



# Welcome to Quaker Wood

(Woodland maintained by volunteers for the benefit of everyone)

## What to look out for in OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:



- Volunteers have been clearing scrub and maintaining paths.
- The woodland has become a well-stocked larder for wildlife with berries and seeds ripening.
- As you walk along the main pathway, look out for the winged seeds of field maple spinning to the ground.

- *Bright red haws ripen on the hawthorn hedges and trees throughout the wood. Stand quietly by a tree and you might hear or catch sight of birds in the branches - blue tits, great tits, blackbirds or a community of long-tailed tits flitting from branch to branch with an undulating motion.*



- Along the wide grass path by the old oak trees, you may notice that there are fewer acorns than last year - a food source for wood pigeons, jays and squirrels.
- Opposite there are cones on the European larch.



- *Close by, tiny brown fruit can be seen on the wild service trees.*
- *On the east boundary, sloes ripen on branches of the blackthorn tunnel.*

- As autumn progresses, look out for the leaves of different trees and shrubs changing colour at different times - the pale yellow of silver birch and pinkish red of the guelder rose, bird cherry and dogwood.



- *Ivy, on some of the older trees, is in bloom and provides a late source of pollen and nectar for insects. Summer flowers have faded - a few white dead nettle and chicory remain.*



**Thank you** to all the volunteers who have created and maintain this woodland for the enjoyment of all.

If you would like to volunteer or make a financial contribution, details can be found at [www.quakerwood.org.uk](http://www.quakerwood.org.uk)

Photographs taken in Quaker Wood, October 2020

Guess what we found!

