



In these difficult times, it's good to know that here in Chislehurst we have 180 acres of common land, free and open to all, at all times, offering an opportunity to take some exercise in the fresh air, to slow down and observe the natural world around us, while maintaining a safe "social distance."

We will send you regular information about what you might see.

Spring is an exciting time!



Peacock Butterfly

4 of these distinctive butterflies have already been seen on the common. They usually emerge from hibernation towards the end of March so now is a good time to look out for them.



Catkins

These are silver birch catkins, but they also hang from alder trees, hazel and willow. They are long slim clusters of tiny flowers.



Goldfinches

This goldfinch is one of a flock that settled in a tree at Prickend Pond. Birds of all kinds are pairing up and collecting nesting materials, so look up as well as down.



New growth

Sticky buds beginning to open on the Horse Chestnut. These trees were introduced to the UK from Turkey in the 15th Century. The flowers appear in May and develop into conkers which fall in autumn.



New growth in the ponds

The water irises are beginning to grow at Prickend Pond. We are waiting to see how the new planting round the island has survived the heavy winter rainfall that caused the water level to rise.



Flowers

Although it is only March, there are plenty of flowers around, like this Alkanet which grows in abundance on the Common.

So, take a stroll along one of the paths across the Common, and see what you can find!



During this time, we will of course continue our work of maintaining the Commons and developing their biodiversity, so that they continue to be a valuable asset for us all.



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