



It's May and Spring is well advanced – the Primroses and Cowslips are nearly over already! The shot above shows the area which started it all off in 1990 – there were far fewer Primroses there then! Look closely and you'll see the remains of last year's growth in places. We rotate areas to leave unmown every season to leave homes for invertebrates to overwinter. You may also have noticed unusual blooms – Primroses and Cowslips hybridise readily giving some distinctive flowers. These have Primrose-like flowers in clusters on top of the stems – more like Cowslips.

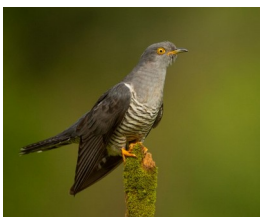


We've done some work recently
The interpretation board needed rebuilding – it was nearly 10 years old!
Well done Garry for getting a new one and putting it up.
It's made of Accoya – specially preserved to extend its life.



There hasn't been too much management work recently – the Health & Safety restrictions make it challenging to sort out.

Tree work planned for Pearl's Patch took a long time to get approval for – in any case it'll have to be done by contactors as the trees are too big for us to remove ourselves – a job for next winter.



Other signs of Spring!
<<<Cuckoo

Swift>>>



Cuckoo reported on Portbury Wharf – quite unusual!
Martins, Swallows and Swifts in Pill 2nd May

You can help – give them plenty of food.

Don't tidy up all the 'weeds' – home to all the flies and bugs that Swifts eat.

Don't use pesticides – allow Nature to sort it out.

Better to have a few Blackfly on your beans than NO Swifts!

Don't forget – 'No mow May' leave lawns uncut – ideal for pollinators, butterflies!!