

LETTERS to the Editor...

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Dear Editor,

We would like to say 'thank you' to all the volunteers who so kindly collected and delivered our prescriptions for us while we were shielding. We also want to thank our wonderful neighbours who helped with our shopping when family members couldn't.

Geoff and Louise Anderson

Dear Editor,

Recently I heard a commotion on the beck on Ryland Road playing fields, with a duck making distressed noises. I went to look, thinking there would be a dog in the beck chasing a duck. What I saw was a 12-13-year-old boy, in the beck, very aggressively throwing a brick at a duck that was about six feet away. It seemed, from the noises I heard, that he had chased it down the beck. The boy just laughed when challenged. The incident has been reported to the police, who have a description of the culprit. This is difficult to believe, but perhaps people in the area could keep an eye out and report any similar behaviour. Disturbing and attacking wildlife, as we all know, is an offence.

A Concerned Resident

Dear Editor,

I notice in Jim Blainey's article in the August issue of the **NEWS** that he refers to a group of partridges as a 'family'. I have always known them as a 'covey' and therefore checked the Oxford English Dictionary for confirmation. It states *Covey – a brood of partridges, family, party or set*.

I wonder if anyone else picked this up?

Chris Jackson

In fact, Jim Blainey did not mention partridges in his article (A Visit to Slimbridge). It was Jack Falcon who called a group of partridges a 'family' in his 'Nature Watch' article. In Jack's article in this issue he acknowledges this correction. The Editor.