

A cooler week for sure but still a good total count of 914 butterflies at a density of 8.77 butterflies/kilometre which is still greater than any previous year for this week or indeed up to Week 11.



Fourteen different species over all transects. It was good to hear that so many recorders had seen Green Hairstreak for the first time. With so many 'White' species now flying, please be as careful as you can with your identification and if you are not sure of a sighting, then please omit from your record sheet. Hopefully the weather will improve as next week progresses and Pearl-bordered Fritillary will make an appearance.

We have 'tweaked' our database and can now easily include the number of different species seen on each route during the week and also the number of routes where each species was recorded.

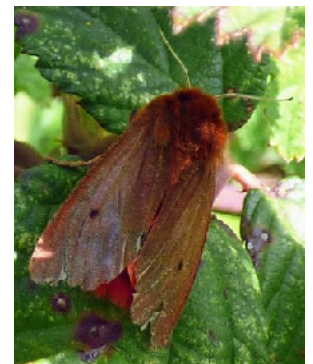
**Results for Week 4**

Transect	Count	No of Species	Transect	Count	No of Species	Transect	Count	No of Species
Acres Down	21	3	Fields Heath	61	7	Mockbeggar	25	4
Badminton	30	7	Frohawk	15	4	Normandy Marsh	1	1
Ballard	5	3	Furzey Gardens	9	3	Perrywood Ivy	13	3
Barton Common	13	3	Godshill	33	4	Pignal	11	2
Beaulieu Heath	2	2	Great Linford	22	5	Pimlico Fields	7	3
Black Down	*	*	Hasley	10	3	Pondhead	11	4
Blackwater	12	2	Hawkhill	22	4	Pondhead Wood	16	4
Blashford North	25	6	Hightown Common	8	1	Rockford	4	3
Blashford South	26	7	Holmsley	61	5	Roe North	42	4
Breamore	110	8	Ibsley	4	4	Roe South	35	4
Broadley	47	2	Janesmoor	19	3	Roydon Commons	7	3
Broomy Plain	*	*	Janesmoor Plain	11	2	Southern Fields	54	7
Claypits Bottom	*	*	Keeping Marsh	8	2	Standing Hat	4	3
Cloven Hill	24	4	Kings Copse	35	4	Studland Common	7	4
Dibden Bottom	2	2	Lepe	15	6	Vales Moor	6	4
Dur Hill	*	*	Little Linford	8	2	Warren Farm	13	6
						Wilverley Plain	*	*

\*Single species' transects due to start in Week 9.

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Brimstone	342	38	Holly Blue	34	10	Red Admiral	7	5
Speckled Wood	284	37	Green-veined White	29	9	Comma	4	2
Orange-tip	94	15	Green Hairstreak	14	6	Small Tortoiseshell	1	1
Small White	50	16	Small Copper	8	5	Small Heath	1	1
Peacock	39	17	Large White	7	5			

**Moths to Spot:** As we move into May many of the moths seen most frequently last year should be taking to the wing, so please click on the links below to remind yourself what to look for! On heathland, we've already had reports of good numbers of Common Heath. Look out also for Latticed Heath - similar in appearance but with clearer cross lines and don't forget the Emperor Moth. If your transect goes through Bracken, remember to watch for Brown Silver-line popping up and settling down again, while those walking woodland transects may spot the lovely Speckled Yellow flitting along rides.



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The following websites may help with weather conditions near to your transect:  
 For the west, <https://www.weatherhq.co.uk/weather-station/bournemouth-airport>,  
 For the east, <http://www.southamptonweather.co.uk/>,  
 For the coast, [https://weatherfile.com/location?loc\\_id=GBR00002](https://weatherfile.com/location?loc_id=GBR00002),  
 For central areas, <http://www.tottonweather.co.uk>  
 For northern areas, <http://www.fordingbridgeweather.co.uk/>.

Please be as accurate as you can. The guidelines on the F2 Recording Form & G2 Guidelines give an approximation for wind etc.