

TYTHERLEY WOODS PROJECT

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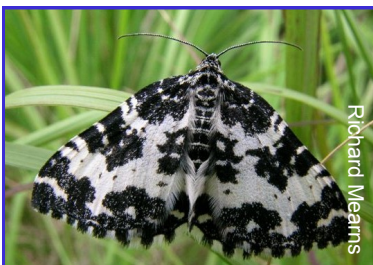
Part of Butterfly Conservation's South East Woodlands Project

Final Newsletter

It has been a great summer in the Tytherley Woods, with lots of butterflies and moths responding to the recent management work carried out. Unfortunately, after three fantastic years the main phase of the Tytherley Woods Project is coming to an end in March 2011, so this is the final newsletter to update you on everything we have achieved. The overall project report will be available early in the New Year at www.southeastwoodlands.org

Project Achievements 2008-2010

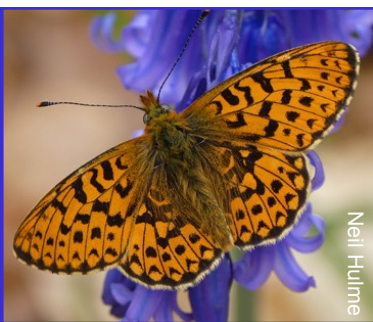
- 87 Surveys conducted by Project and Survey officer for key species across 26 woods
- 21 Work parties held and attended by over 150 volunteers (There are an additional 7 planned for 2010/11)
- 33 public events held and attended by around 1000 people
- Over 40 visits to 25 landowners providing management advice and help accessing grants
- Over £130,000 has been allocated under Forestry Commissions grants up to 2014



Richard Mearns

Summary of 2010 surveys

- 42 surveys for key species were made to 23 woods
- 34 butterfly species recorded
- 17 moth species recorded
- Wildcru Moth Research Project trapped 267 different species with a grand total of 4976 individuals



Neil Hulme

Project Site Success

Bentley- Work funded by SITA Trust was completed early in 2009 and colonised by Pearl-bordered Fritillaries over the last two seasons. The exciting news...

some of the same areas have also now been colonised by Argent and Sable moth which was confirmed with the larval survey's conducted this year!

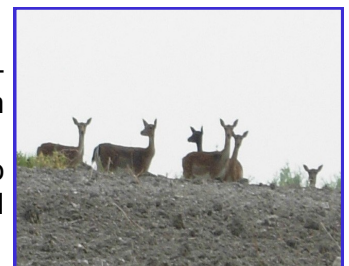
Upper Frenchmoor Copse- all your hard work has paid off!!! Three female Pearl-bordered Fritillaries were seen this year in the areas cleared by volunteers, which will hopefully become suitable breeding habitat.

This colonisation is as a result of the targeted management undertaken on this site.

Deer oh Deer!

Following discussions with the Deer Initiative and Forestry Commission, a meeting was held on 27th October 2010 with various landowners and managers from throughout the Tytherley Project area.

The meeting was successful with 18 landowners attending and in agreement to initiate a Tytherley Deer Group. This will hopefully benefit the key butterflies and moths that require successional habitat as well as tackling current deer levels.



Winter Work Parties 2010/11.....following last years coppicing and ride management success for key species help create more Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Duke of Burgundy and Argent and Sable habitat:

Date	Time	Wood	Task	Meeting Place	Contact
Sunday 16th Jan 2011	10-2pm	Bentley Wood	Coppicing and ride management.	Livery Gate entrance, Livery Road (SU238296).	Caroline Kelly 01929 406030
Sunday 14 th Nov 2010	10-3:30pm	Blackmoor Copse	Coppicing or related woodland management tasks.	Entrance to the reserve at Ben Lane crossroads (SU 234 288).	Caroline Kelly 01929 406030
Sunday 21 st Nov 2010	10:30-4:00pm				
Sunday 5th Dec 2010	10-4pm	Mottisfont	Coppicing and ride management	Mottisfont Wood Yard off B3084 (SU313 274)	Butterfly Conservation Volunteer Colin Matthews 01794 388272
Sunday 19th Dec 2010	10-4pm				
Sunday 6th Feb 2011	10-4pm				
Sunday 6th March 2011	10-4pm				

For more information and to book a place contact Tytherley Woods Survey Officer Caroline Kelly 01929 406030 or e-mail ckelly@butterfly-conservation.org

No experience necessary as all tools and training are provided but please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear and bring a packed lunch and drink. Please ensure you have an up-to-date tetanus vaccination.

What Happens Now?

Monitoring of key species is essential to continue to assess the impact of all the hard work and habitat management that has occurred over the past three years. If you feel you could help monitor or have records for butterflies, moths or both **please** contact/send your records to:

Butterflies- Wiltshire- Mike Fuller, 01225 864122 e-mail fullermike@btinternet.com

Hampshire- Linda Barker, e-mail lindabarker4@btinternet.com

Moths- Wiltshire- Marc Taylor, 01793 490487, e-mail

wilts_moth_group@yahoo.co.uk

Hampshire- Tim Norriss, 01264 354944, e-mail tim@kitsmail.com



Who can I contact in the future.....

- For woodland management and English Woodland Grant Scheme enquiries contact: Forestry Commission, Woodland Officer, Wiltshire-Ian Briscoe 01672 511767 or ian.briscoe@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
Hampshire-John Stride 01483 326214 or john.stride@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
- For Natural England's Stewardship Scheme enquiries contact: Wiltshire-Margaret Feneley 0300060 4023, Hampshire- Harold Makant 03000604931
- Any butterfly or moth queries contact:: Butterfly Conservation on 01929 400209 or e-mail info@butterfly-conservation.org
- For Habitat Management Advice contact: Butterfly Conservation, Senior Regional Officer, South East England, Dan Hoare, 02392 597612 or dhoare@butterfly-conservation.org

Our thanks go to all the project funders, particularly The Heritage Lottery Fund and Tubney Charitable Trust, and to the Forestry Commission, Natural England and Hampshire County Council for their vital support. Particular thanks to the landowners who have been involved and supported the project and key species through targeted habitat management on their land as well as allowing access to monitor species responses.

A very special thank you to the local Wiltshire and Hampshire branches of Butterfly Conservation and particularly all the volunteers who have enthusiastically participated at events and conducted monitoring during the time of the project, your involvement in the project has been invaluable, long may it continue!



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