

## **CRUEL CATAPULT ATTACK ON WILDLIFE IN SHAMLEY GREEN**

On Wednesday 4th May a very disturbing incident was reported in Madgehole Lane. Residents were in their garden when a white van went past and then stopped. They then heard some thwacking pinging noises and went to investigate. Two youths with dark hair aged about 16 and 20 were firing a serious catapult at the moorhens and other wildlife on a pond opposite. When challenged they asked if the person was 'mental' and clearly thought they were doing nothing wrong.

Possibly the same two youths and white van were spotted by the main duck pond on the Green two weeks previously. This may explain 13 missing ducklings?

This cruel incident yesterday has been reported to the police, but as a Village we need to be vigilant to ensure it does not happen again and if the pair and the white van are seen again this should be reported to the police immediately. I would suggest as a catapult is involved better not to challenge them yourself!

Claire Jenkinson

Shamley Green Parish Magazine June 2022