. The hope is that, once the plants have matured, they will attract the Small Blue butterfly to the Oaks.

The scrapes have been fenced off and excellent information boards installed. More scrapes are planned. This is all part of Sutton Council's response to the Climate Emergency and a move to restore more chalk grassland.



Barberry

Peter Wakeham

Berberis, also known as Barberry, is a familiar shrub in gardens and there are hundreds of cultivated varieties. Less well known is *Berberis vulgaris* which is probably native to this country, although there are no more than half a dozen examples remaining in Surrey. One of these grows on Park Downs, Banstead where the same plant was recorded in 1984.

Barberry was cultivated in medieval times for its fruits, which are sharply acidic, and subsequently it was widely planted for hedging. It became noted for its deleterious effect on nearby wheat crops and in the 19th century the cause was discovered to be that it was a secondary host for a rust fungus, *Puccinia graminis*. This fungus is heteroecious, meaning that it requires two unrelated host plants to complete its life cycle, in this case wheat and Barberry. Once the link was established, wholesale removal of Barberry shrubs took place, explaining why we now have so few remaining in Surrey.



Crown shyness - social distancing in trees?

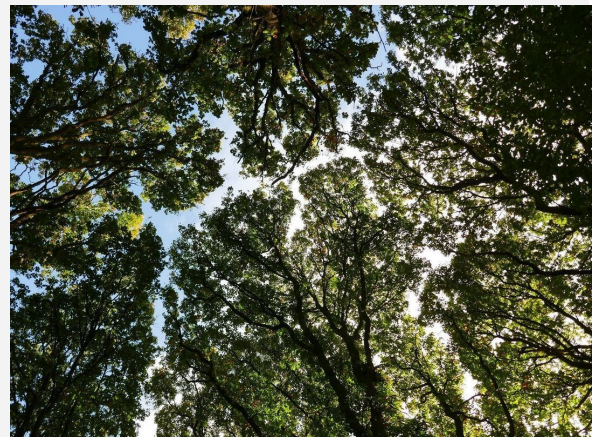
Peter Wakeham

If you look up into the canopy of a mature woodland you might spot conspicuous channel-like gaps between the outermost branches of the trees above your head. This is known as crown shyness and is illustrated very well in the photograph (right) taken by Martin DeFreitas in Banstead Woods.

Crown shyness is most pronounced in trees of the same species and a number of theories have been advanced to explain this phenomenon.

The most widely accepted explanation is that the gaps are formed by wind moving through the canopy and causing abrasion between trees of a similar height. The branches, leaves and buds of neighbouring trees scrape against each other, causing damage and breakages that result in reciprocal pruning.

The resultant spacing means that each tree maximises the amount of light reaching its foliage, which would not be the case in the event of any overlap with its neighbours. Additionally, by having branches that do not physically touch those of adjacent trees, the spread of leaf-eating insects and the transmission of diseases from tree to tree is reduced.



Membership

Sarah Milan

We are very grateful to all of our members for continuing to renew your membership each year and for your donations. Your annual subscription is used almost entirely to fund local projects since our overheads are extremely low.

We usually hope to recruit new members each summer via our stalls at local countryside fairs and events but this may not be possible this year either. We very much value your support in bringing the aims of the Trust and conservation of our wonderful chalk downlands to a wider audience. It would be fantastic if we could increase membership and you can help by spreading the word more widely and also by engaging the interest of the next generation who will in time take over from us. **If you are reading this newsletter and you are not a member, please do consider joining us.**

Projects

Pam Mascall

The Trustees spend considerable time talking to and visiting local conservation groups in order to identify and discuss projects where financial support from the Downlands Trust may make all the difference between the project going ahead or not.

The Trustees have been unable to cover the whole area and have particularly struggled during the pandemic. If members or readers know of projects which would

- promote for the benefit of the public the conservation of the physical and natural environment through the management of the countryside and/or
- advance the education of the public in the conservation and management of the physical and natural environment

and which would benefit from Trust funding, we would be grateful to hear from you.

Please email details to the Trust at grants@downlandstrust.org.uk

Ladybirds have long been popular creatures of our countryside with support from gardeners, naturalists and, particularly, children. This support is contrary to expectations as ladybirds are in many cases predacious, cannibalistic and can emit foul-smelling chemicals in their defence. Some species are capable of giving their human supporters quite a 'nip'! Gardeners like the presence of most ladybirds because of their habit of preying on common garden pests, such as greenfly and whitefly – why naturalists and children support them is less evident, but it may be the sheer joy of seeing the brightly coloured species ambling through the herbage.



Eyed Ladybird

Few people are aware that there are about 55 species of ladybird present in the U.K. but only about 27 are brightly coloured and/or large – the remainder are often small to very small and cryptically coloured. Our largest ladybird, the Eyed Ladybird, has a maximum length of about 8.5mm whereas our smallest, the Dot ladybird, is about 1mm length. Not only do the ladybirds vary considerably in length but many vary in colour and the number and position of the dots on the wing cases which can be very confusing when an accurate identity is required. Luckily, many of the colour and spot variations have already been documented to assist the naturalist!

Because most ladybird species are predacious on 'pest' insects, they have been spread around the globe by man in an attempt to reduce or eradicate such pests on our crops. This is why we now have sightings of Chinese (Harlequin Ladybird, *Harmonia axyridis*) and Australian (Forestier's Rhyzobius, *Rhyzobius forestieri*) species, amongst others. Many of the current U.K. species have arrived here fairly recently – the Bryony Ladybird, quite common locally, was first identified in south-west London in the 1990's – although that species is not a predator but instead feeds on the leaves of White Bryony.



Bryony Ladybird

Not all species of ladybird are well distributed in the U.K. with only 18 species widely distributed, the remainder being either local or very local in distribution [as at 2015]. However, that is only part of the story because of the 18 widely distributed species eight are decreasing in distribution, eight are stable in their distribution and only two species increasing in their distribution. In the U.K. there are twelve ladybird species that have been designated as being of conservation concern, one of which, *Nephus bisignatus*, is believed to be extinct.

The life history of ladybirds follows a complete metamorphosis as they develop – egg, larva (4 stages), pupa and finally adult. Ladybird eggs are small, elongated ovoid and coloured cream, yellow or orange. They are laid in clusters during the spring and, in some species with more than one generation per year, late in the summer. Eggs hatch after a few days. The resultant larvae are very small, usually carrot-shaped, rapidly increasing in size and shedding their skins on three occasions over several weeks to accommodate their expanding growth. The larvae are voracious and eat the same foodstuff as adults – including eggs and smaller larvae of their own and other species!

Immediately prior to pupation (the change from larva to adult) the larva attaches itself to the substrate and hunches over. The skin splits and is partially or wholly shed, dependant on the species and the pupa remains in that position whilst the internal change to adulthood is completed, usually in 5 to 7 days. The adult emerges and remains close to the discarded remains of the pupa whilst the flight wings are expanded, then folded and the wing cases allowed to harden. The colour of the adult after emergence is usually paler and the dots on the wing cases not fully developed, a process that takes some days to complete. The adult then moves off and begins the hunt for food and a mate.



Mating 14-spot Ladybirds

Some ladybirds are easy to find, but others require targeted searching. For example, our largest species – the Eyed Ladybird – is a conifer specialist and is most usually found on Scots Pine, Douglas Fir and Larches where its aphid food occurs. However, in late summer, it may be found on Oak or Lime trees eating a different species of aphid, presumably because it has exhausted its usual aphid food on the conifers. Other species are to be found on deciduous trees or on grassland herbage where their preferred food occurs. One species, the Ant-nest Ladybird (*Platynaspis luteorubra*), is found with close association with the Black Garden Ant, whereas the Scarce 7-spot Ladybird (*Coccinella magnifica*) is found in loose association with the Southern Wood Ant.



Nephus quadrimaculatus, a species designated as 'Vulnerable' to extinction in the U.K.

During the course of 2021, the WoodChip Conservation Volunteers will be undertaking a Ladybird species survey at the Banstead Wood & Chipstead Downs Local Nature Reserve as part of the baseline survey of the wildlife of the area. From earlier survey work, we are aware of a number of rare species present at the site but we will attempt to find and photograph all the species during the current season.

Support us with membership, donation or a legacy

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If you are not a member or if you know anyone who would like to support our valuable work in the countryside, we would be delighted to receive the following application form and subscription. Alternatively, you can join via our website

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