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### Go on an extraordinary family adventure in a magical bluebell wood

The weather is getting warmer and signs of spring are appearing in our woods, including iconic bluebells. To celebrate their arrival, the Woodland Trust have launched a brand new app to help the whole family enjoy some of our most beautiful bluebell woods.

The Nature Detectives Family Trail is available in 25 woods across the UK, check the Woodland Trust website to find your nearest. Download the app and head to your nearest 'fairytrail' woodland, then watch Blue and Belle come to life on your screen as they work to protect the precious bluebells.

This fun and educational app is designed for the whole family and uses the latest augmented reality technology. Simply point your phone or tablet camera at the trail marker and watch Blue and Belle, the woodland fairies, come to life on your screen.

Everyone that completes the trail can claim a free Nature Detectives Activity Pack.

## 2015 Carbon Capture Achievements: How we help to create, protect & restore native woodland in the UK.

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

As we approach the half way point of 2016 lets recap on what our donations to the Woodland Trust, through Premier's Carbon Capture scheme, have achieved in the UK.

By Carbon Capturing our paper purchases through the Premier Paper Group we have helped the Woodland Trust to:

- Purchase the Smithills Estate in Greater Manchester
- Save the Llennyrch ravine, near Porthmadog
- Open a First World War Centenary Wood for Scotland (over 1 million trees planted)
- Fight against pests and diseases in trees
- Protect the UK's old and iconic trees
- Create and manage 'wood allotments' with local communities
- Invest into conservation-based studies
- Save Mantle's Wood from being bulldozed for HS2
- Educate students with tree packs and tree planting events for schools
- Revive ancient woodland (29% above target in 2015)
- Map the full tree canopy across England and Wales

### Tree of the Month: Whitebeam

Whitebeam is a broadleaf deciduous tree native to southern England, though widely planted in the north of the UK.

Compact and domed, mature trees can grow to a height of 15m. The bark and twigs are smooth and grey, and the shoots are brick red in sunlight, but greyish green in shade.

The young twigs start hairy and become smooth later. Only the edges of the buds are hairy.

The berries are known as chess apples in north-west England and are edible when nearly rotten.

Whitebeam timber is fine-grained, hard and white. Traditional uses included wood-turning and fine joinery, including chairs, beams, cogs and wheels in machinery.

### Woodland Wildlife: Brimstone Butterflies

Brimstone butterflies are avid sunbathers and even better impressionists, throwing perfect leaf shapes when they settle among holly, bramble or ivy. They are one of the few UK butterflies to hibernate.

Brimstone is often cited as one of the first butterflies of the year because adults hibernate over winter in woodlands and emerge on warm spring days. New adults emerge from their chrysalis in July and live for a year.

You've a great chance to see brimstones: they have spread in recent years and are now found throughout much of the UK, except in Scotland. Look for them flitting through gardens and along woodland rides, or spiralling skyward with their partners then tumbling down into the bushes to mate.

