

Good afternoon,

Well we had a bit of a Sussex monsoon this morning, but it has freshened everything up and washed the dust away. I won't need to wash the car for another year!

How are we all? I hope you are managing to get out into our natural world.

We'll start with last weeks Cryptic Quiz. The answer was Swift, but Swallow or Martins are also good answers. The Swift is the largest of the three birds, weighing almost twice as much as the other two, but still only 36g – 50g, that's less than a Mars Bar! All three birds migrate to and from Africa, blessing the UK with their wonderfully aerobic presence in the summer. These small birds fly thousands of miles, eating and drinking on the wing (whilst still flying) only stopping to rest occasionally. I once saw one of these masters of the air fly under my dog, he is a big dog, but still no mean feat of low level flying!

The photos are of a Hummingbird Moth and a recently fledged Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. You will hear woodpeckers hammering on rotten tree trunks as they hunt for grubs and beetles. Well done to all those with the correct answers



The deer is a Roe Deer and is one of the largest deer species you will see in the wild in this area.

Here are some photos for you to investigate this week. Who lives in a house like this? What is it? I found it in a shrub I was trimming, luckily it was empty!



What are these and how many pairs of boots does each one need?



Cryptic Quiz.

I'm am mono-chrome (in the UK at least)

I love shiny things and have been known to steal them!

I am cheeky and often hang around with my friends, we form a parliament.

There's a nursery rhyme about us.

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Thank you to everyone who have sent in answers and photos.
Keep up the good work and enjoy the wonderful nature that's all around us.

Have a great week.

Take care

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