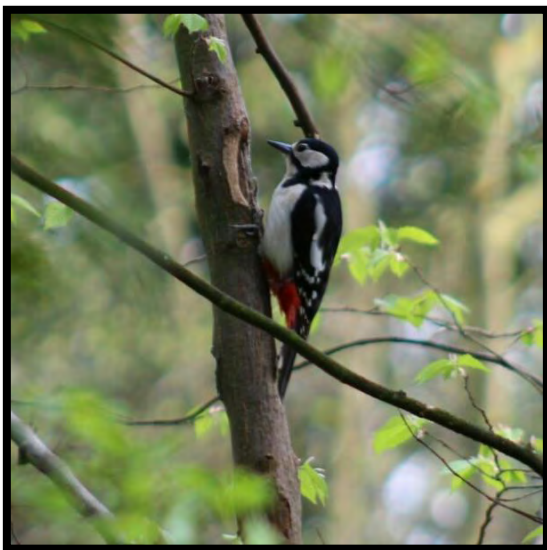




Who's watching you now?

Have you ever wondered who's watching you from behind a bush or up in the trees in Gedling Woods?

Well, Andy, a member of FGHW and an amateur photographer, asked just that question. So, while he was walking around the woods, he managed to take some pictures. Here are a few.



You can hear the Great Spotted Woodpecker at the bottom of the second meadow, hammering at the bark.

The Carrion Crow is having words with the Buzzard about a problem he's been having with a Kestrel.



The Kestrel had been chasing the Crow around the meadows and that's why he had to have a word with the Buzzard!



Meanwhile, in a tree nearby, a Great Tit is having his dinner and, below, a Treecreeper is still looking for his dinner.





Here we see a Jay looking out for his family and a Redwing looking for its mate. Below, a Blue Tit and Coal Tit are singing their hearts out and producing a beautiful morning chorus.



If you look hard, you will see a family of Goldfinches out and about looking for building material for their nest.



Out in the meadows, you will find a Mistle Thrush and, flying above eating their evening meal, are Swifts.



To finish off we see two of the friendliest birds in the woods, the dynamic duo Blackbird and Robin!



We have many more different birds all year round, so keep an eye out and look for what you can see.

Words and pictures by Andy Newton

The aims of Friends of Gedling House Woods

A reminder of what we are here for . . .

To protect, maintain and develop the local natural environment of Gedling House Woods and Meadows Local Nature Reserves and their immediate surroundings, including wildlife, woodland, meadowland, hedgerows, trees and verges.

The photographs on the front page show May blossom in meadow 2 (May 2018); and (clockwise from top left) contractors working on high level branches (Feb 2018); before crown lifting (Dec 2017) and after it (Feb 2018) in meadow 2; a new arrival in meadow 3 (May 2018); a bird watching (Mar 2018); anthills in winter sun (Jan 2018) and frost (Mar 2016).

Photographs by Andy Newton (butterflies and birds), Tanya Hogan (slow worm), Paul Sargent (chipper) and Frank Knowles