

## FUN THINGS TO DO WHILST IDENTIFYING TREES

### BARK RUBBING:

Hold a piece of blank, blank paper against a tree trunk.

Lay a pastel, a crayon or charcoal length ways (and not with the point) against the paper and 'rub' against the tree.

A 'picture' of the pattern on the bark will emerge. You can use this picture later to help identify the type of tree it was if necessary.

### LOOK OUT FOR EARLY SPRING FLOWERS

Lesser Celandine

Marsh Marigold

Coltsfoot

Butterbur

### BIRDS YOU MIGHT SEE ON THE RIVER

Heron

Dipper

Wagtails

Mallard

Kingfisher

### GROWING YOUR OWN SAPLINGS!

You can collect nuts, berries and seeds.

Look on [treegrowing.tcv.org.uk/grow](http://treegrowing.tcv.org.uk/grow) to find out how to do this.

Next year we shall start to find sites to plant trees which have been grown in gardens around New Mills.

### USEFUL RESOURCES:

#### For tree identification:

Booklet - The Tree Name Trail (published by Field Studies Council. [www.field-studies-council.org/publications](http://www.field-studies-council.org/publications) )

Booklet - Guide to Trees and Shrubs (Published by Gatekeeper Educational Ltd. [www.gatekeeperel.co.uk](http://www.gatekeeperel.co.uk))

App - download  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-id-app/>

#### For growing trees from seed:

[treegrowing.tcv.org.uk/grow](http://treegrowing.tcv.org.uk/grow)

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# The Common Trees of Mousley Bottom And Goytside Meadow In Spring



# TREE IDENTIFICATION BY CATKINS OR FLOWERS, LEAF AND BARK

Catkins or Flowers	In Leaf - score out of 5*	LEAF	BARK
		 <p><b>ALDER</b></p> <p>Grey Brown, square plates</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Tick when seen</p>	<p><b>Do All Trees Have Flowers?</b></p> <p>Some tree such as Rowan, Horse Chestnut, Elder, Wild Rose, Hawthorn and Blackthorn have obvious white or pinkish flowers which are pollinated by insects.</p> <p>Most trees are wind pollinated so the flowers are less obvious as they don't need to attract insects.</p> <p>Trees such as Hazel, Alder, Willow, Silver Birch have flowers in the form of catkins. These are usually male flowers. You will have to search a bit harder for the female flowers.</p>
		 <p><b>SESSILE OAK</b></p> <p>Grey with fine vertical cracks and ridges</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Trees such as Oak, Beech, Field Maple and Lime have both male and female flowers on the same tree, and these flowers are green.</p>
		 <p><b>ENGLISH OAK*</b></p> <p>Pale grey cracked with short narrow vertical plates</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Trees such as Oak, Beech, Field Maple and Lime have both male and female flowers on the same tree, and these flowers are green.</p>
		 <p><b>HAZEL</b></p> <p>Shiny grey-brown with small curling strips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Trees such as Oak, Beech, Field Maple and Lime have both male and female flowers on the same tree, and these flowers are green.</p>
		 <p><b>BEECH</b></p> <p>Silver grey, smooth or with fine ripples</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Trees such as Oak, Beech, Field Maple and Lime have both male and female flowers on the same tree, and these flowers are green.</p>
		 <p><b>SILVER BIRCH</b></p> <p>Shiny red-brown early, later pink-white with grey horizontal bands</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Other Trees Around Goytside Meadow and Mousley Bottom To Discover</b></p> <p>Crack Willow</p> <p>Rowan</p> <p>Lime</p> <p>Horse Chestnut</p> <p>Hawthorn</p> <p>Elder</p> <p>Wild Rose</p> <p>Holly</p>
		 <p><b>FIELD MAPLE</b></p> <p>Pale orange-brown, ridged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>ILLUSTRATIONS NOT TO SCALE</b></p> <p>Also known as Pedunculate Oak</p>

\* Give the trees a score from 0 to 5 for the amount of leaves and how far they are out of bud.

0 = leaf buds showing but no leaves

5=100% leaves out