

**New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 3**

With the very variable weather this week numbers on all routes were much lower with only 230 butterflies recorded in total. This equated to 3.57 butterflies/km which is still better than 2016 (2.59/km) but far less than 2015 (8.05/km).

Dibden Bottom is the only route with no sightings to date.

Species were dominated by Speckled Wood. Brimstone sightings are now on the wane.

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	1	Janesmoor Plain	2
Badminton	12	Keeping Marsh	4
Barton Common	11	Kings Copse	5
Beaulieu Heath	2	Lepe	10
Blackwater	6	Mockbeggar	Transect not Walked
Breamore	52	Normandy Marsh	4
Broadley	Transect not Walked	Perrywood Ivy	21
Dibden Bottom	0	Pignal	4
Fields Heath	29	Pondhead	Transect not Walked
Frohawk	1	Pondhead Wood	Transect not Walked
Godshill	8	Rockford	0
Hasley	1	Standing Hat	9
Hawkhill	13	Studland Common	7
Holmsley	9	Vales Moor	0
Ibsley	0	Warren Farm	15
Janesmoor	4		

Species	Count
Speckled Wood	125
Peacock	23
Orange-tip	19
Brimstone	16
Holly Blue	14
Small White	9
Green-veined White	8
Red Admiral	5
Small Tortoiseshell	5
Large White	3
Comma	3

Also recorded was an Adder dance in Frohawk; Dartford Warbler and Stonechat in Rockford

## **Information**

### **National Trust Routes.**

Please note that the w/e National Trust number quoted on the Final Rota for 2017 should not be used. Please use 0796 765 7006 as for weekdays.

### **Butterfly Conservation Walks**

Butterfly Conservation walks at Magdalen Hill Down are starting at 14:30 on 03 May, 07 June & 11:00 on 05 July, 02 August & 06 September - not as previously advised.

### **Keep an Eye Open**

Small Copper have been recorded at Blashford so are likely to be on our transects soon.

Species are emerging earlier this year so it is quite possible that those on the Brockenhurst routes could get a glimpse of Pearl-bordered Fritillary during the latter part of the week.

Green Hairstreak have been seen in Hampshire so look out for this widespread but often missed species. Section 3 of Barton Common is always a good spot.

Small Heath should also be seen soon.

## **Images**





Speckled Wood,  
Blackwater – Linda  
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Brimstone, Holmsley  
– Trevor B



Green-veined White,  
Breamore – Ian LW