

Ansty Pictorial

2019 so far ...



Aileen's Bridge, Ansty, in the snow.
February 1st 2019



Parts of Ansty were hit by a localised heavy hail shower late in the afternoon of April 2nd 2019. The blooming Prunus tree matches the hail covered surroundings well. The lone sheep in the field remained where it was throughout the downpour and for a while after!





There were plenty of light 'April showers' in Ansty on the 26th April 2019 but actually the month overall was quite sunny with a very warm spell in the third week of the month.



Ten years ago there were quite a few lightly wooded bluebell areas in Ansty but conditions have conspired to reduce both the size and number of these amazing flowers. Still if you are prepared to walk a little around Ansty you will still be rewarded as this picture shows! May 5th 2019



A warm, largely dry and sunny May encouraged rapid vegetation growth be it trees or ground-cover. June 8th 2019



By contrast June was quite cool and wet until the last 5 days of the month when temperatures rocketed and there were long sunny spells. 8th June 2019



The miserable wet June lasted from the 7th until the 20th. A train of depressions swept up from the south bringing much rain and swirling winds. Here – early on June 11th a fallen tree completely blocks Ansty's High Street until Wiltshire Council removed it quite promptly!



The wet June weather ensured that cereal crops were growing well. Warm sun and drier weather then arrived at the right time.



This picture taken on 16th June 2019 shows a heavy shower cloud moving west to east to the north of Ansty. The grass looks lush and green. The Ansty PYO maize maze is just taking shape...



Common Spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsia* – one of several species of orchids to be found thriving on Ansty Down.

Inset – A barley field above Ansty Coombe on Horwood farm looking good on 14th July 2019.
Main Picture: Just over a week later it had all been harvested in glorious weather. 25-07-2019
A great job too – as the weather was about to break!



We are always happy to receive photographs from villagers or visitors that show off the wonderful variety of landscapes within our parish.