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**Open the door to a world of natural adventures this half term with the Woodland Trust's Nature Detectives membership!**

You can inspire your little nature detectives this half term with the Woodland Trust's family membership!

Through our work with the Woodland Trust and the Carbon Capture programme we are able to create new native woodland right here in the UK

Joining as a family means you'll help the Woodland Trust to safeguard woods and wildlife for your children's future, with leafy places to walk, cycle, picnic and play, from the hearts of our cities to the wilds of our countryside.

A year of fun outdoors for the whole family starts at just £5 a month – you can join now at [www.woodlandtrust.org](http://www.woodlandtrust.org)

## Heartwood Forest receives a Redlist Bench-Mark Award

The Woodland Trust have scooped a Redlist Bench-Mark Award for the range of priority farmland birds at Heartwood, a site at which we have helped to plant new native woodland through our work with the Carbon Capture programme.

This fantastic news recognises the Woodland Trust's outstanding conservation work at Heartwood Forest and their dedicated volunteers.

Redlist Revival awards recognise wildlife success at the highest level and the ceremony earlier this year, saw distinguished guests and speakers come together to celebrate a common cause in wildlife conservation.

## Carbon Capture® a greener United Kingdom one tree at a time

**Hello and welcome to the June issue of our Carbon Capture® newsletter.**

We are now six months into the year and so far 2016 has proven to be a very productive year for the Woodland Trust and we are proud to be a part of that.

Firstly who are the Woodland Trust? The Woodland Trust are the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, they are the leading voice for woods and trees. The trust campaign to protect precious ancient woods, restore the ones that are damaged and fight for those under threat. They create new native woodland around the UK with the help of communities, schools, organisations and individuals.

In the last six months alone, the Woodland Trust have overseen the conservation of hundreds of wooded areas across the country and the planting of thousands of native species of trees. In doing so they have helped to restore some of the country's natural beauty as well as helping to detoxify air and soil pollution; whilst at the same time aiding animals such as various butterfly species, pine martins, bats and many more.



So how do we help? Through Premier's Carbon Capture® scheme we are able to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the production and distribution of paper purchases. By doing this we contribute financially to the Woodland Trust and their conservation projects throughout the UK. Our dedication to the Woodland Trust is part of our pledge for a greener more sustainable future for the UK for generations to come.

## Tree of the Month: Buckthorn

**Buckthorn was introduced into North America as an ornamental landscaping plant, but has naturalised and become a problem in parts of Canada and the United States, as its dense growth crowds out native plants.**

Named after the laxative effects its berries induce when eaten, purging buckthorn is a small, spiny tree native to England and Wales and throughout Europe. Mature trees can grow to a height of 10m, with grey-brown bark and spiny branches. The leaf buds are conical and black-brown in colour, and form on long stalks.

Buckthorn is dioecious, meaning male and female flowers are found on different trees. Flowers are yellow-green with four petals, and are pollinated by insects.

Purging buckthorn is the main food plant of the brimstone butterfly, whose caterpillars eat the leaves. Its flowers provide a source of pollen and nectar for bees and other insects. Its dense growth makes it a valuable nesting site for birds.

Do you fancy yourself a tree expert? Why not take on the Woodland Trust's tree identification quiz at [www.woodlandtrust.org](http://www.woodlandtrust.org)