

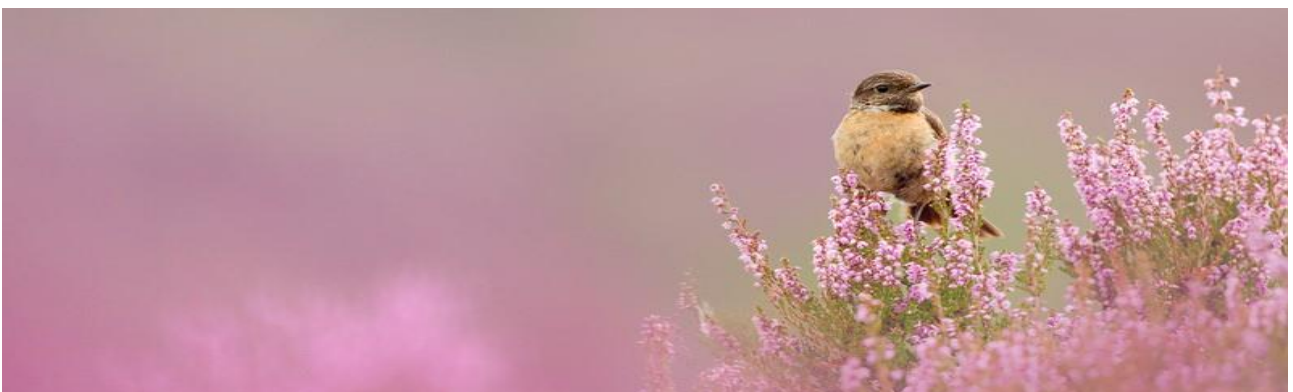
St Alban's going for Bronze in 2024



Look out for Hedgehogs and hoglets
Please leave log piles, stick piles alone and leave that pile of leaves. Hedgehogs can have babies in June/July and September. The mother hedgehog stays with her babies in the nest for 4-6 weeks so there may be hedgehog families still nesting in your gardens please look out for them.



Late summer means that heather is in full bloom!



The moorlands are glowing with gorgeous purple hues, especially in spots like Macclesfield Forest. It's the perfect time for a relaxing walk to enjoy the beautiful colours.

Heathland is characterised by its wide, open landscapes peppered with the yellow of gorse and purple of heathers. Most of Cheshire's heathland has now been lost with only a few hundred hectares remaining. Even rarer than rainforest, it is one of our most threatened habitats.

Heather is crucial for maintaining the biodiversity of heathlands and moorlands, providing food, shelter, and nesting sites for many species.

The Cheshire Wildlife Trust have set themselves a target of creating 400ha of new habitat in Cheshire by 2030, including new areas of heathland.

They have a number of nature reserves where they also care for the heathland – why not go and visit them.



Cleaver Heath – a heathland with views over the Dee Estuary towards North Wales – great for reptiles and butterflies.

You can find this on Oldfield Road, Heswell, Cheshire. CH60 6SG

Kerridge Hill – species rich grassland cling to the side of the ridge – overlooking the Cheshire Plain.

Found at Kerridge, Cheshire SK10 5TL (near Bollington)



Danes Moss is the largest and highest lowland raised bog in Cheshire and can be found at Gawsworth, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9QS

Check out the Wildlife Trusts website at www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk click on Explore local wild places, then Places to visit – then scroll down to view all reserves.

There are 35 reserves for you to visit – have fun and enjoy.