

Thank you to all those who managed to get out and get a result during this first possible week of recording. We were very pleased that so many transects on Crown Land could be covered when the release only came on Monday morning. We still have restrictions on a few transects and are awaiting results from others but the situation is improving.

A total of 274 butterflies were reported from 28 routes equating to 4.04 butterflies/km. This is the lowest density for Week 7 since the group commenced back in 2010. However, perhaps we are approaching an early June 'Lull'?



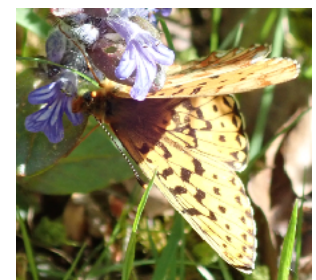
Common Blue - Mandy Smith

Results Week 7 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down6	2	Fields Heath 17	7	Normandy Marsh.....5	3
Badminton.....8	3	Frohawk.....23	3	Perrywood Ivy.....16	4
Ballard13	4	Furzey Gardens..... l/d		Pignal21	3
Barton Common8	4	Godshill6	4	Pimlico Fields l/d	
Beaulieu Heath2	1	Great Linford a/r		Pondhead..... a/r	
Black Down*	*	Hasley2	2	Pondhead Wood..... a/r	
Blackwater n/w		Hawkhill7	4	Rockford.....3	2
Blashford North..... l/d		Hightown Common.....0	0	Roe North..... a/r	
Blashford South l/d		Holmsley.....8	4	Roe South n/w	
Breamore.....63	6	Ibsley0	0	Roydon The Commons ... l/d	
Broadley7	4	Janesmoor.....6	2	Southern Fields l/d	
Brockishill4	4	Janesmoor Plain.....2	2	Standing Hat16	2
Broomy Plain*	*	Keeping Marsh l/d		Studland Common2	2
Claypits Bottom*	*	Kings Copse.....18	3	Vales Moor0	0
Cloven Hill l/d		Lepe10	6	Warren Farm l/d	
Dibden Bottom.....1	1	Little Linford..... a/r		Wilverley Plain*	*
Dur Hill*	*	Mockbeggar..... a/r			

*Single species' transects due to start in Week 9. n/w - not walked. l/d - still subject to lockdown. a/r - awaiting results

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Brimstone.....	77	19	Green-veined White	10	5
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	64	4	Holly Blue.....	10	7
Small White.....	27	7	Green Hairstreak.....	5	3
Speckled wood	26	11	Red Admiral.....	5	3
Large White	15	9	Peacock	4	2
Orange-tip.....	13	4	Small Heath.....	4	3
Common Blue	11	3			



Pearl-bordered Fritillary - Jacky Adams

Brimstone was the most common species with nearly half of those seen being at Breamore; a good number also in Kings Copse. Pearl-bordered Fritillary are thankfully still around in the Brockenhurst area although the peak is now passed. Green Hairstreak will also be around for a while yet and the 'multi-brooded' Small Heath is now on the wing.

Moths to Spot: This coming week is one of our busiest for day flying moths. Please look out for: Brown Silver-line - these can be disturbed anywhere there is Bracken and will generally fly low for a short distance before settling back down into vegetation. In flight they appear light in colour with a 'rusty edge'. Common Heath is seen on heathland transects and is also found on a number of our woodland rides. This can be quite variable in colour, with distinctive darker cross-lines. Mother Shipton- a small 'skipper' sized moth with a very distinctive pattern on its wings, said to resemble the outline of a witch's face. Speckled Yellow - a moth that flies fast along woodland rides at about chest height. Easily mistaken for a butterfly, this moth is similar in size to a Holly Blue but in flight appears brownish yellow.