



**Butterfly
Conservation**

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

**Butterfly Conservation
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Branch**

Welcome to our first e-Newsletter of 2018. I hope you had a very enjoyable festive season and my best wishes for an excellent butterfly and moth New Year!

Three notices for your attention:

1. Butterfly Transect and Wider Countryside Recorders' Conference

Date & time: **Saturday 17 February 2018, 10am to 3pm**

Venue: Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton

Address: The Hall Way, Littleton, Winchester, SO22 6QL, Grid ref: SU455324

This popular conference is held once every three years, and will be of interest to anyone in Hampshire & Isle of Wight who is currently involved in, or would like to be involved, in Butterfly Transect recording and Wider Countryside Butterfly monitoring. The day will comprise a series of talks about aspects of transect recording, data submission, butterfly trends, and the use of transect data to guide site management to benefit butterflies (and moths).

The event is free, but you need to register in advance to confirm your place, due to the capacity of the venue, and for catering purposes.

To confirm your place, please email Linda Barker, lindabarker4@btinternet.com by the end of January 2018. Full details of the Programme will be posted on the Butterfly Conservation (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Branch) web-page when available.

2. Butterfly Identification Course (2018)

“Identification of Hampshire’s butterflies and day-flying moths”

6 evening meetings (7.30-9.00p.m., 7 Feb – 14 March 2018)

Following the popularity of previous courses, Andy Barker will be running a butterfly identification course for beginners and those who wish to further their knowledge. The course will focus on identification features of butterflies and day-flying moths, but will also discuss habitat requirements and the status of each of Hampshire’s butterflies. A brief introduction to those species not found in Hampshire will also be given. The aim is to inspire people to go out and enjoy, record, and raise awareness of our butterflies, moths and their habitats.

The course will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7.30- 9.00p.m., commencing 7 February and ending 14 March 2018. It will take place at Shawford Village Hall, just south of Winchester, and close to Shawford railway station. The full course is priced at a modest **£20 per person**, but places are limited to a maximum of 20 people, and must be pre-booked by emailing Andy Barker (email: aj3barker@btinternet.com). Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please book early. Once your place has been confirmed, you will then be asked to send a cheque made payable to "Butterfly Conservation Hampshire Branch".

Full details of the programme of the course can be found on the Butterfly Conservation (Hants & IoW Branch) website under "Transect Training Days".

3. Turn old stamps and coins

If you have old coins and stamps buried in a dark cupboard in your home, why not bring them to the next Branch AGM in November this year and help us raise valuable funds for our conservation work? A Butterfly Conservation member collects any and all coins and stamps, of any age and from any country, and makes a donation to the Branch. All old coins and stamps have some value, apparently. Stamps can be in albums or loose but taken off envelopes at a margin of around 1 - 2 cm. Old bank notes are also accepted from any country.

Simply bring the stamps and coins to the AGM and we will do the rest. There is no need to sort the items. If you cannot attend the AGM in person, please pass any donations to a friend or Branch Committee member. Start collecting!

Many thanks

Clive Wood
Chair