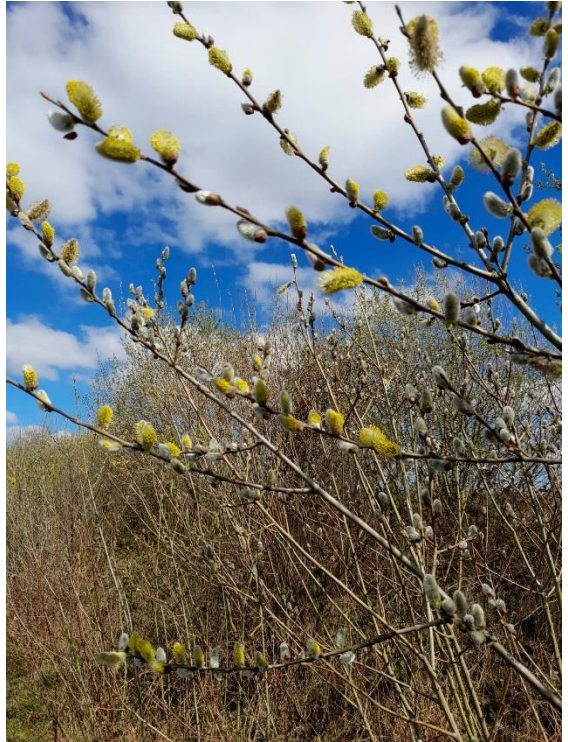


**Potteric Carr visit April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 : Wild Things**

Chiffchaffs everywhere, heard but seldom seen, the soundtrack of the day; Willow and Birch catkins, Cowslips and Scarlet Elf Cups by the footpaths; Shovellers, Teal, Tufted Ducks, Pochards, Snipe, White Egrets, Mute Swans, Little Grebes and a Crested Grebe on the ponds, a Marsh Harrier above; elusive Tonka ponies grazing, and a couple of Roe Deer; Buff-tailed Bumblebees seeking rodent holes for nests; Brimstone butterflies in the woods. These were just a few of our sightings on this day of balmy sunshine, nothing especially rare as the Bitterns were lurking out of sight as always, but the sixteen of us didn't mind as the weather was so spring-like and lovely. The café wasn't bad either. Enjoy the gallery of photos sent in by our members: Kath Forrest (KF), Helen Kitson (HK), Mervin Nethercoat (MN) and Simon Tull (ST).



Above: Tonka wild ponies (ST), Roe Deer, Scarlet Elf Cup fungi (HK). Page 2: Marsh Harrier (ST), Willow catkins (KF), Traveller's Joy (MN)







Page 3: Brimstone male (HK), Coltsfoot, Pochard (MN)

Page 4: Shoveller following a Teal, Snipe (ST)

Page 5: Lapwing, Tufted Duck, Wolf Spider on a Turkeytail fungus (HK)

Page 6: Blackthorn flowers (MN), Hebridean sheep, Caddis Fly (HK), Hawthorn leaves, Willow Maze Gill (MN)

Page 7: Chiffchaff, Andrena sp. solitary mining bee on Dandelion (HK); Great Crested Grebe (ST)



