

# Wildlife Friendly Addingham

## Bracken Ghyll Golf Course



The golf course has been sensitively laid out around the old field patterns, retaining hedgerows and stone walls, and leaving large generous areas of rough grassland and scrub between the fairways. Woodland, especially along the boundary with Skipton Road, has been extended with new planting.

With no grazing animals and away from the manicured greens and fairways, the golf course provides good habitat for wildlife.

### Wildlife to look out for

From Spring to early summer listen out for the haunting cry of Curlew with its distinctive downcurved bill. This is the Golf Club's emblem and these ground nesting birds sometimes nest in the rough grass here.



Keep a look out for Orange tip butterflies, and delicate pale lilac Cuckoo Flowers (also known as Milkmaids or Ladies Smock) in bloom in late April and May. Orange tips and Green veined white butterflies lay their eggs on this plant and their caterpillars feed on it.

Butterflies such as Small Tortoiseshell and later in the summer, Meadow Browns are found in abundance here, enjoying the thistles and brambles, which also provide nectar for bees and seeds and fruit for birds. Rarely seen but small mammals, such as weasels enjoy the undergrowth too.



AEG volunteers have been working alongside Golf Club volunteers to make habitat for wildlife even better. Native bluebells have been planted in Vicar Wood near the School Lane entrance to the golf course. Invasive Himalayan balsam which crowds out native wildflowers has been removed from woodland and grassland, and plastic tree guards have been taken off where they are no longer needed.