

## Mike's Monday Message 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Time outdoors is precious: why not give your walks a purpose, make a little list of things you hope to see or hear and using this as your starting point; perhaps create a diary that builds a record of what happens as Spring turns into Summer, or even create something to add to one of our [Portals](#)! There really are many ways we can link our outdoor and indoor time to explore and learn. If you want to find out more, a search using the internet will reveal many quality apps to help further your discovery journey!

### **Here's a few ideas of things happening right now:**

Yellow Flowers: dandelion, celandine (like buttercups), marsh marigold, gorse

Blue Flowers: bluebell, green alkanet, germander speedwell, violet

White Flowers: cow parsley, dead nettle, comfrey, daisy, chickweed

Sounds: bird song, woodpecker hammering, wind in the trees, the brook rippling

Blossom: blackthorn hedges, pussy willow, catkins on silver birch

Butterflies: brimstone, comma, peacock, orange tip

**Bud-breaking news!** The oaks are coming into leaf much earlier than expected and nearly all the trees are now in bud burst, so flowers and catkins will abound in the coming days. Keep safe and enjoy!