**Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust News - March 2019**

The short spell of unusually warm weather in February saw nature starting to wake from its winter slumber. Insects were buzzing around in the suntraps, cowslips are about ready to start flowering and a lone Brimstone butterfly was seen fluttering along the track onto the nature reserve; all benefiting from the many volunteer days we have spent controlling scrub to develop more grassland habitat.

But Spring is still a little way off yet and our sheep will be continuing to graze areas of the reserve to drive down the coarse grasses to allow the delicate wildflowers through whilst myself and the volunteers tackle the last of the winter jobs.

If you would like to know more about our work or want to help out, please contact:

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