

## 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.

### HOW OLD IS THE TREE:

You may find some logs from trees which have been cut down. You could count the rings to see how old the tree was.

You can roughly work out the age of a tree by measuring its girth at head height. A tree increases its girth by about 2.5cm every year.

### POOH STICKS:

You'll need a footbridge over a slow moving stream and lots of small sticks for this one. (There are quite a few suitable bridges in the Torrs!)

Each person drop a stick over the upstream side of the bridge.

Cross carefully to the other side of the bridge.

The winner is the person whose stick comes out from under the bridge first. (Or last if you want to make the game last a little longer!)

### 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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# Common Trees

















In

## Mousley Bottom

And

## Goytside Meadow

# TREE IDENTIFICATION BY SEED, LEAF AND BARK

SEED	LEAF	BARK	
		Grey Brown, square plates Tick when seen <input type="checkbox"/>	Other trees around Goytside Meadow and Mousley Bottom to discover:- Crack willow Rowan Lime Horse chestnut Hawthorn Elder Wild Rose Holly Ivy
		Grey with fine vertical cracks and ridges <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Pale grey cracked with short narrow vertical plates <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shiny grey-brown with small curling strips <input type="checkbox"/>	Of the sixteen trees mentioned on this page, all but two are considered 'native' trees. Which two trees aren't native to Britain? ..... .....
		Silver grey, smooth or with fine ripples <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shiny red-brown early, later pink-white with grey horizontal bands <input type="checkbox"/>	How many of the trees have fruits or seed on them in the form of Nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Winged seed <input type="checkbox"/> Berries <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
		Pale orange-brown, ridged <input type="checkbox"/>	

ILLUSTRATIONS NOT TO SCALE

• Also known as Pedunculatae Oak