Wild about Hethel (and Bracon Ash)

1. The first thing to do is to switch on your eyes, your ears and even sometimes your nose when you're out and about in Hethel or Bracon Ash. **When you spot something** interesting from the natural world, **take a photo of it** with your smartphone.

2. The easiest way of sharing it is to **post it to the facebook group** set up for the purpose. The group is called - guess what? - *Wild About Hethel (and Bracon Ash)* – here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildabouthethel/.

The group is open access, you just click the Join Group button to join it.

3. Obviously it's helpful if you can say what it is you've spotted! Snowdrops - dead easy; knowing your lichens less so. Which is where iNaturalist comes in. Get the app on your phone from the store, or via the browser on your laptop (https://www.inaturalist.org/).
   a. You can just use it to Make an observation and help you identify what you're putting on the facebook page, but to join in the Wild About Hethel (&BA) 'bioblitz', please join the project. As follows:

   b. **On the app**, tap the 'hamburger' menu (three short horizontal lines) top left and then the Log In / Sign Up button at the top of the screen.
   At the bottom of the next screen, tap "New to iNaturalist United Kingdom? Sign up now!"
   Follow your nose on the Sign Up screen, and remember the credentials you put in.

   c. **On the laptop**, there's a sign up link at the top right of the screen. Click and follow your nose as above.

4. OK. Back to your observation!
   a. On the **app**, tap the hamburger menu again. Down at the bottom of the screen is New observation, which you tap. It's fairly intuitive to follow the links to select a photo from your phone and upload it, though you sometimes have to search the screen layout to find how to move on (eg a tiny 'Done' link when you've selected a photo).
   You should end up on an Edit Observation screen. Tap **What do you see?** and suggestions come up. Which makes most sense? Select it, you'll go back to the Edit screen where you can add notes, say if it's captive or cultivated (of less interest), etc. There's a green tick at the bottom of the screen, which will add it to My Observations. Woohoo!

   b. On the **laptop**, you want the **Your Observations** tab, then the green Upload button top right, which allows you to select an image or a sound from your files. Click it.
   A box opens up; click Species name and suggestions are offered. Select and then **Submit 1 observation**.

5. Look for the **Community** tab/drop-down at the top of the screen. Tap/click it and select **Projects**. Type **Wild about Hethel** into the **search box** and our project should come up. Tap the project name in blue and the Project page should appear! Finally, in the green box is buried the **Join** button. This will let you see observations from others who have joined and which fall into the Project location. Over time, this will build up into a splendid file of all that has been spotted and identified in these two villages over the whole year. Potentially very exciting.

6. Final comment: at this stage of my understanding, you don't enter an observation into a project, you just enter the observation as above. The clever software decides whether you're a project member or not and whether your observation is within the project area. If yes, your observation will be seen in the Project list - go have a look and see!