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Usually, if you want to find snow in South East England in the days before Christmas, you should take a look at a Christmas card - not out of the window.

On the late afternoon of December 10, the trees on the edges of Beacon Wood Country Park appeared autumnal beneath a blue sky (above). The next day, at New Ash Green, we saw frosty plants beneath cloud and gloom.

This year, snow fell during the evening December 11, and by the morning of December 12, many people found themselves unable to travel safely to work (next page). Public information advice was not to attempt to travel unless it was absolutely necessary.

This was a notable event, enjoyable for some, but unwelcome for others.

We send our seasonal greetings to all of our readers.

We hope that 2023 will see the world swing towards a more positive future for the natural world and the human communities who depend upon it for their life support systems.

The Winter Solstice will arrive on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

From that date onwards, the days will begin to lengthen again, although dark and cold months remain ahead.



Snow had smothered the fields of Ash, Kent on December 12, 2022.

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