

Have you seen any Hedgehogs or Dormice in the village?

A few hedgehogs have been spotted around Lordshill and some of these sightings have been submitted to the Surrey Wildlife Trust to add to their hedgehog hotspots map - it is very simple to do on their website. Sadly no evidence of dormice in the village though, the small mammal footprint tunnels placed in the woods around Barnett fields and Wonersh and Shamley Green school have failed to show any presence.



Invasive species However a rather unwelcome species was spotted at the bottom of Woodhill Lane in March. At nearly 15 cm long it looks like it is an invasive American crayfish. This species is now found throughout England. Sadly they are aggressive, breed faster than the native species, and damage banks with their burrowing.

Another invasive species is Himalayan Balsam. This should now be visible and removed, before it has the chance to flower and seed, It can be pulled out easily in May, June early July. We are lucky that we don't have too much of it on our common land and verges but there is some around and if it is not controlled it can really spread so please remove it when you see it. It loves wet ground. Volunteers often do a few sessions along Norley Lane and in Norley Woods and will again this year, as ever the more the merrier, just contact info@shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk if you are happy to be notified.

Ducklings on the Duck Pond

Lovely to see around 17 ducklings on the duck pond in last week of April. Fingers crossed that they are still alive and paddling by the end of May and beyond. It seems that the mother duck is a really 'good' mother but, as previous years have shown, it is quite a challenge to keep a brood of ducklings safe.