

## November – December 2025 Update



### What to look out for in November and December

- Black ivy berries and red hawthorn berries attracting blackbirds and thrushes.
- Mixed flocks of small birds, calling to each other with high pitched tweets.
- The hard black buds and hanging seeds (keys) of the ash trees.
- The occasional yellow hawkbit flower defying the season.
- The old flower heads of the tall hemp agrimony fluffy with seeds.
- Cobwebs revealed by the early morning dew or frost.
- Male and female robins singing on sunny days to defend their winter territories.
- A kestrel perched sentinel in a tree waiting for a vole to appear.

### It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment – "Outstanding" Again

For the fourth year in succession, the Friends of Lyncombe Hill Fields have been judged to be in the highest category, "Level 5, Outstanding" by the annual RHS and South West in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' (IYN) assessment. We were also short-listed as "One of the best IYN groups" and "an outstanding area of nature conservation".



### The Website Gallery and Videos

While new photos are selected around the start of each month for our website gallery, we have so far not been able to include the wonderful composite videos of creatures in our Fields taken using our motion-sensitive camera by day and by night. If you have a Facebook account you can now see one of these videos (around six minutes in length) from the green button called 'short videos' on the website.



## Photo Competition 2025

We ran a photo competition again this summer. There were separate categories for those in primary school, those in secondary and the vast majority of us, no longer at school. It was FREE to enter and there was a first prize of £25 in each of the categories.

Fewer entries than last year but as you will see there has been no drop in quality.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to our judges for all their hard work.



**First prizes:** Lorna Halcrow (primary, hemp); Elizabeth Lace (secondary, hovering); Andre Milne (adult, dog).



**Second prizes:** Lorna Halcrow (primary, muntjac); Elizabeth Lace (secondary, poppies); Eline Viola-Marquet (adult, lady bird).

## Photo Gallery

Please check out our [website](#) to view more photos selected by our Photo Team.

## Donations to FLHF via Localgiving

If you'd like to support our work in the fields your donations are very welcome. Please do donate via Localgiving on our website

[friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk](http://friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk)

Remember there is an option to donate via direct debit so you may give a small sum every month, for as long as you wish, rather than a single larger sum. Donations to FLHF via Localgiving from UK taxpayers also enable FLHF to benefit from Gift Aid payments.

## Volunteering

Typically around 12 people join us in the Fields for two hours on Sunday mornings, with slightly smaller numbers on Wednesdays. Our sessions are from 10.00 to 12.00 on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. You can come as often or as infrequently as you wish. In doing so you will do your bit to improve the local environment and community, and improve your health. We will teach you new skills, and you will find that this is a very sociable activity. There are no fees; all it costs is your time. If you or any family or friends are interested in getting involved, please contact us at

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