



Little Chalfont Nature Park

A hidden gem in the Chilterns

May

The meadow

What you might see in the park



At this time of year, the meadow needs our help. It is very rare unimproved grassland. To preserve its unique properties and to allow the flowers and grasses to flourish, we ask that you, **please** keep to the paths between May and the date of the meadow mowing in late August/September. **Thank you.**

Flowers in the park



Can you find them?

Birds The first Sunday in May is International Dawn Chorus Day.

Why not get up early to listen to them?

A pair of Red Kites often nest in one of the very tall trees in the woodlands. They may be circling overhead.



Other birds that you may see nesting include.....**The Great Tit**

Trees

"Cast not a clout until May is out" This saying refers to the May tree or Hawthorn. It is advisable to wear winter clothes until the May blossom is blooming.

The Hawthorn blossom in the park is nearly out.



New leaves and flowers are transforming the trees

Apple blossom. This is an oak apple.



Can you see any of these Oak apples?

They look like fruit, but are actually a grub, which is pretty harmless. It lives in the middle, and later on it will eat its way out.

Enjoy the park and protect the meadow