

Signs of Spring

Newlands Park is my local park and I walk my dog, Bunty, there first thing, most days, before it gets busy. It's a lovely traditional wee park with a pond and formal shrub beds. It is at it's best in April/May.

It was a mild morning with lots of birdsong and, when I looked more closely, there are lots of other signs of Spring. Snowdrops and Crocus bulbs were flowering and the daffodils are all in bud.

The trees and shrubs seem like they will burst into leaf soon and many had flowers or catkins. Google explains that a catkin is a slim, cylindrical flower cluster, with inconspicuous or no petals, usually wind-pollinated but, in the case of willow, insect-pollinated. Male and female catkins are different but usually a tree or shrub has both.



Snowdrops & Crocuses



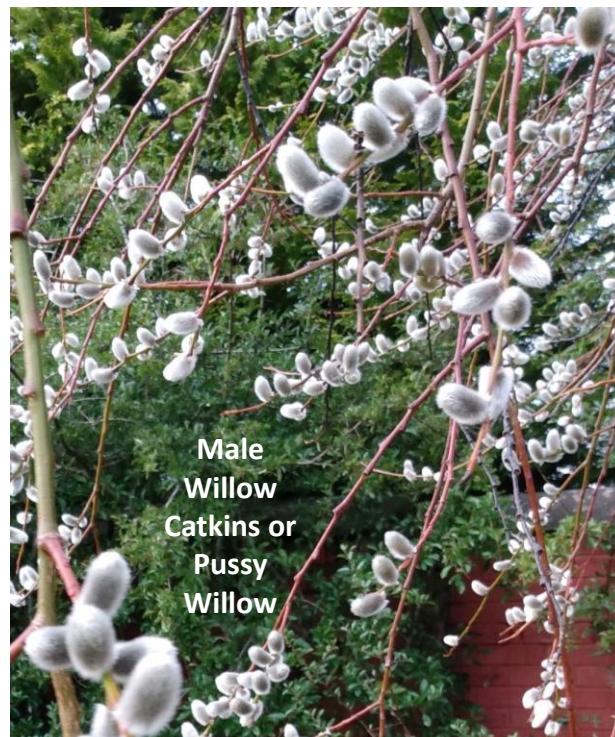
Male Hazel Catkins

Every day's
a school
day and
Spring is
definitely
in the air!



Witch Hazel Flowers

I enjoyed slowing down and taking time to examine everything closely (although Bunty was not so impressed!). I found it very relaxing and mindful so highly recommend you give it a go!



Male
Willow
Catkins or
Pussy
Willow