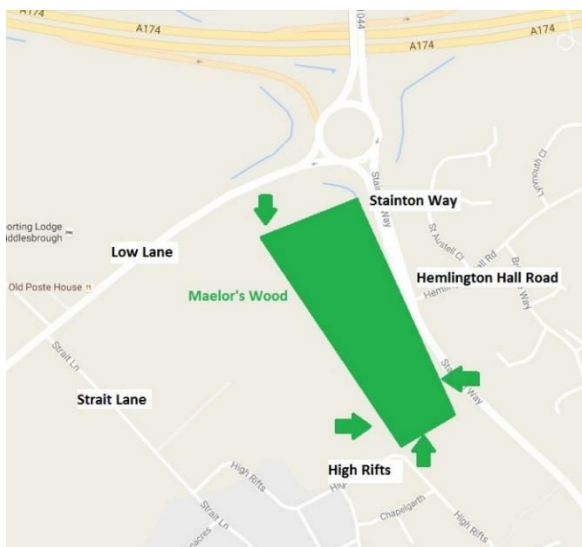


There's lots to discover on the Maelor's Wood Nature Trail



How much nature can you discover at Maelor's Wood?
Use this booklet to find all ten rubbings posts. Grab a crayon and
match each post to the right page using the clues.
There are four fantastic animal sculptures to find too!



Where is Maelor's Wood?

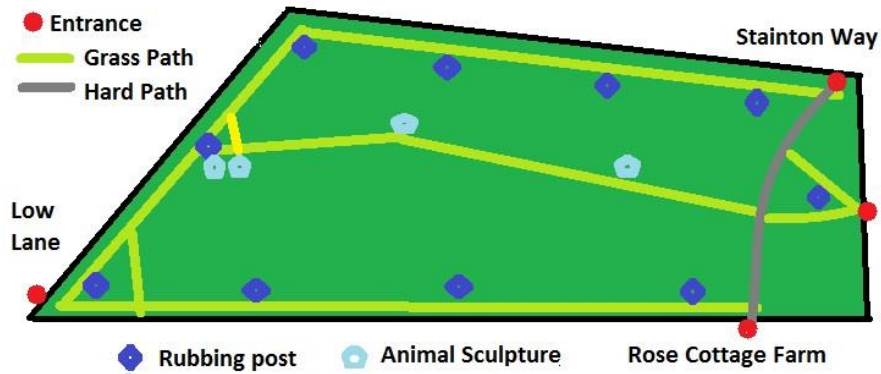
The wood is a short walk from the centre of Stainton Village and just off the A174.

There is some space for parking at the Low Lane entrance and on the Rose Cottage Farm estate.

There is an entrance close to the bus stop on Stainton Way.



Finding your way around.



When you find a post, have a good look at the picture...



...then do some detective work to match it to a clue at the top of one of the pages.

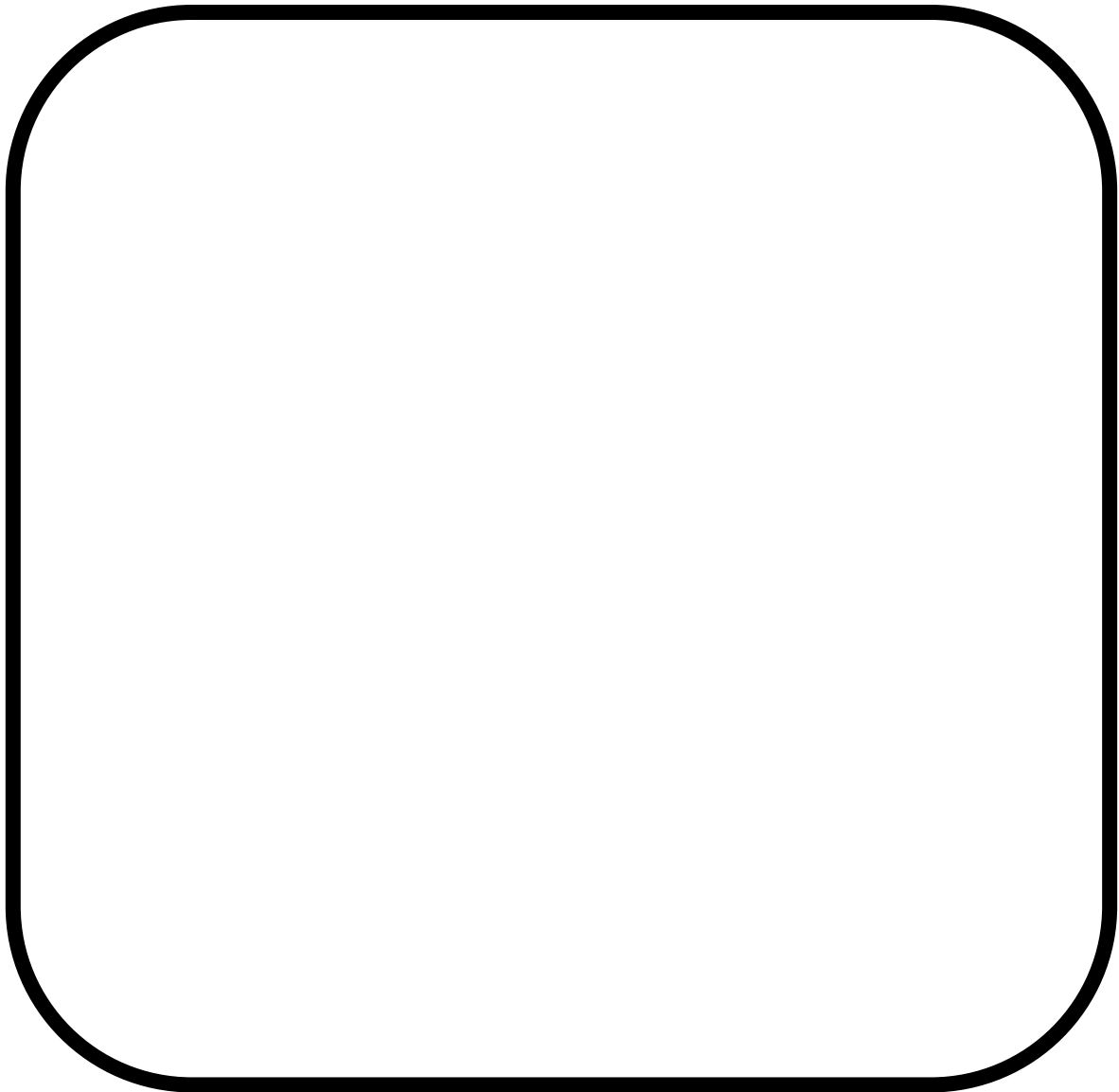
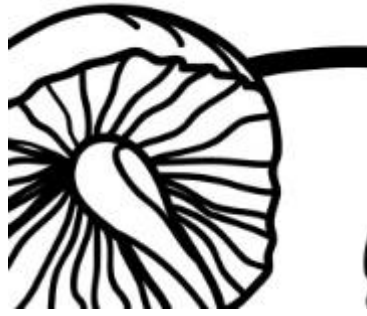


Now you can do your rubbing in the big square on that page.

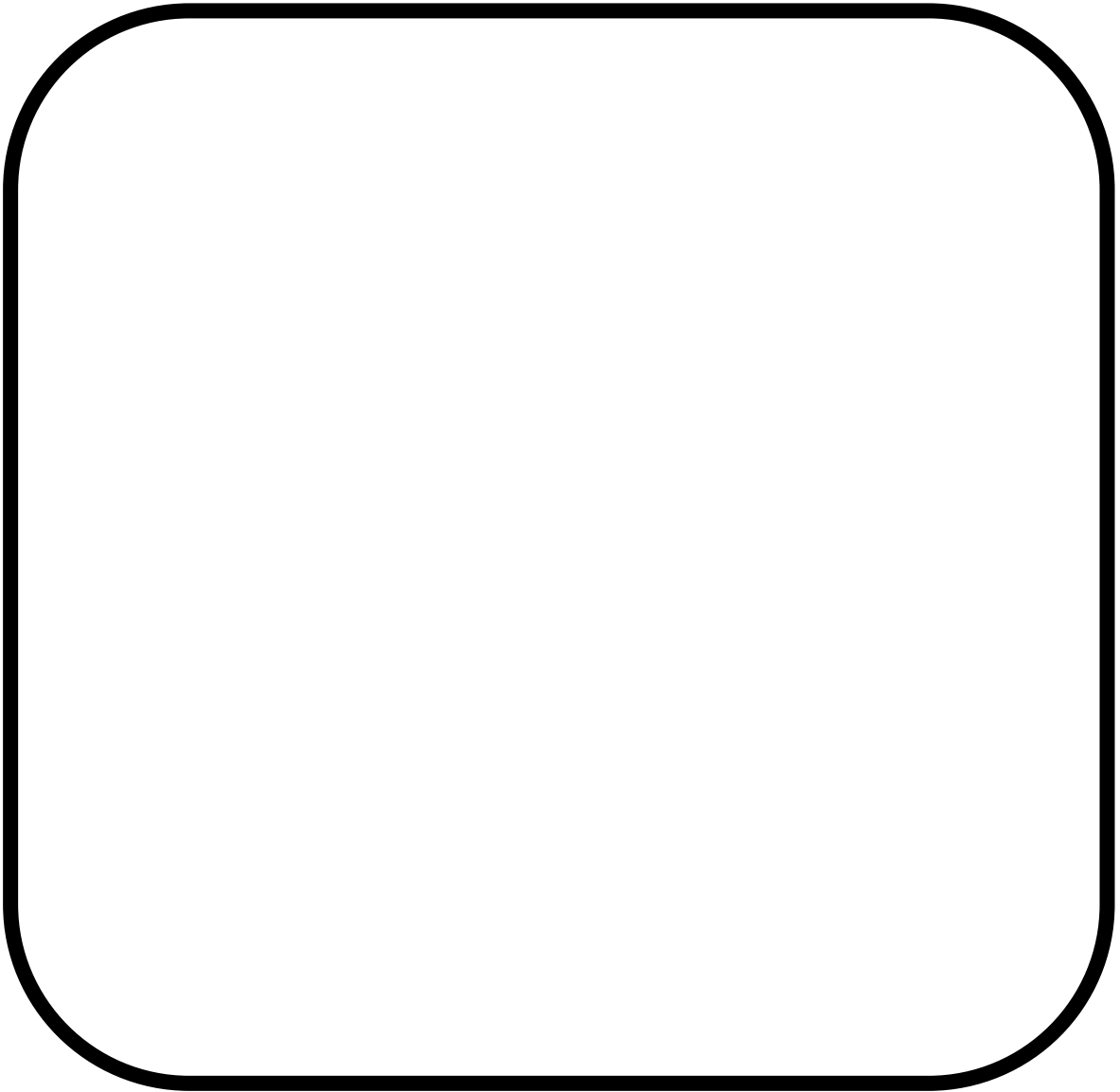
Top Tips!

- Carefully place the square over the plaque and hold the page REALLY still
- Use the long flat side of a crayon (not the tip)
- Press firmly and try to rub over the whole picture
- HAVE FUN!

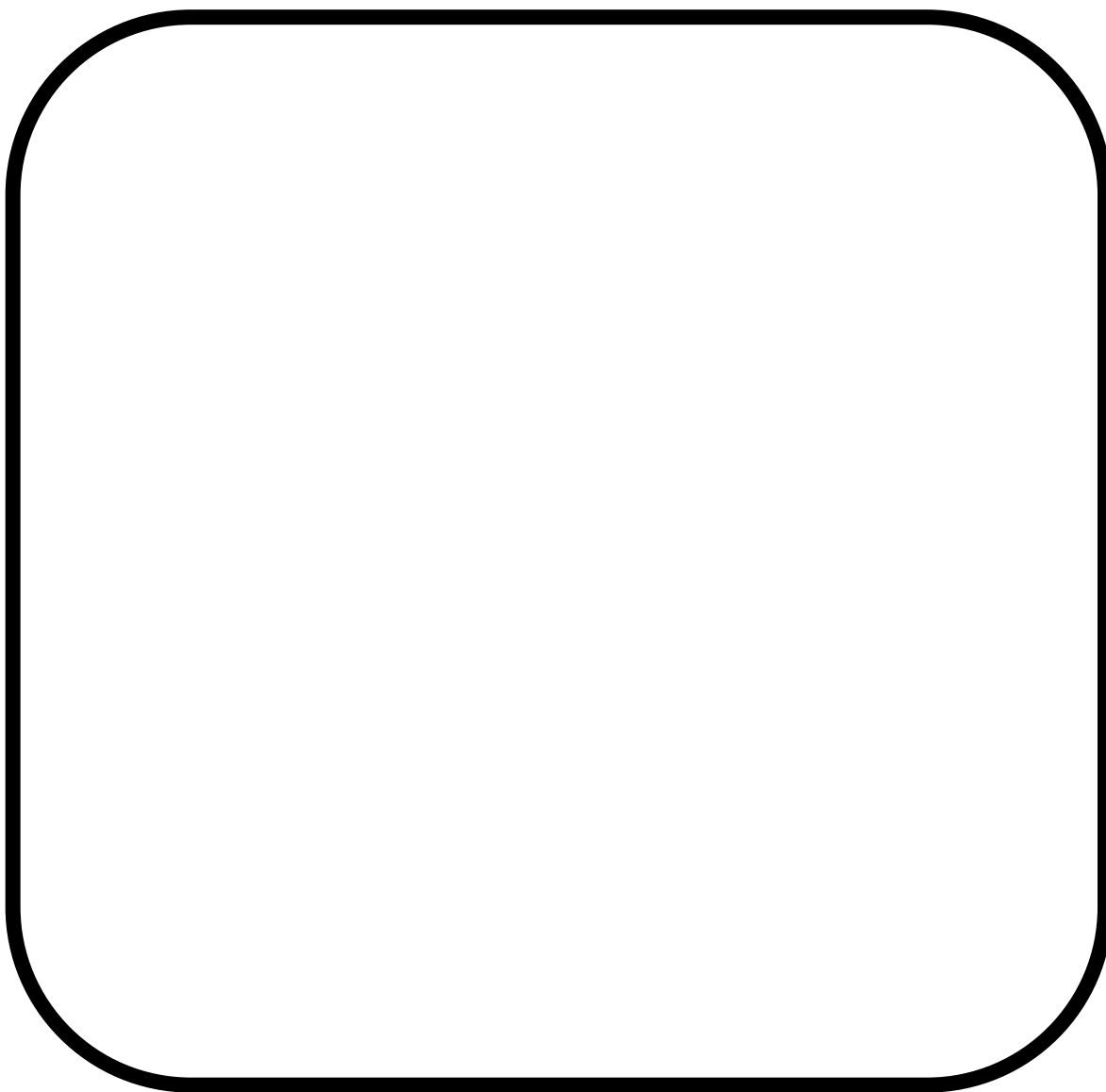
This trail was funded by the Tesco Bags of Help scheme and delivered by the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust. The wood is looked after by the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces and the Wild Green Places project. For more info visit www.tvgreenplaces.co.uk or 'TVgreenplaces' on Facebook.



Mushrooms and Crab Apples can be found all over the woodland floor in Autumn.
Can you think of any animals who would like to eat the fallen apples? Or even the mushrooms?

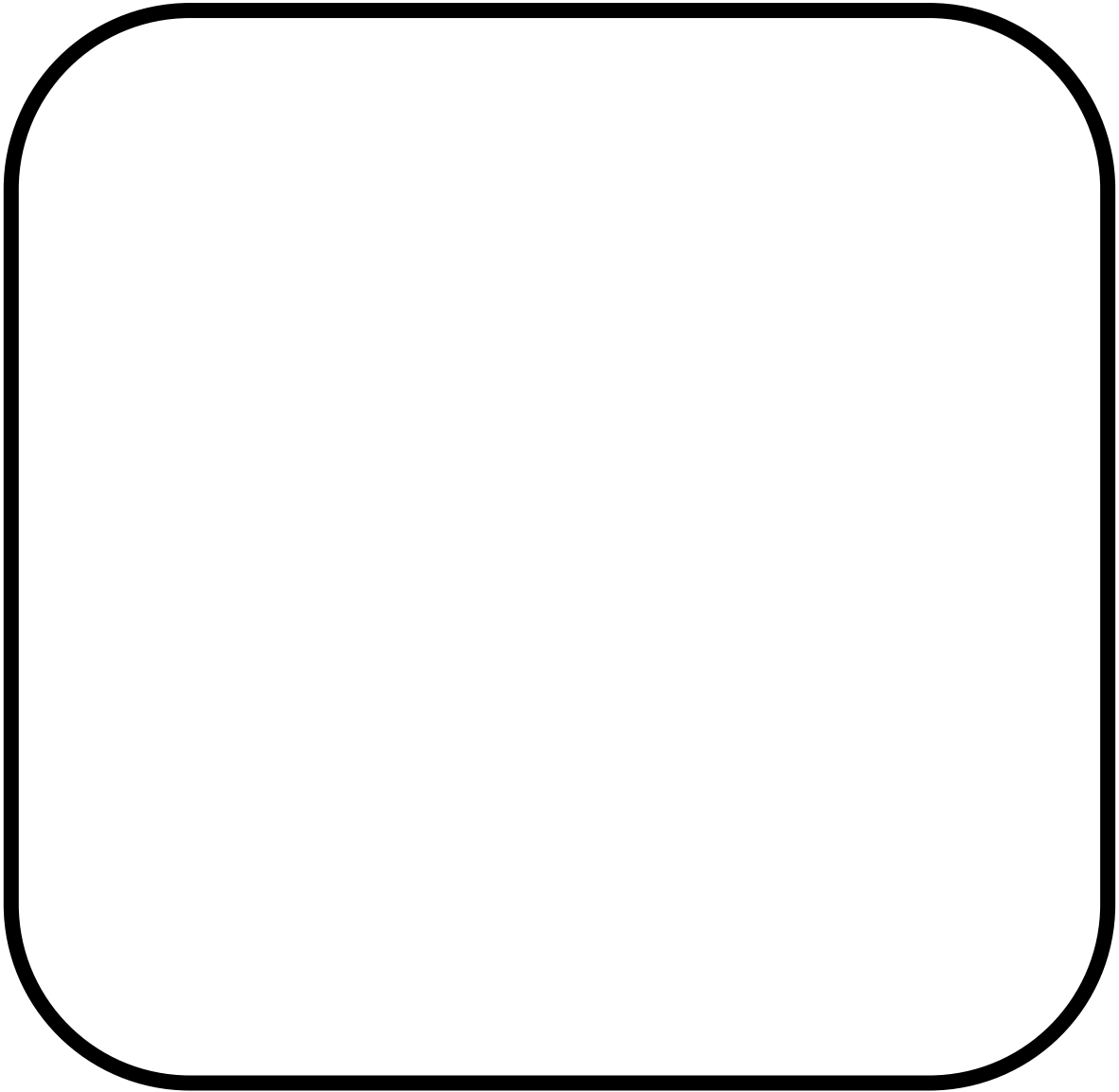
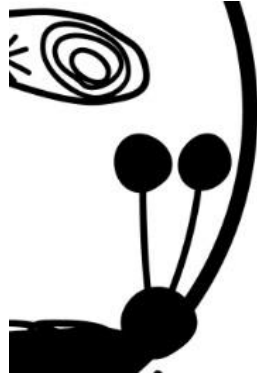


This tree has only got a few small leaves
and there are flowers underneath.
What time of year might this be?

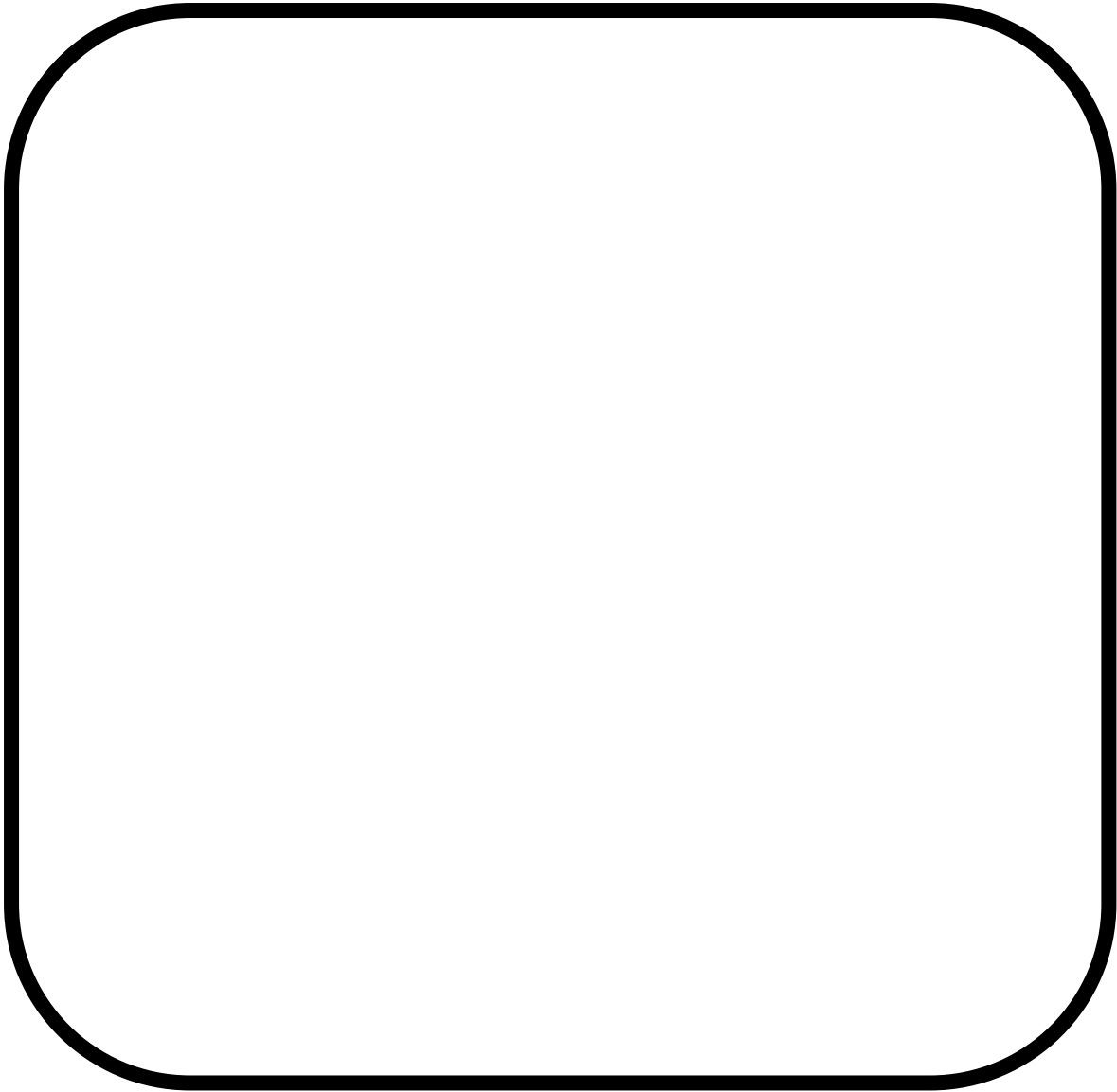


Lots of animals love acorns so much they try to hide them from everybody else so they can save them for winter.

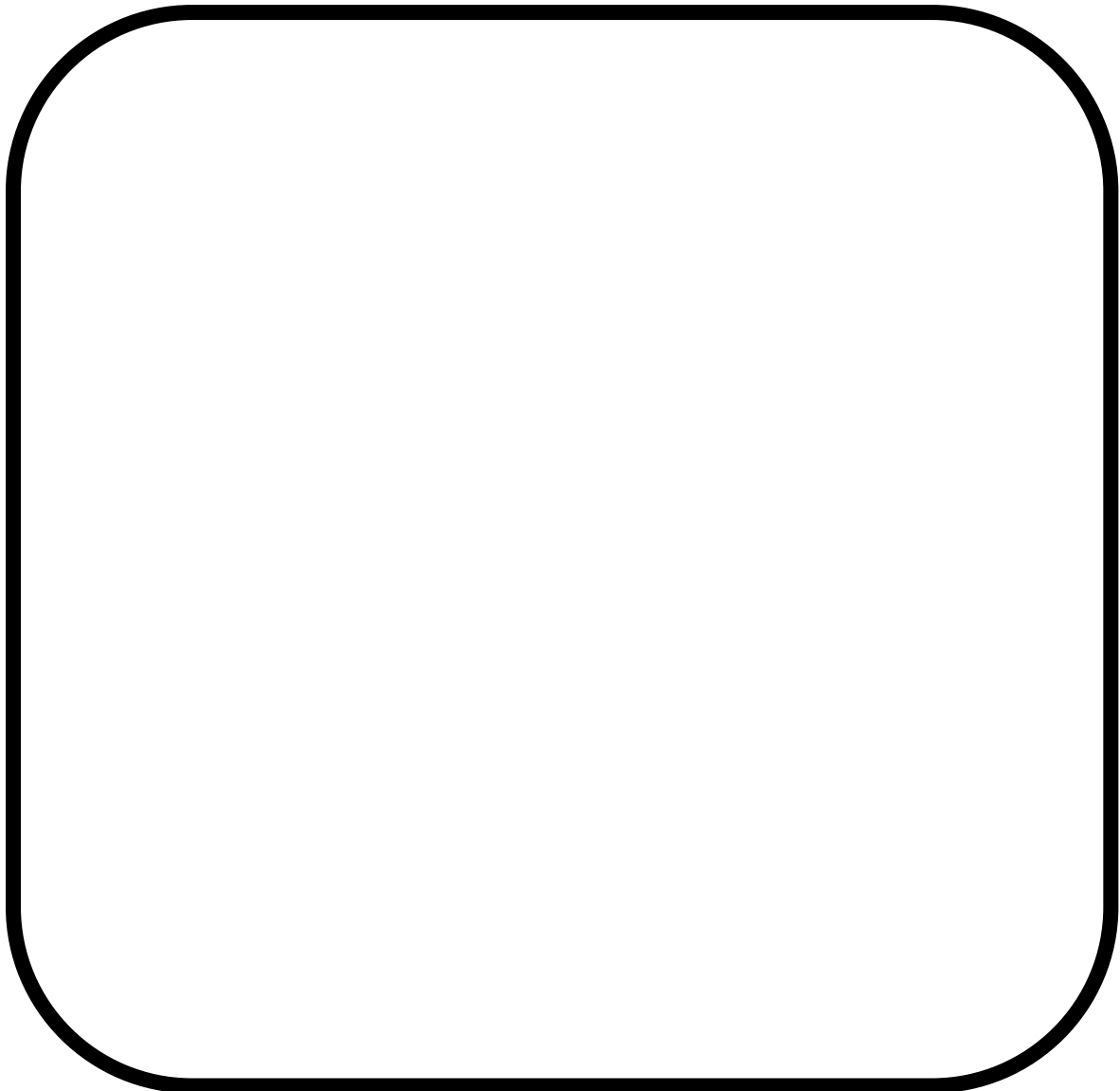
What do you think happens to acorns that get forgotten about?



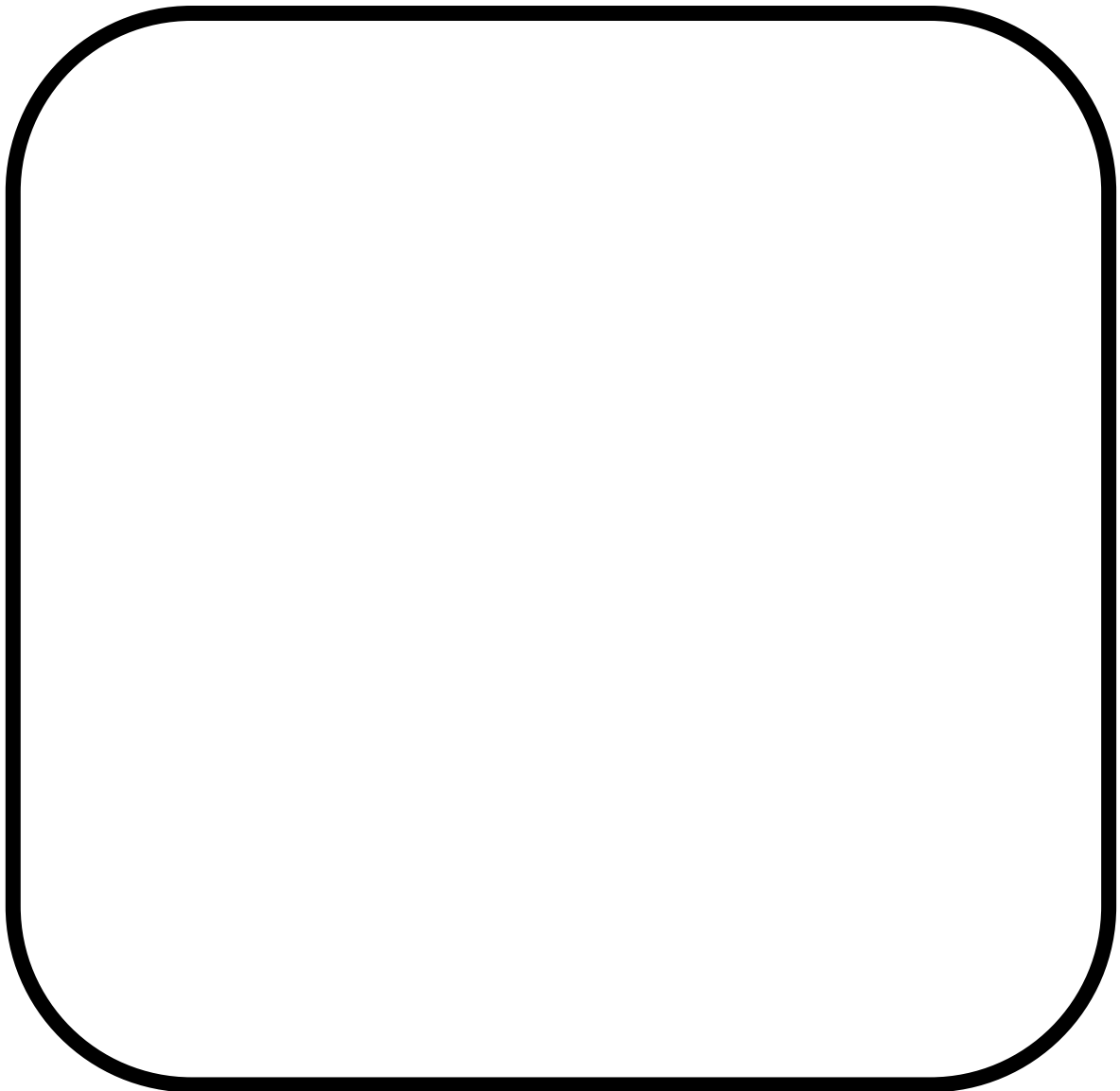
Summer time in Maelor's Wood is great for bug hunts!
Can you think how some insects can really help the plants and trees in the wood?



There are so many seeds, fruits and nuts
in Maelor's Wood for mice to eat.
But can you think of any animals who
might like to eat a mouse?!



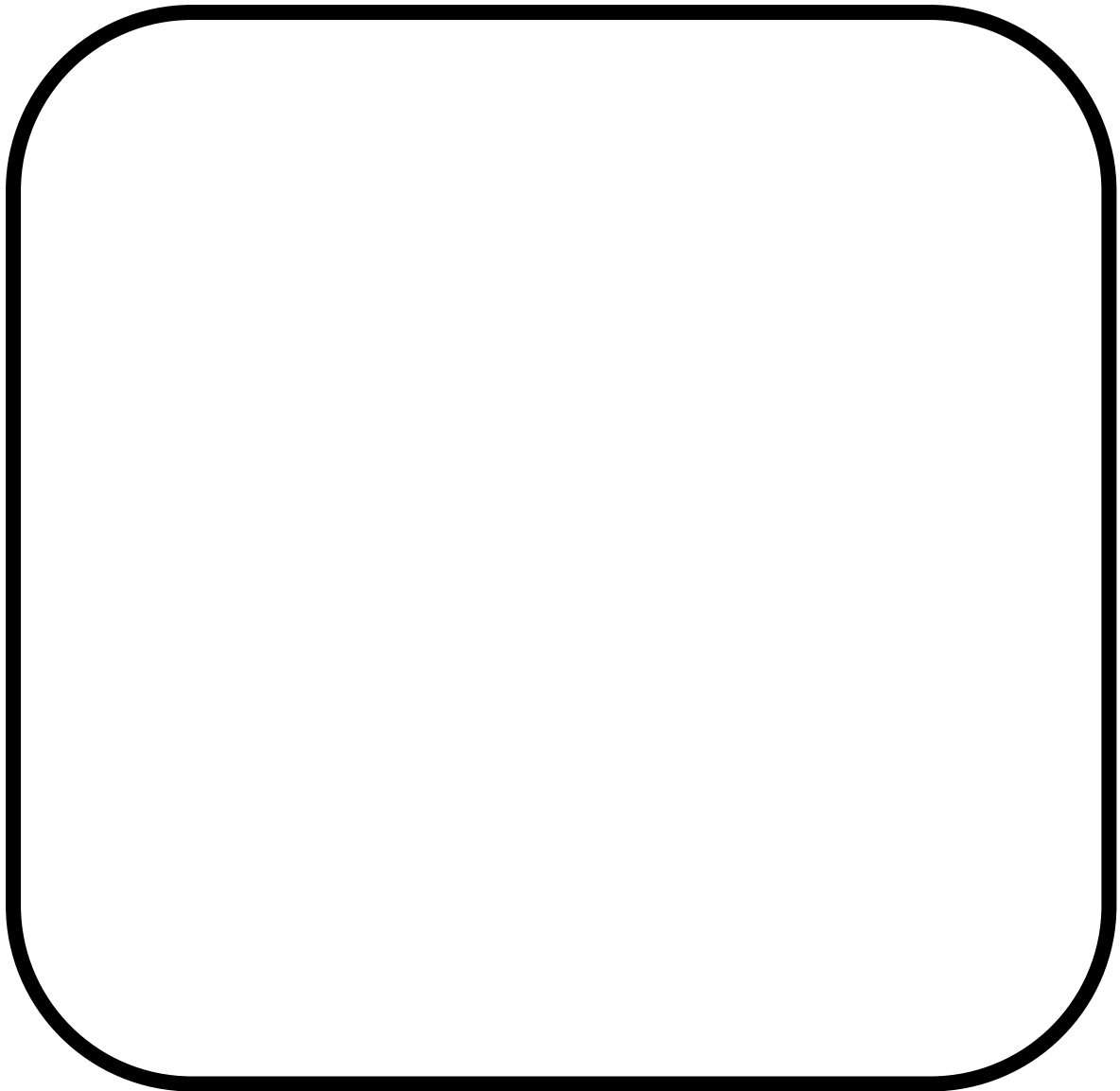
Plants, like hogweed and cow parsley, grow at the edges of the paths. They have flowers in the spring and seeds in autumn.
Which is your favourite time of year?



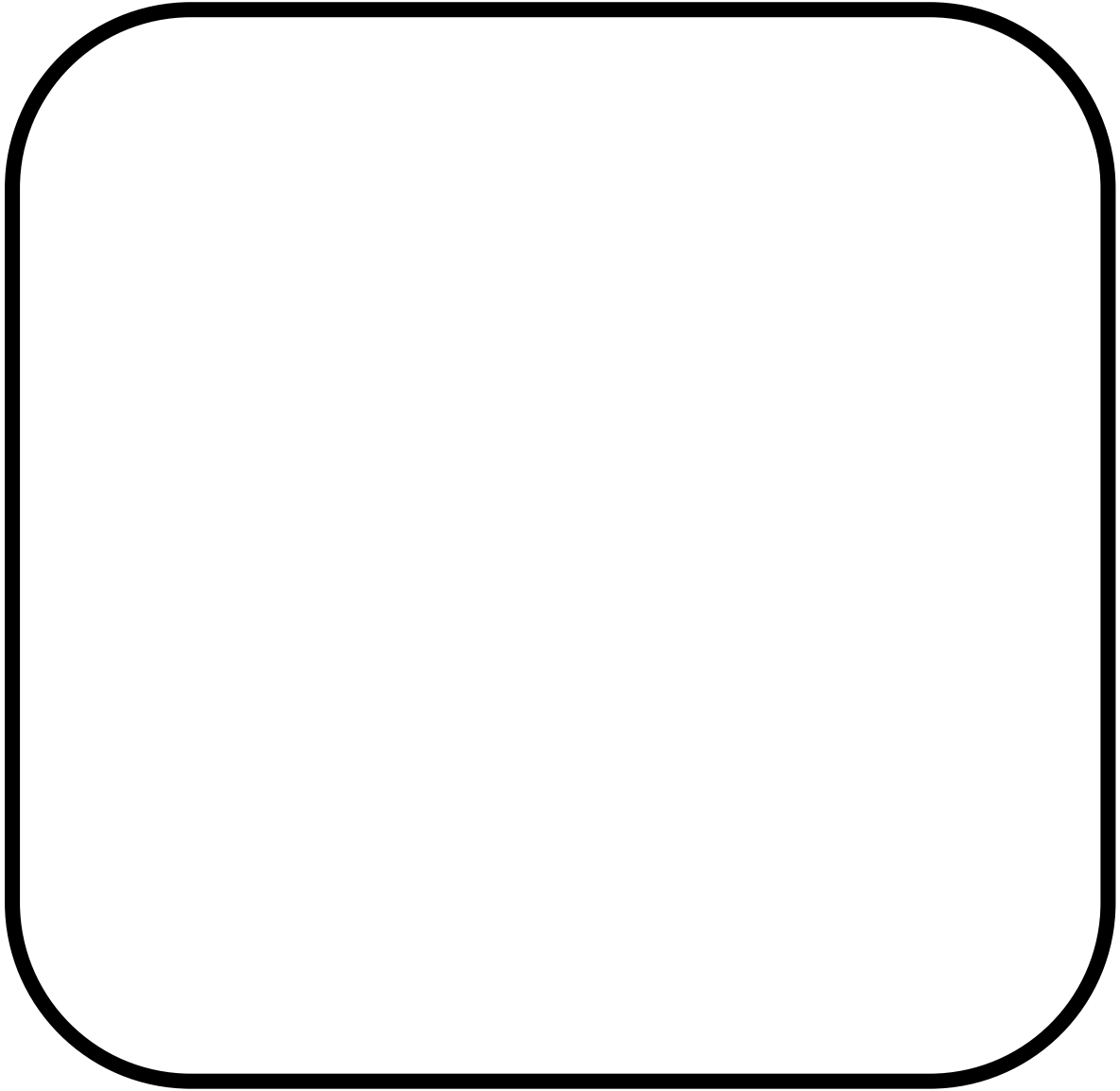
Rowan berries are red and are probably the brightest and prettiest berries in the wood! Can you think of a benefit for the tree for having such bright berries?

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thick black border. The box is oriented vertically and occupies most of the page's width and height. It is intended for a student to write their answer to the question below.

Finding a feather is a great clue that wildlife has been here.
Can you think of any other clues you might find that wildlife have left behind?



In the summer, there are lots of speckled wood butterflies fluttering along the sunny stretches of the paths.
What do you think they are looking for?



Small birds, like Great Tits, like to hide in thorny bushes when they feel scared. Why are thorny bushes like Hawthorn a good place to hide?