

Willoughby Society – Nature Notes 2021

January 2021

Tracks in mud by road in Woolscott Lane that look like those of a deer.

Hen pheasant in Magdalen Road.

Redwing at Brookside after snow.

White egret by brook at Village Hall (on Willoughby website Facebook)

Many starlings in trees near Manor Farm, Moor Lane.

Ducks in Betty's garden and muntjac deer in field beyond.

Snowdrops in Haywards Lodge and by road side Moor Lane.

February 2021

Red Kite over Braunston and more locally.

Pheasant in tree at Haywards Lodge, photographed by Malcolm Lewis.

Pheasant and partridge still come to Taylor's garden.

Hedgehog at Hazeldene and one at Brookside.

Fox on road to Grandborough.

March 2021

Buzzard on 7th and more later in the month

Hen Pheasant in a garden

Large flock of Chaffinches

Sparrow hawk

Brimstone butterfly on 24th and Tortoise shell on 29th

April 2021

Peacock butterfly on 1st April

Black cap 2nd April

Sparrow hawk taking a blackbird

Larks above fields between Moor Lane and Carter's fields

14 Ducklings on Village pond -number seems to vary

Orange tip butterfly 18th April

May 2021

Sightings of foxes, badgers, hedgehogs at Hazeldene

On 5th a swallow was seen by the village pond

House martins nesting in Main Street

Pair of geese flying over Moor lane (thought to be Grey Lag)

Moorhen on village pond

15 starlings at one time on feeder at Jays

Young deer on drive opposite the phone box and roe deer by The Rose Inn.

June 2021

Report of many (30?) buzzards Foxes Covert

Deer seen in field behind Betty and Ann's

Owl heard by two different people at different times

Goldcrest singing in a hedge between the Willows and Hazeldene.

More ducklings ushered to village pond from a garden in Brooks Close.

Apparently, a moorhen was found run over by the pond recently. Drivers take no notice of the signs.

July 2021

Rabbit close to house (Main Street)

Mouse IN the house (Main Street)

2 hedgehogs (Lesley's garden)

Dead moorhen on road by the pond

Wagtail at Jays

Many cabbage white butterflies

Heron, Moor End Lane near the moat

August 2021

Photo of Kingfisher in garden and posted on the Willoughby Monthly Facebook

Green woodpecker eating ants Magdalen Road

I was sent a photo of two pigeon chicks in nest outside a window at Willoughbrook

September 2021

Linda Belgrove watched a crow carry a piece of bread to the bird-bath and soak it in the water before eating it.

There appear to be resident hedgehogs at Stonewall, Brookside and Hazledene -where there are also foxes.

A deer was seen very early in the morning in the field at the back of Greenacres.

Buzzards are frequently spotted over Haywards Lodge.

October 2021

N.B. Only about 15 at the meeting so not many contributions.

Owls heard at the back of Hazledene and possibly owl has a "home" in a tree at Ashmore.

Type unknown but likely tawny owls.

There seem to be fewer hedgehogs (one was found dead in Main Street).

Hedgehogs at Brookside have already hibernated.

Butterflies are still about in this mild October.

November 2021

Heron in garden at Jays also seen on roof in Main Street

Large flocks of starlings flying over Moor Lane north to south gathering in field in the morning.

Partridge in garden at High Bank. Joined by a pheasant a few days later.

Fieldfare in Magdalen Road and also at Hazeldene (feeding on fallen apples).

December 2021

Buff tail bumble bee in Magdalen Road 23/12 in a Hellebore flower

Deer hoof prints in mud at side of road, Moor Lane.

Geese flying overhead in the dark.

Bumblebee in ivy 31/12

Hedgehog visits at Hazeldene throughout December.

N.B. The end of December was unusually mild.