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Wednesday 30th January

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant garden (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "In some rare sun!").

Sunday 27th January

Andrew Brookes reports from Cosham (SU658055) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Basking in a front garden").

David Buckler reports from Pamber Forest (SU612609) where the following observations were made: **Brimstone** (1), Red Admiral (1). "In warm sunshine, butterfly corner. HWT walk."

Tuesday 15th January

I received a phone call from my friend Paul Morrison who lives at Stanpit, on the edge of Christchurch Harbour who told me a Small White had emerged from a compost bin in his garden on 9/1/13, which I thought was pretty amazing. He then went on to tell me he had found a freshly dead female Holly Blue in a nearby road close to his home on 14/1/13. The Small White emerged with a slightly damaged wing and was still alive in his house on 15/1/13. He still has the Holly Blue which he had picked up and brought home. It is likely the Holly Blue succumbed to the heavy rain soon after it had just emerged. These are the earliest sightings of these species I have heard of for 2013 so far.



Small White & Holly Blue

Friday 11th January

Sue Lambert reports from Needs Ore Point (SZ417976) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Strongly flying along the fir trees").

Andy Butler and Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay, Ventnor Isle of Wight (SZ572776) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (3 "All feeding on Winter heliotrope at the base of the cliff."). "Very springlike day, plenty of warm sunshine. All three feeding together on the drifts of Winter heliotrope".



Painted Lady



Painted Lady

Anne McCue reports from Monk's Walk, Gosport (SU604024) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1220".

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver (east), Gosport (SU582000) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1440".

Michael Clarke reports from Old Sloden (SU212128) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking on an oak").

Wednesday 9th January

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU747232) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying along High Street late AM in dull weather").

PETER CUNNINGHAM reports from LOW PENNINGTON LANE (SZ349961) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "photographed and pristine."). "quite bright day on xmas holiday doing a bit of birdwatching 07939 123587".

Tuesday 1st January 2013

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Esplanade (SZ569774) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Pristine condition basking in the sun").



Painted Lady



Wall Lizard

Joanna Crosse reports from The Close, Winchester Cathedral (SU482291) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking and flying").

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "seen basking in the sun on a yew tree").

Stephen Harvey reports from Deadman Hill, New Forest (SU193164) where the following observations were made: . "I disturbed an unidentified medium size butterfly in an area of gorse and tussocky heath near Deadman Hill, in the north-west corner of he New Forest. I didn't see enough to identify it, but my best guess would be one of the following: Small Tortoiseshell, Comma or possibly Painted Lady. All seem unlikely. It was bitterly cold. I'm pretty certain it was not a moth."

colin beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU512295) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen at the top of the Extension."). "Seen at midday with Phil Budd and Jayne Chapman".

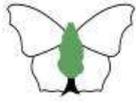
Nigel Jones reports from Keyhaven (SZ3292) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "A ragged example battling along the sea wall. Seen well by three people.").

Steve Mansfield reports from Alresford (river Alre) (SU580330) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying in sun").

Richard & Julia Coomber reports from Pennington (SZ3194) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "One flew across garden 13:00 hrs").

Mary Parker reports from Clapgate Copse, near Mottisfont (SU326281) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying over a hedge and then sunning itself on the hedge - bright sunshine, c 2pm"). "1 january was a warm sunny day Butterfly seen where the Mottisfont estate path reaches the lane going north from Mottisfont".

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Tuesday 19th February

Roger Powley reports from Newtown Isle of Wight (SZ422906) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying along hedge outside church in warm midday sunshine").

Chris Hall reports from Tweseldown Wood (SU821522) where the following observations were made: **Comma** (1 "basking on a bank").

Peter E. Hutchins reports from Sherfield-on-Loddon (SU675579) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Seen by Colin Lander about an allotment").

Monday 18th February

Geoff Rapley reports from National Trust, Foxbury (SU303181) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "A clear view in the sun - my first sighting of 2013".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking"). "1120".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying"). "1215".

Anne McCue reports from Cocked Hat,Gosport (SZ591998) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking on a wall"). "1200".

Chris Hall reports from Norris Hill (SU832533) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking and flying"). "Bright sun, about 8 degrees. Seen again ten minutes later in an adjacent ride, presumably the same butterfly."

Sunday 17th February

Ben Cooke reports from Shatterford (SU337052) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "See fleetingly during warm spell around midday."

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "First butterfly of the year.").

Saturday 16th February

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Hook Scrape (SU491048) where the following observations were made: **Small Tortoiseshell** (1 "basking & flying"). "1300".

Roy Johnson reports from Westfield Road,Gosport (SU600000) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "flying around my garden"). "1200-1330,& on 17th Feb".

Friday 15th February

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU550246) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "First this year, sunning on a tree").

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1440".

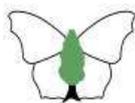
Thursday 14th February

David W Hunt reports from Beaulieu - Palace Gardens (SU387029) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on Winter Pansy in Veg Garden. Faded, but otherwise good condition.").

Ashley Atkins reports from Haselworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1630".

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Sunday 31st March

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking & flying"). "1220 BST".

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley Footpath (SU502144) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Seen in bright sunshine with a little cloud at midday."

Thursday 14th March

Ed Chapman reports from George Street, Kingsclere (SU527586) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Seen basking in a Kingsclere back garden this afternoon."

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking on nettles & flying"). "1400".

Robin Harley reports from Mude Valley Nature Reserve (SZ180926) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking and flying").

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (0 "Also Red Admiral").

Wednesday 13th March

Clive Wood reports from Charity Farm, Selborne (SU735319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (1 Egg "On fresh sucker near Charity Farm"). "Found during an assessment of hedgerow management in the area."

Monday 11th March

Ashley Whitlock reports from 11 redlands grove southsea (SU673998) where the following observations were made: [Small White](#) (1).

Wednesday 6th March

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Tuesday 5th March

Terry Hotten writes: "Despite the overnight frost a male Brimstone was flying at Cove, SU860560, at 11.30 this morning."

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Male"). "During our conservation day we were surrounded by Brimstones. I saw 4 together at one time but there were probably more as they were seen at both ends of the wood at similar times. Pity we are forecast rain tomorrow. One other dark butterfly was seen but not identified."

Hazel Rouse reports from Staunton Country Park (SU718093) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "In lovely sunshine!").

Graeme Davis reports from Lloyds Banking Group, Charlton Place (SU362459) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Bob Lyle reports from Monk Sherbourne (SU65C) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"). "Beautiful day in the garden, found the above in the warm sun."

Peter E. Hutchins reports from Woodlands, Overton (SU511495) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Seen by Alison Hutchins").

Chris Hall reports from Fleet (SU8153) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2). "From late morning onwards, in my Fleet garden, neighbouring streets and also seen at Pyestock (SU8354). Also seen by friends today in Crookham Village SU7952 and Church Crookham SU8151."

Clive Wood reports from St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Basking in bright sun on shingle"), Brimstone (2), Small White (1).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU579338) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "one comma flying in the track in front of us, had to chase it till stopped ,it was only then were we able to see what it was".



Comma

Fred Gibson reports from West of River Alver(west), Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying"). "1100".

David Tinling reports from Anglesey Gardens, Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male basking & flying"). "1055".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying"). "1230".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking"). "1510".

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill (SU650063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "males"). "1210".

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill (SU647064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "males"), Red Admiral (1). "1145-1230".

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill (SU640064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "males"), Comma (2). "1245".

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill (SU638065) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (1). "1315-1400".

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Bishop's Dyke (SU3306) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4).

Philip Hack reports from Upton, Nursling, Southampton (SU376173) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "Flying and feeding in my garden during the sunny weather late morning."

Anna Stewart reports from Fieldfare, Palm Hall close (SU490293) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "first of the year, second sunny day"), Red Admiral (2 "first of the year, second sunny day").

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU509291) where the following observations were made: **Speckled Wood** (1).

Tony Filbee reports from Newtown Common (SU468633) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "First of season"), Brimstone (1 "First of season"), Peacock (1 "First of season").

Barrie Roberts reports from Weeke, Winchester (SU476305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Excellent condition, around most of morning"). "Warm sunshine, clear skies".

Monday 4th March

Chris Hall reports from Church Crookham (SU8252) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1). "Both flying and basking along the wide ride at Aunts Pool Heath on the edge of Church Crookham. Also a bumble bee."

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Ringway west, Basingstoke (SU625515) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male flying along ringway verge."). "Saw this butterfly within a few hundred metres of where I saw my first Brimstone on almost the same date last year."

Saturday 2nd March

gary palmer reports from new milton (SZ248963) where the following observations were made: swallow-tailed moth (1 Larval "on ivy"). "A brief look in my own garden this morning found the above, 32mm long, got some growing to do i think."

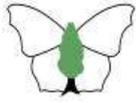


Swallow-tailed Moth



Swallow-tailed Moth

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Tuesday 30th April

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551092) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Andrew Brookes reports from Park Place Nursery, Wickham (SU563118) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Terry Stevens reports from Rooksbury Mill Lakes (SU3544) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Orange-tip (4 "3 male, 1 female"), Brimstone (2), Comma (2), Peacock (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Walligton Meadow (SU686072) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Small White (1), Brimstone (2), Comma (2), Peacock (1). "15:15".

stuart Read reports from parkhurst forest (SZ4691) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (24 "16m 8f"), Peacock (18), Comma (5), Orange-tip (2), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1). "It wasn't difficult to drag myself away from my computer on such a sunny day and I was rewarded with a good tally."

Terry Stevens reports from Sycamore Walk Andover (SU3445) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (0).

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Holly Blue (1 "Our first sighting of this species this year."), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Peacock (15), Small White (1). "This was a lunchtime visit and the first Alec and I have made to MHD this year. As well as the butterflies we also enjoyed seeing the cowslips and hearing the skylarks .".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381162) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "The first for the wood"), Holly Blue (2), Small White (2), Comma (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382162) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Small White (3), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1 "My first for the year").

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "Male"), Peacock (12), Comma (3), Brimstone (4 "Male"), Small White (1), **Duke of Burgundy** (1). "Sunny day 14 degrees with cool North-east wind. Cowslips are now showing well."



Duke of Burgundy

Tim Graham reports from MHD (SU509290) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (5), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Common Carpet (1), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (2). "Early afternoon (1 - 2). Short walk along bottom of escarpment."

Tim Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: **Duke of Burgundy** (1), Peacock (6), Brimstone (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Another short walk 2pm - 3pm. Not many butterflies around. Duke of Burgundy roosting on cowslips and very considerate for photos. Peacocks were in pairs dancing round each other up in the air. 15C, slight breeze, cowslips everywhere."



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Isle of Wight (SZ431904) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2).

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU641213) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "beautiful day but chill wind on the top".



Small Tortoiseshell



Peacock



Brimstone

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (4 "3 males 1female"), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave (420144) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Brimstone (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Cosham garden, Portsmouth (SU660056) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Holly Blue (2 "male & female"). "1350".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Large White (2), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (5), Speckled Wood (3). "1410".

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2).

Gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (2 "1 male 1 female"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (1). "A day in the garden found the above".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1000".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Road(east),Gosport (SZ601985) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1015".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "1045".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "female taking dandelion nectar"), Peacock (1). "1045-1110".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "1110".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "very small male taking dandelion nectar"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1130-1140".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614984) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "taking nectar from Erysimum (Cheiranthus) Bowles' Mauve"). "1145".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "in my garden"). "1400".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males"). "1530-1540".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3). "1540-1550".

Matthew Shaft reports from Budd's Farm Sewage Works (SU707051) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "At edge of Langstone Harbour shore.").

Matthew Shaft reports from Bedhampton Creek (SU7005) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3).

Monday 29th April

Dave Pearson reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU488273) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Village (SU315445) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Garden (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "(m) repeatedly "seeing off" the small white"). "11:00 - 12:00".

Chris Cobb reports from Wallington Meadow (SU686072) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Peacock (1). "15:00".

Ian Pratt reports from Ryde (SZ595925) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1). "Usual place in my office garden for a holly blue but one month later than normal!".

peter gardner reports from havent thicket (SU729117) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Peacock (3). "good sun chill wind glad to see them".



Peacock



Peacock



Orange-tip

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "very fresh,in my garden"). "1230;also male Small White & Comma again".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"). "1015".

Sunday 28th April

Mark tutton reports from Butser Hill (SU717204) where the following observations were made: [Grizzled Skipper](#) (1), Wood Tiger (2 Larval).

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

David Tining reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "very fresh,taking nectar from Euphorbia & Erysimum"). "0835".

Saturday 27th April

Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay,Ventnor,,IOW (SZ571776) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "In flight along base of cliff"), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Courting couple").

Friday 26th April

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant garden (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "First of the year - in strong cold wind!").

Andy Bolton reports from Morgaston Wood, Sherborne St. John (SU632567) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Seen on sunny bank behind The Vyne's bird hide.").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (3). "1310".

Anne McCue reports from Newport Road,Gosport (SU597004) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "private garden"). "1200".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "basking on nettles & flying"). "1400".

David Tinling reports from Mabey Paddock, Gosport (SZ612987) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1505".

Thursday 25th April

Mark Hows reports from Walters Copse (SZ431905) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Brimstone (5), Comma (4).



Large Tortoiseshell

RCS Bryant reports from Hassock Copse, Northington (SU538364) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "ranging along verge in bright sunshine"), Orange-tip (2), Small White (2).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Peacock (2), Comma (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (46), Peacock (11), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (2), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).



Brimstone

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Peacock (16), Comma (1), Orange-tip (5 "2 male (our first); 3 female").

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Male & female in garden").

Roger Powley reports from East Cowes Isle of Wight (SZ507945) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Adult female in my garden lunchtime today").

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6 "4 males 2 females").

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2 "males in aerial combat & basking on Alexanders"). "1110".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males, one taking dandelion nectar"). "1135-1215; also Comma 2 & Speckled Wood again".

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (2), Comma (2). "1240-1255 & 1705-1730".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (3), Comma (7). "1245-1320".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from West of River Alver(east), Gosport (SU581002) where the following observations were made: Comma (2). "1320-1335".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from West of River Alver(west), Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Comma (4). "1335-1410".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (7), Comma (7). "1415-1630".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Comma (1). "1545 & 1605".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3). "1550-1605".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5). "1740-1755".

peter gardner reports from tonys field (SU721267) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5). "very nice short walk but worth it".



Peacock



Peacock



Peacock

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "All males"), Peacock (1).

Wednesday 24th April

J Simmonds reports from Highgate Lane, Farnborough (SU876564) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (380349and379352) where the following observations were made: Peacock (9 "Two pairs doing mating dance (or is it rivalry?) Two feeding on large patches of flowering ground ivy on cleared scrub."), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Angle Shades (1 Larval "large larva resting on foliage by day in my garden").

Tuesday 23rd April

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave (420144) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (0).

RCS Bryant reports from Stratton Lane (SU553378) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "flying along verge in bright sunshine").

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "An extremely ragged example perched on a flowering currant!Peacock; Red Admiral; Brimstone; Small Tortoiseshell seen on South Browndown - SZ576994").

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane,Freshwater,IOW (SZ329877) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "In my back garden at 1210").

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382162) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (3 "All sunning on the paths"), Small White (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381162) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (2 "Feeding on laurel flowers"), Small White (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Saint Boniface Park (SU380163) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Small White (1 "My first of the year").

A.C.Smallbone reports from Rotherlands L.N.R. (SU764239) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Victoria Park, Portsmouth (SU639004) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Large White (1 "Male"), Small White (1 "Male, nectaring on Viburnum").

Chris Cobb reports from Portsdown West (SU622068) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "14:45 - 15:15").

Roger Pendell reports from Rotherlands LNR (SU766237) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (1), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Richard Carpenter reports from Hill Head (SU545026) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Mike Gregory reports from PEEL COMMON TREATMENT WORKS (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Orange-tip (3 "All males"), Small White (1), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1).

P A C Donaldson reports from Holmsley Inclosure (SU225016) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Comma (3), Peacock (1). "Observations made between 14.25 and 15.15."

Mark tutton reports from Butser hill (SU719210) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11 "One female - several males feeding on violets"), Comma (2), Peacock (8), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (SU642065) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Brimstone (2), Comma (2). "The above seen during short lunchtime walk in glorious sunshine."



Orange-tip



Orange-tip

Bob Whitmarsh reports from W Meon (6424) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Bob Whitmarsh walked the Hangers Way footpath (Petersfield to Alton) and recorded Brimstone (17), Comma (6), Peacock (11) and Orange-tip (3).

Paul Harfield reports from Sparsholt College (SU424318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "1 female and 3 males"). "Flying in very warm sunshine between 10.30 and 12.30".

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Orange-tip (3 "First in garden this year, 3 female").

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU586350) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1). "warmist day yet we also had 3male brimstone at froxfield highcross".



Comma

Mike Wildish reports from Appleshaw (SU305485) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from S of Appleshaw (SU305475) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "A male Brimstone flying in my sister's garden."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "5 Males 1 Female"). "Several Brimstones flying temperature was 16 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Finchdean (SU738129) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "4 Males 1 Female"). "On the way to Chalton Down saw 5 Brimstones flying near Finchdean."

Roy Symonds reports from New Road, Bdhampton (SU710068) where the following observations were made: Small White (1). "A Small White flying near to the Hermitage Steam on Bedhampton Road."

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh progeny from adults that emerged from hibernation in February"), Comma (1), Small White (1 "very small male").

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males in aerial combat & taking nectar from dandelion & forget-me-not"), Comma (2). "1040".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (6 "males"), Comma (2).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"). "1110;the first warm spring day on the Gosport coast,AT LAST!".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "taking nectar from Erysimum (Cheiranthus) Bowles' Mauve"). "1145".

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1). "1530".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Comma (3 "one basking on my bare forearm"), Speckled Wood (2 "very fresh"). "1650-1730".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1815".

David Tinling reports from Clayhall Road(east),Gosport (SZ612985) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "basking on a white house wall at 1900 & roosting there until midday on 24th").

Matthew Shaft reports from Copyhold Barn, Weston (SU729213) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Matthew Shaft reports from New Barn, Weston (SU727213) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (2).

Matthew Shaft reports from Butser Hill (SU7121) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 "8 males & 4 females").

Mike Gibbons writes: "On a visit to Walter's Copse on the Isle of Wight on 23rd April myself and small group saw up to 3 Large Tortoiseshells. The first was seen down on the ground around 13.40 but was very wary. Later Matthew Oates and myself had a tatty looking male down in a clearing from around 16.00 which showed well. Other species seen were 6+ Commas, 3 Peacocks, 1 Red Admiral and 6 Brimstones. I drove back to the ferry without incident, but only Matthew could find a large female Large Tortoiseshell flying over his car just outside the copse, as his car was held up on the journey back! "

Anne McCue reports from Meon Shore (SU526025) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "male & female"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1200".

Anne McCue reports from Brownich (SU520038) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Comma (1). "1245".

Anne McCue reports from Thatcher's Copse (SU529038) where the following observations were made: Small White (1). "1300".

Anne McCue reports from Titchfield Canal Path (SU536035) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (2), Comma (1). "1400;Cuckoo calling".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6), Brimstone (7), Comma (1).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from MHD (SU505291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20 "At least 18(M) and 7(F)"), Peacock (12), Small Tortoiseshell (10), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (2).



Peacock



Holly Blue



Small Tortoiseshell

Monday 22nd April

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse,Newtown,IOW (SZ431903) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1 "male"), Comma (5), Peacock (2). "The same male Large Tortoiseshell as observed since Friday last and found in the same spot,although I found the same butterfly at a location at least 100 metres away."



Peacock



Large Tortoiseshell

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"). "1135".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (8), Comma (4). "1210-1230 & 1335-1420".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Comma (1). "1235".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2). "1300-1315".

Anne McCue reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (2), Comma (1). "1410".

Sunday 21st April

Neil Ludford reports from Portchester (SU608057) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (1), Small White (1).

Maya Whitmarsh reports from Farley Mount (SU424297) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (6).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249930) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (3). "whilst recording bee species on sallow i saw the above".



Comma

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Peacock (9), Comma (4).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "males"), Peacock (4), Comma (2). "Red Kite overhead, warblers singing".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1). "1105".

Saturday 20th April

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane, Freshwater, IOW (SZ330878) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small White (1). "The first two butterflies of 2013 appeared in my back garden today."



Small White

Richard Hallett reports from Denmead Forest Road (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1).

Phil Lowe reports from Locks Heath (SU518073) where the following observations were made: **Holly Blue** (1 "Female in front garden on various plants").

Elaine Rice reports from Haseley Manor, Arreton, IW (SZ546856) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "Male"), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "All males"), Comma (5), Peacock (11).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Paul Harfield reports from Shamblehurst Lane (SU492144) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male flying"), Brimstone (1 "Male flying"). "Bright warm sunshine midday".

Paul Harfield reports from Grange Park, Hedge End (SU499143) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying, Basking and Feeding on Dandelions"), Brimstone (2 "Males flying"). "Bright warm sunshine 12.30".

Paul Harfield reports from Grange Park, Hedge End (SU496143) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male flying"). "Bright warm sunshine 12.30".

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley footpath (SU507141) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "Flying and Basking"). "Bright warm sunshine 4.30 pm".

gary palmer reports from Parkhurst Forest where the following observations were made: Comma (7), Peacock (3), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (possible) (1), Brimstone (6), **Large White** (1). "During a search for lichen species with a mixed group of lichenologist's, ecologist's and naturalist's the above were seen."

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley footpath (SU500143) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 "Flying, Basking, Feeding on Dandelion"). "Bright warm sunshine 4.30pm".

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley footpath (SU502144) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male flying and feeding on Dandelion"). "Bright warm sunshine 4.30pm".

gary palmer reports from walters cove (SZ430906) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Comma (3). "After leaving parkhurst forest we had a look for the large tortoiseshell, which was easily found marked by a group of admirers. It coming down to bask regularly and joust with the resident commas."



Comma



Large Tortoiseshell

gary palmer reports from tennyson down (SZ317850) where the following observations were made: dew moth (2 Larval). "After visiting walters cove a walk over the down and searching on our knees for more lichen species in the short turf phil budd found the above".



Dew Moth

Neil Hulme reports from Walter's Copse (SZ430906) where the following observations were made: Comma (7), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Large Tortoiseshell (2 "Two males, including same previously seen by Peter Hunt"), Orange Underwing (2), Dotted Bee Fly (1).



Large Tortoiseshell

Terry Stevens reports from Anton Lakes Andover (SU3647) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Peacock (2), Brimstone (6), Comma (2).

Terry Stevens reports from Sycamore Walk Andover (SU348450) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU710270) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1). "a beautiful day for it".



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

Sue Lambert reports from Blashford lakes (SU151079) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Peacock (7 "Mostly sunning on paths").

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382162) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1 "My first of the season").



Comma

Graeme Davis reports from Anton Lakes LNR (SU359467) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Comma (1), Peacock (4 "2 'Dancing' together"), Small Tortoiseshell (3), [Green-veined White](#) (1), Small White (1).

Sam Mackenzie reports from 42 Oakmount Ave (420144) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU626223) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Orange-tip (1 "Male first of the year"), Comma (1 "First of the year"), [Green-veined White](#) (0 "First of the year"), Peacock (1), Small White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU355445) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Beacon Hill, Warnford (SU600225) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (2 "males").

Anne McCue reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU640200) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (5 "3 males & 2 females").

Anne McCue reports from Droxford Church (SU608182) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1), Peacock (2).

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4), Peacock (2). "930-1015 & 1735-1750".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2). "1030-1055".

David Tining reports from Anglesey Gardens, Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1105".

David Tining reports from Ewer Common, Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "1545".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Comma (3 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1550-1600".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "1620".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "1650".

David Tining reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ585998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (2). "1720-1735".

Michael Scoggins reports from Woodlands allotments, Overton (512494) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4 "2 pairs at the same time! More than I saw the whole of 2012").

Friday 19th April

peter hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, IOW (SZ431905) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (4), Peacock (2), [Large Tortoiseshell](#) (1 "photos taken").

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Garden (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (1).

Clive Wood reports from Garage at St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "One rather dog-eared Peacock taking refuge in my garage on a fresh breezy day.").

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Lock (SU674008) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Brimstone (2). "A quick walk around my local Nature Reserve after work, with the warmth of the sun and little wind it was a pleasure to be out looking at the few butterflies on the wing. The Brimstone was the first time I've seen one at this site which was always nice to see. The Comma and Peacocks were defending their own territories. Also hovering over the grasses was a Kestrel, which is always on the wing here when I visit, and there was a Peregrine Falcon patrolling the skies over the back garden.".

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "These were both sunning themselves on the hard path. The Tortoiseshell was different one from that seen earlier in the week which had half a wing missing.".



Small Tortoiseshell

Mike Gregory reports from NOAHS LAKE/ ALVER VALLY (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male").

Colin Baker reports from Shortheath Pond (SU774369) where the following observations were made: Adela cuprella (60). "In line with the request by Lynn Fomison and Tim Norriss to search for Adela cuprella I decided to check out the Willows on the left hand side of the Oakhanger Angling Club carpark whilst having a midday snack, where the line of trees was about 75/100M. To my delight in five of the Willows I found a total of about 60 of these pretty Longhorn moths, which in sunlight, show vivid patterns of pink and yellow.".

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (1 "First in garden this year"), Peacock (1).

Thursday 18th April

Chris Cobb reports from Fareham Garden (SU573069) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Braving the wind but enjoying the sun.").

Geoff Jones reports from Carters Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (5 "including 2 in aerial battle and a perched female on bracken").

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Feeding on Lesser Celandine").

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU635228) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Sunny day. Seen in garden").

David Tining reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking & flying"), Comma (3 "basking & flying"). "1110-1120".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line (north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Comma (5 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1620".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line (south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1635".

Wednesday 17th April

Sue Lambert reports from Madgalan Hill Down (SU500292) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2). "The first BC walk of the year was on a dull and windy day. One Peacock was seen on the Allotments and the other near the northern gate. The cowslips and skylarks were memorable.".

Gary Palmer reports from Newlands Manor (SZ286933) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "seen flying around a woodland ride".

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (1).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (2).

Tuesday 16th April

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, IOW (SZ430904) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Very disappointing weather, hardly any sun and windy.").

Sue Lambert reports from Baker's Drove Field (SU381162) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (3), Brimstone (3). "The sun has at last brought out a few butterflies. It can only get better!".



Peacock

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (3).



Brimstone

Colin Baker reports from Fleet Pond (SU824552) where the following observations were made: Adela cuprella (10). "Having not found Adela cuprella in the past two years on a site near Fleet Pond car park, I have now checked the site three times and can report finding 10 individuals in the late evening sunshine today, which have clearly emerged in the past two days, barely 3M from where I originally found them flying at the top of Goat Willow (Salix caprea). As they caught the sunshine they glistened a gold/copper colour and the antennae of this longhorn moth could be clearly seen in white."

Lee Hulin reports from Spearywell Woodyard, Mottisfont. (SU314273) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males ranging near pond and scrub."), Comma (1 "Basking on sawdust near pond."), Red Admiral (1 "Basking on vegetation near pond.").

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU369139) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Peacock (12), Comma (7), Small Tortoiseshell (9).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "A cool day in the garden with some brief periods of milky sun found the above settled and bathing."



Peacock

peter gardner reports from sutton park (SU648249) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Comma (1), Peacock (2). "looking for one site found another a good one the sun came good".



Peacock



Comma

Barry Collins writes: "I had my first Speckled Wood of the year in my back garden yesterday (16th April) at Leigh Park SU713089."

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying"). "1610".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Comma (4 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1545".

Geoff Jones reports from Carters Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Geoff Jones reports from Carters Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Basking on bracken").

Monday 15th April

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU557358) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1). "the sun came out and so did the butterflies, worth the trip,always worth comming here for the first butterfly".



Comma



Comma



Peacock

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "freshly emerged male & female taking daisy nectar"), Comma (2 "basking & flying"). "1040".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red-tailed Bumblebee (1 "Bombus lapidarius queen"). "1330".

Sunday 14th April

Richard Hallett reports from Denmead Forest Road (SU648118) where the following observations were made: **Orange-tip** (1 "Female"), Comma (1 "On Primula").



Comma

RCS Bryant reports from Woodmancott Down (SU566426) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "flying along verges"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "on coltsfoot flower").

Ashley Whitlock reports from Portsdown Hill Transect route (SU673998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (10). "Today I managed to get a record away from my garden, and I walked the Portsdown Hill Transect route, and saw the Brimstone at last flying feverishly about making hay whilst the sun shines. (2) Females were seen as well with (2) males flying across the A275 Motorway! One Comma was relaxed enjoying the sunshine, and two Peacock males were battling for territory, spiralling upwards towards the heavens, and then back down again. Good to see so many butterflies after such a dismal start to the season. A Peregrine Falcon was also seen, hanging in the air like a Kite. Has the butterfly season at last started.....?".

Mike Gregory reports from NOAHS LAKE/ ALVER VALLY (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 m and 1 f").

Sue Lambert reports from Melchet Court (SU277226) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Male"), Red Admiral (1).

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (1 "very bedraggled").

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU373465) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Anton Lakes LNR (SU354468) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Graeme Davis reports from Path towards Anton Lakes (SU365466) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Stuart Read reports from firestone copse (SZ556913) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Brimstone (2). "The afternoon warmed up nicely and I made my first butterfly sightings of the year! Swathes of wood anemone in bloom."

Peter Vaughan reports from Hook Common (SU7153) where the following observations were made: Fox Moth (0 Larval "Two large Fox Moth caterpillars found under two separate reptile tins."), Brimstone (2 "One male one female."), Comma (1), Peacock (1).



Fox Moth larva

Clive Wood reports from St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "2 males, 1 female"), Comma (1).

Anne McCue reports from West Walk, 100 Acres Wood, Wickham (SU580120) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "males at least"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (4).

Anne McCue reports from Close Wood, Wickham (SU580129) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males").

Mark tutton reports from Butser (SU719207) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (1).

Thursday 11th April

Colin Baker reports from Lichett Plain & Elvetham Heath (SU801567&SU809558) where the following observations were made: Orange Underwing (1), Brimstone (2). "In a brief sunny spell at 4pm this afternoon I saw a male Brimstone along the roadside edge quickly followed by an Orange Underwing moth that settled on the top of a 3 meter Birch, before flying to the top of an adjacent Oak. SU801567 Five minutes later in another brief spell I saw my second Brimstone in Elvetham Heath. Warms the old cockles doesnt it? Lets hope for more longer sunny spells!! SU809558".

Douglas Robertson reports from Titchfield Haven NNR (SU538030) where the following observations were made: [Green Hairstreak](#) (1 "Female flying low along the edge of the bushes by Knightsbank Hide").

Sunday 7th April

Chris Hall reports from Aunts Pool Heath (SU8252) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Orange Underwing (1).

Saturday 6th April

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (0 "Male - in garden").

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

sue Lambert reports from Rownhams (SU380163) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male "). "Flying strongly, disappeared over the fence into gardens".

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Park Road, Winchester (SU476308) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Geoff Jones reports from Little Woodham Lane, Gosport (SU584001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley footpath (SU501145) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "Seen in bright sunshine between 2.10pm and 2.40pm".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607990) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying"). "1155".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ606986) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking & flying"). "1450".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "basking & flying"). "1550".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking & flying"), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "basking & flying"). "1710".

gary palmer reports from barton on sea (SZ244932) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Found in a garden".

peter gardner reports from weston common (SU654386) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "pristine condition same eite qas last year".



Brimstone

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "taking nectar from lungwort (pulmonaria) in my garden"). "1210".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "basking"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "basking on boardwalk"). "1305-1315".

Clive Wood reports from St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (1 "Found on garden refuse bag. Over-wintering?"). "Some butterflies at last!".

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, IOW (SZ431904) where the following observations were made: Comma (6).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ251934) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1). "A walkaround barton common found the above".



Small Tortoiseshell

Peter Hunt reports from Woodhouse Copse, Whippingham, IOW (SZ530930) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Just one sighting in this once excellent site").

Thursday 4th April

Richard Lambert (Dorset Branch) reports from Entrance to Hedge end Retail Park (SU482133) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Tuesday 2nd April

David W Hunt reports from Titchfield Haven NNR (SU531023) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Being blown along the foreshore"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "On west trail, feeding on Dandelion.").

Sue Lambert reports from Baker's Drove Field (SU382162) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

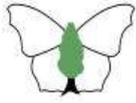
Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, Isle of Wight (SZ431906) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "At 14.30, both enjoying and contesting a sunny and warm spot").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1510".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking on Alexanders & flying"). "1540".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "basking & flying"). "1500".

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Friday 31st May

Mike Wildish reports from Amport Village (SU305445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (1), Green-veined White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Cattle Lane (SU325445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Holly Blue (1).

Jim Smith reports from Kings Holt (SU784311) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "males (one nectaring on cranesbill)"), Small White (1).

Jim Smith reports from Noar Hill (SU744320) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "one on path at charity farm end"), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (1), Small Heath (2 "looked meadow browns only smaller").

Peter Gardner reports from Froxfield Roads South (SU716274) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Orange-tip (8), Holly Blue (4), Green-veined White (4), Large White (1), Peacock (2), Small White (3), Red Admiral (2). "short walk to five ways where the lady smock grows".



Peacock



Comma



Orange-tip

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs IOW (SZ351855) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (5), Green Hairstreak (10), Green-veined White (3), Grizzled Skipper (2), Large White (4), Peacock (1), Small Blue (2), Wall (2), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (10). "IOW gp Butterfly walk- 9 attended, lovely sunny day, light NW breeze. Cliff-top flowers spectacular. No Glanvilles or Adonis here yet."

Sue Davies reports from Afton Down Chalk-pit Car Park (SZ367854) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (5), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (5), Green Hairstreak (10), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Large White (1), Small Blue (10), Small Heath (3), Wall (2). "IOW gp butterfly walk."

Sue Davies reports from Military Road Afton Down (SZ361855) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (0 "along bank N side Military Road between Chalk-pit and top of the hill, mating pairs.").



Small Blue

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU623224) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2), Small White (4), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1 "First this year").

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "female"), Comma (1), Dingy Skipper (26), Duke of Burgundy (20), Green Hairstreak (2), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (6 "5 males, 1 female"), Peacock (2), Small Heath (12), Small White (7), Speckled Wood (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Meadows NNR (SU562621) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1), Mother Shipton (1), Speckled Yellow (1). "One of everything but new for the site this year."

Andy Bolton reports from English Moor Copse, Ashford Hill (SU561618) where the following observations were made: Drab Looper (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Promenade (SZ570775) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (5), Common Blue (7), Dingy Skipper (1), Glanville Fritillary (4), Small Blue (1), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (3), Large White (2).

Alan Butterworth reports from Keyhaven (SZ317923) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small White (2), Large White (1). "Hoping to see Wall Browns on Keyhaven to Lymington cycle path, but fruitless."



Peacock

Mark Tutton reports from Deacon Hill (SU495277) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (12), Brimstone (6), Small Heath (8), Peacock (3), Orange-tip (6).

Mark Tutton reports from Ramsdean Down (SU713209) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (6), Duke of Burgundy (7), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (3), Dingy Skipper (18), Small Heath (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Pillow Mound (SU718209) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (5), Grizzled Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (2), Small Heath (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Dingy Skipper (16), Green-veined White (3), Grizzled Skipper (2 "First I have seen on Noar Hill"), Small Heath (16), Duke of Burgundy (9), Green Hairstreak (2), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Peacock (1), Large White (4), Orange-tip (2), Small Heath (12), Small White (2), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (1).

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Large White (5), Small White (6), Orange-tip (7), Brimstone (1), Common Blue (2).

Thursday 30th May

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Large White (5), Small White (4), Orange-tip (4).

Graeme Davis reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (1).

Wednesday 29th May

Andrew Brookes reports from Anglesea Road, Portsmouth (SU638002) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Roadkill").

Sue Lambert reports from Martin Down (SU035199) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (4), Dingy Skipper (12), Small Heath (6), Peacock (1), Brimstone (8), Cinnebar Moth (2), Drinker Moth (1 Larval), Lattice Heath Moth (1), Mother Skipton Moth (2), *Meloe proscarabaeus* (1 "A parasitic oil beetle"). "A small group attended the joint BC and HIOW Wildlife Trust walk at Martin Down. The morning had sunny spells but in the afternoon the butterflies were noticeable by their absence under the dark clouds. There were quite a few Small Blues to be seen strongly flying, many small moths were seen but few indentified. The parasitic oil beetle seen on the down is very rare and a good find. One member of the group saw a Brown Argus. Thanks to Brian Fletcher for leading the walk."



Small Blue



Dingy Skipper



Meloe proscarabaeus

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "males taking nectar from Thrift(Sea Pink),Armeria maritima"). "1100".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"). "1130-1150 & 1210-1225".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2). "1150-1210".

David Tinling reports from Junkett Hill(south),Gosport (SU576002) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1). "1200"

David Tinling reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU582001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1250".

Dave Pearson reports from Martin Down NNR (SU037198) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Small Blue (10), Dingy Skipper (12), Grizzled Skipper (6), Brimstone (3), Peacock (1), Small Heath (0). "Sunny spells in the morning changing to overcast in the afternoon. Day-flying moths included Common Carpet, Red Twin-spot Carpet, Common Heath, Mother Skipton, Burnet Companion, Cinnabar Moth, Mint Moth, Small Purple Barred and Latticed Heath."



No description

Monday 27th May

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU712204) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (23), Small Blue (3), Brimstone (4), Duke of Burgundy (77), Small Heath (63), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Orange-tip (1). "Its been a rather spectacular bank holiday for butterflying, one of these rare occasions, when the butterfly counts look almost natural at last! Still some species are struggling like the Common Blue, and no Brown Argus as yet. However other species have exploded like the Small Heath, which are everywhere on the Downs, and the Duke has now reached its peak, although there are still many fresh specimens to be seen. A Mother Skipton Moth was seen for the first time in 2013, and it was also nice to see the Small Blue on the wing as well. Plenty of Holly Blue in my garden along with Small Whites, but very little else."



Small Heath



Small Blue

Jenny Simmonds reports from Highgate Lane (SU876564) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Orange-tip (1 "female").

Andy Butler/Pete Cambell reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ5778) where the following observations were made: **Adonis Blue** (2), Wall (6), Dingy Skipper (10), Brown Argus (16), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (8), Common Blue (6), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3).

andy butler reports from Wheeler's Bay (SZ570775) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (2 "Still pretty dire. There should be more than this emerging by now and the weather is due to take a turn for the worse.").



Glanville Fritillary

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU741320) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Dingy Skipper (12), Green Hairstreak (1), Duke of Burgundy (15), Orange-tip (2), Small Heath (4).

Gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ251934) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Green Hairstreak (1). "A morning walk around the common found all the same species as yesterday but with the addition of small copper and green hairstreak in yet another different area."



Small Copper



Green Hairstreak

Alan Butterworth reports from Barton Golf Course (SZ251927) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (8 "Looking worn and battered."), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (1). "Green hairstreaks were all within a shaded path fringed with flowering gorse through the golf course. A bright sunny day with a strong breeze, but the path was sheltered and very warm. First time I have seen multiple hairstreak at this site."



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 "10 m, 2f"), Brown Argus (5 "m"), Dingy Skipper (4), Green Hairstreak (3), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Holly Blue (4), Orange-tip (7 "4m, 3f"), Peacock (2), Small Heath (2), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1). "A late morning visit. With a strong wind on the upper slopes only Brimstones were seen there. The lower slopes proved more productive, especially after meeting Nick a fellow enthusiast who kindly directed us to a particularly rewarding area. Today we recorded our highest number of species for one site so far this year."

Graham Dennis reports from Burnt Common (SU620641) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Grizzled Skipper (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads south (SU716270) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Red Admiral (1). "short walk along the lane before lunch,could not ignore the warm sun".



Red Admiral



Orange-tip



Orange-tip

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU535340) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Green-veined White (6), Orange-tip (8), Peacock (2), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2). "beautiful in the afternoon but the wind was a bit gusty and chill, to chill for the holly blues,but at least the others stopped for very short time".



Orange-tip



Brimstone egg



Holly Blue

Sue Lambert reports from Bently Wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7), Small White (2), Brimstone (7 "1 female"), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Yellow (8), Trebel-Bar (1), Broad-bodied Chaser (1). "A late morning trip to Bentley Wood was rewarded with Pearl-bordered Fritillary flying strongly whenever the sun came out. Also many Speckled Yellow moths around."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Peter Gammage reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (64 "46 amongst young conifer plantation"). "nice to see PBF in such abundance,the bulk of them in amongst the young conifers feeding on bugle."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Small White (3), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Common Blue (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (1). "Walked along Portsdown Hill following the path directly above Queen Alexandra Hospital. Saw my first Common Blue this year. Temperature was 15 degrees."

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU383345) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (16 "and one mating pair"), Small White (4), Large White (2), Orange-tip (3), Small Heath (12), Grizzled Skipper (3), Dingy Skipper (4), Duke of Burgundy (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1). "An afternoon trip yielded 10 species of butterfly but no common blues, although other people saw Green Hairstreaks.The Pearl-bordered fritillary was seen in the newly cleared area just west of the eastern car park. Notable birds were turtle doves and a hunting sparrowhawk."



Small Heath



Dingy Skipper



Brimstone

Mike & Mary Gwilliam reports from Bedenham Grasslands, Gosport (SU596035) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (6), Green Hairstreak (7), Grizzled Skipper (15), Large White (2), Small Heath (8), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (8).

Ed Merritt reports from Lower Exbury (SZ432990) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Peacock (1).



Green Hairstreak

Sunday 26th May

Mike Wildish reports from Knights Enham (SU365485) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (3), Small White (1).

Rob Skinner reports from Hurst Castle (SZ317898) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU000000) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (7), Small Heath (8), Orange-tip (4), Common Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Duke of Burgundy (6), Small White (1), Brimstone (22), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Peacock (2), Green-veined White (3). "A perfect day for butterflying, and this site is now coming alive with many species now, easily my best count of species of 2013 (12). I found the Duke of Burgundy on site after several attempts throughout May, and the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary is all over the several of the slopes, (10) being a conservative estimate, there probably were many more, they were hard to estimate, when they are flying with such 'gusto' in the sunshine! My first Common Blue of the season, which was a delight to see, although being the latest I've ever seen one. Certainly one of the best days I've been out for several years, with (7) species on the clock by 10:00 in the morning, there hasn't been many days like today."

Andy Butler reports from East Afton Car Park (SZ337852) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1).

Martin Mitchell reports from Bramshill Plantation (SU756614) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1 "In short vegetation beside tarmac track; nectaring on forget-me-not."). "I am occasional visitor to this Forestry Commission site and have not seen this species here before. I can provide a photograph if this would be useful."



Grizzled Skipper

David Lester reports from Farley Mount Country Park (SU412294) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (6), Brimstone (7). "We enjoyed a 8 mile circular walk in this area seeing Brimstone, Large White, one Speckled Wood and three Peacocks."

Gary palmer reports from Barton Common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Large White (2), Small White (3), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (3), Speckled Wood (9), Peacock (3), Holly Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (4). "A search of the common found the above, of note plenty of brimstone egg laying going on and green hairstreaks in two areas I've not seen them before."



Brimstone



Green Hairstreak



Brimstone

Dave Law reports from Bentley Wood (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Orange-tip (5), Grizzled Skipper (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10 "Egg laying female"), Duke of Burgundy (3 "Mating pair seen by several observers"), Fox Moth (1 "Male flying non stop for over an hour"). "Eastern clearing looking very choked with birch, hazel and buckthorn scrub. Very little bugle showing and what there is seems very stunted .PBF's having to crawl low down to get at the nectar .A female PBF was observed egg laying but the amount of violet seems reduced and getting choked out by grass. The ditches that run through the Eastern too are choking up, these always providing a superb habitat for egg laying. Hopefully suitable areas have

been created for the PBF's to colonise , as i fear the Eastern is rapidly becoming unsuitable for PBF's unless some clearance is done this coming winter . This was a feeling shared by several of the people i spoke to who shared their concern at the low numbers of PBF,s this year , although it may well be a knock on effect from an overall poor 2012 . On the plus side a mating pair of Dukes were seen and photographed by several observers .Bring on the SPBF,s in a few weeks time .".

Ian Hutchinson reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU510290) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "3 Male, 1 Female"), Speckled Wood (1), Brown Argus (1 "Very fresh looking"). "All seen between 1830 hours and 2000 hours."

Paul Harfield reports from Rake Bottom (SU7120) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (13), Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (10), Small Heath (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Yellow (2), Cinnabar (2), Green Hairstreak (2). "Sunny and warm between 9.30 and 11.45".

Paul Harfield reports from Rake Bottom (SU7020) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Small Heath (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (2), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (1 "male"), Grizzled Skipper (2), Dingy Skipper (3). "Sunny and warm between 9.30 and 11.45".

John Vetterlein reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (30), Speckled Wood (1), Green-veined White (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "4 Male 1 Female"), Small White (3), Large White (2), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (9), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (2). "In sunshine and temperature of around 15 degrees, finally saw my first Dingy and Grizzled Skippers of the year at this site which produces good numbers."

Mark tutton reports from Magdalen Hill down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Small Heath (4), Grizzled Skipper (2), Orange-tip (5), Green Hairstreak (8), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (3), Small White (3), Brimstone (2). "Given the good forecast I decided to make a day of it and started early at Magdalen hill down and do a round trip which I finished at rake bottom at 6pm - the main focus being to track down Duke of Burgundy which I did at three different sites seeing a total of eighteen. Highlight was probably seeing six green hairstreaks all doing battle at once when two holly blues joined in! The weather kept its word - the only down side being molested by ticks at old Winchester hill - beware - I removed at least nine before they got me hopefully I have got them all."

Mark tutton reports from Deacon hill (SU494276) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (18), Duke of Burgundy (8), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (7), Holly Blue (1).

Mark tutton reports from St Catherine's hill (SU490273) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5), Orange-tip (5), Small Heath (1), Brimstone (3), Small White (3).

Mark tutton reports from Beacon hill (SU606225) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Small Heath (8), Green Hairstreak (11), Grizzled Skipper (2), Dingy Skipper (3), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (1), Brimstone (7 Egg).

Mark tutton reports from Old Winchester hill (SU644212) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Brimstone (3), Small Heath (14), Grizzled Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (3 "Two females"). "Nice to find the dukes again this year though very small numbers - not much cowslip where they are either."

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708209) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (2), Peacock (4), Duke of Burgundy (7), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (3), Small Heath (3).

Philippa Gordon reports from Noar Hill (SU744323) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Dingy Skipper (4), Duke of Burgundy (12 "Including 1 female ovipositing"), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (1), Small Heath (3).

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Large White (7 "4 males & 3 females taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (9 "7 males & 2 females taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (2 "taking buttercup nectar & courting"). "0910-0945".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Adela reaumurella (1 "male longhorn moth"). "0945-1005".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "4 males & 2 females"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1005-1040".

David Tining reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking nectar from Erysimum & Euphorbia"), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female"). "1045-1055".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (5 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (2). "1055 & 1515".

David Tining reports from Hasleworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"). "1120".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (2 "male & female taking Honesty nectar"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1130-1500,in my garden".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (8 "males"), Holly Blue (3 "males"). "1520-1530".

David Tining reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1535".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (8 "males"), Small White (10 "males"), Holly Blue (4 "males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (11). "1545-1630".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1705-1715".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "On 26th May my total sightings in Gosport were Large White 23,Small White 44,Green-veined White 2,Orange-tip 1,Small Copper 2,Holly Blue 14,Small Tortoiseshell 1,Peacock 1,Comma 1,Speckled Wood 16,Total 105,more than 100 in a day for the first time this year,AT LAST!".

Saturday 25th May

Judith FrankB reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3834) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (1), Brimstone (20), Orange-tip (2), Small White (1), Small Heath (2).

P Gammage reports from Botley wood (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Narrow bordered bee hawk (1).



Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake/ Alver Vally (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Painted Lady (1), Small Heath (1), Large White (17), Small White (8).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Eastern Clearing/ Dean Hill/ Stockbridge Down (SU345486) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (9), Speckled Wood (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Green-veined White (4), Peacock (6), Orange-tip (19), Brimstone (30), Small Heath (1), Small White (2), Duke of Burgundy (8). "On a near perfect day, I decided to visit some sites on the border of Wiltshire, starting at Bentley Wood, which produced the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, which is still in very low numbers at the moment. I also visited another wood which was coppiced during the Tytherley Woods Project, but the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary was not seen at this site. I also visited Dean Hill and Stockbridge Down, where the coppicing in the woods near the road has produced a paradise for the Orange Tip and Brimstone where they were flying in droves. I noticed all around Stockbridge on the side of the road, in the hedgerows the Elm is growing in profusion, so it would be worth looking in this area for the White Letter Hairstreak sometime in the summer? If we have one of course!".



Stockbridge Down elms



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Dean Hill (?)

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (SU259292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (2), Green-veined White (3), Grizzled Skipper (2), Large White (2), Peacock (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Speckled Wood (2), Argent & Sable Moth (2). "A fine selection of species on a warm sunny day, during a visit from 11.00am to 13.30pm."



Argent & Sable



Grizzled Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU035199) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Brown Argus (1), Dingy Skipper (7), Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (5), Small Copper (2).



Dingy Skipper



Brown Argus



Small Copper

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2male, 2 female"), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (23 "The most we've ever seen on a single visit to this site. Some were very faded but most were in pristine condition."), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (4 "3male,1 female"), Peacock (1), Small Heath (6), Small White (4).

peter gardner reports from Noar Hill (SU734331) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6), Dingy Skipper (11), Duke of Burgundy (11), Peacock (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Heath (2), Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (2), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Small White (1). "a very good day at noar hill 12 sp good no of dukes and lots of sun".



Small Heath



Duke of Burgundy



Orange-tip

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4791) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (18), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (6). "Beautiful, if slightly chilly morning. Pleased to see the Grizzled, but no sign of any PBFs sadly."

Andy Butler reports from Wheeler's Bay (SZ570775) where the following observations were made: [Glanville Fritillary](#) (1 "Very late this year and numbers of webs the lowest ever recorded.").

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (2), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2).

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3).

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End (SU499148) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"). "Warm, cloudy and sunshine between 11.30 and 12.30".

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Large White (2), Small White (4), Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (2).

Mark tutton reports from Portsdown (SU651064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "Four freshly laid eggs too"), Orange-tip (3), Small White (7).

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(south-west) (SU419999) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (6 "taking nectar from Narrow-leaved Lungwort,*Pulmonaria longifolia*"), Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(south-east) (SU422998) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Estate (SU428007) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(north-west) (SU419001) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (3), Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Exbury Gardens(north-east) (SU423004) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "male & female"), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (6 "males"), Speckled Wood (3).

Mary and Michael Gwilliam reports from Ports Down (SU628067) where the following observations were made: **Small Blue** (1 "Pristine male - our first sighting this year").

Dave Croad reports from Constable Close,Gosport (SZ611984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "in my garden".

Ashley Atkins reports from Hasleworth Drive,Gosport (SZ609984) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Friday 24th May

Paul Harfield reports from Beacon Hill Warnford (SU605223) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2 "Roosting"). "Cool, breezy, heavy cloud and rain between 11.30 and 12.30".

Thursday 23rd May

jim smith reports from Alexandra park (SU793365) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3 "by river bank in sun"), Large White (1).

Ian Ridett reports from Coombe Bottom (SZ562781) where the following observations were made: **Brown Argus** (2). "1st of year, late!".

Wednesday 22nd May

jim smith reports from noar hill (SU744312) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3 "overcast but warm"), Orange-tip (1).

Pete Eeles reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3). "With a promise of some sun (that didn't materialise until late afternoon!) I decided to head off to Bentley Wood in the morning to see how the Pearl-bordered Fritillary were doing, knowing that a few had already been seen this year. Despite the heavy cloud, I had one of those rare moments, where within 10 feet of setting foot in the Eastern clearing, I spied my first male PBF with wings open, clearly trying to catch the few rays that were trying to break their way through the cloud. This was clearly a good omen. While a couple of other visitors took photos, another male PBF was found and, with a breeze picking up, this critter decided to keep his wings closed, revealing the lovely white pearls from which this species gets its name. It flitting from grass stem to Silver Birch and, at one point, sat atop some Bluebells. I then returned back to the first male who had now been left in peace, and he also had his wings closed. As I knelt down to get a photo of his underside, the clouds parted and the briefest of sunny spells caused him to take to the air, travel 5 feet away, directly to a female that had clearly just emerged and that was completely invisible to me on a nearby Bramble and, without any courtship whatsoever, mating took place right in front of my eyes - I had a front row seat! How the male found that female so quickly was quite staggering, and I can only assume that a newly-emerged female must give off some kind of pheromonal signal. This all happened at 0945. With the clouds now back, the happy couple sat with their wings closed for at least an hour before another shaft of sunlight caused them to open their wings - a really quite beautiful sight. At 1150 they were still there, but I needed to move on given the day ahead."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Tuesday 21st May

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down,IOW (SZ573782) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2 "Enticed into view by a very brief spell of sunshine.").

Sunday 19th May

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from nr. Dummer (SU6046) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (2), Red Admiral (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Dummer (SU5846) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from East Stratton (SU5439) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from nr. Dummer (SU5945) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from nr. Brown Candover (SU5838) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Dummer Grange Farm (SU5844) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (3).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from none (SU5741) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (6), Comma (1), Orange-tip (6), Red Admiral (1), Duke of Burgundy (8), Brimstone (4), Large White (1), Peacock (2), Holly Blue (1).



Dingy Skipper

Anne McCue reports from Perrywood Haseley,New Forest (SU325037) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1630".

Anne McCue reports from Pignal Enclosure, New Forest (SU311039) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1700".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "female"). "1730".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1735-1750".

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3835) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (11), Brimstone (4), Common Blue (1 "Went by too fast to be certain of identity, but thought worth recording as such a poor year so far. ").

Andy Bolton reports from Little Ham Farm, Axmansford (SU571607) where the following observations were made: Small Yellow Underwing (1).

Saturday 18th May

Mike Wildish reports from Goodworth Clatford (SU365425) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (2).

Ian Pratt reports from Afton chalkpit (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (10). "Eight were seen on one clump of bluebells at the same time!".



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak

Ashley Whitlock reports from Butser Hill/Ramsdean Down/Rake Bottom (SU712204) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (10), Duke of Burgundy (23), Orange-tip (2), Green Hairstreak (5), Dingy Skipper (16), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (1). "A trip up to Butser Hill for the annual field trip was joined by (7) loyal troops, and we had high hopes that we were in for a good days butterflying. In the car-park we saw dark clouds drifting in from the North-West, which really put paid to any sightings for a long time. We walked over the far side of Ramsdean Down admiring the fields of Cowslips on the way. We saw one lonesome Duke of Burgundy wings spread open, and he was the sole butterfly we saw. I decided over a period of time that we would be better off going down the steep slopes of Ramsdean Down and pitch up at Rakes Bottom. We got to Rakes Bottom and started our lunch, when the sun finally shone for all but 10 minutes, and then it was a frantic search for anything and everything. Butterflies were going crazy for a bit of airspace, Dingy Skippers, Grizzled Skippers, and I went up around the back to the scrub line and counted in about 5 minutes (15) Dukes. If the sun had stayed out I've no doubt they would have been many, many more. The sun disappeared again and we moved off around to the base of Butser Hill, and here the Green Hairstreak was seen in very good numbers, along with Grizzled and Dingy Skippers. We also saw Cinabar Moths, lots of Common Carpets, and Treble Bar Moths. During the period of walking around Butser I saw (1) Peregrine Falcon also seen was a Red Kite, Buzzards and we also heard the Cuckoo. I'd like to thank everyone who attended the field meeting, for a most enjoyable few hours in some of Hampshire's glorious countryside."



Dingy Skipper



Cinnabar



Duke of Burgundy

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (13), Green Hairstreak (2), Orange-tip (5 "male"), Small White (3). "A late afternoon visit in warm sunshine and no wind."

Mark tutton reports from Oxenbourne down (SU712187) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1).

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708208) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Dingy Skipper (4), Duke of Burgundy (5 "One female"), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (4), Orange-tip (1).

Mark tutton reports from Northney (SU733036) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (2), Painted Lady (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End/Botley footpath (SU500143) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3 Larval "3 larval webs"). "around 4pm cloudy with warm sunny spells".

Paul Harfield reports from Abbotswood School playing fields (SU349133) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (1 "male"). "Between 10 and midday. Warm, bright sunshine with a little cloud. Also seen 15-20 whites not close enough for positive id, but including at least 1 male Orange Tip."

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "0950".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (5). "1450-1500".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males taking bluebell & buttercup nectar"), Small White (13 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (12 "males"), Speckled Wood (19). "1555-1640".

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471573) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Peacock (1), Common Carpet (1). "Found in overcast conditions Saturday pm."

Andy Bolton reports from Kingsclere, footpath on western edge (SU520581) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (2 "male & female"), Holly Blue (1).

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill(bottom path) (SU640064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "males"), Large White (1), Small White (9), Orange-tip (11 "8 males & 3 females"), Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (10). "1420".

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill(quarry chalk pit) (SU635066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "5 males & 2 females"), Large White (1), Small White (16), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (3 "males"), Common Blue (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (6). "1450".

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Southampton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Small White (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson reservoir, Ports Down (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female, ovipositing"), Brimstone (20 Egg).

Friday 17th May

Mike Wildish reports from Cowdown Lane (SU375435) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU000000) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (56), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (5), Peacock (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1), Small White (1). "Visited several Meon Valley sites today, although the butterflies were only on the wing for a few hours whilst the sun shone, in the afternoon it had clouded over, and at one site I never saw one butterfly. However the Duke of Burgundy seems to be making up time and is on the wing in average numbers at most sites. They are just about peaking now, although some still look very fresh. The woodland variant should now be on the wing, but there seems to be little sign of the Common Blue and the Dingy Skipper on the Chalk at the moment."



Small Heath



Green Hairstreak



Duke of Burgundy

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake /Alver Valley (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Large White (4), Speckled Wood (2).

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU501293) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Thursday 16th May

Terry Hotten reports from Cove (SU860560) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "First of year in my Cove garden").

Mark tutton reports from Ramsdean down (SU719209) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Green-veined White (5), Orange-tip (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small White (3).

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU712206) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Duke of Burgundy (16), Brimstone (5), Green Hairstreak (5), Grizzled Skipper (27), Dingy Skipper (5). "Spent a pleasant afternoon wandering along the north face of Butser. I tried to find Dukes on Ramsdean and Little Butser but despite there being some good habitat and some recently cleared areas with lots of cowslip I didn't spot any - in fact compared with Rake bottom there were precious few butterflies in this area. I did come across a Nightingale singing it's heart out deep within a hedgerow but despite being only about six feet away I could not spot it! Rake bottom was a different story and there were butterflies in abundance significant numbers of grizzled skippers and Dukes were out in good numbers if nearly all males - most were pretty fresh too. Hopefully things have just about caught up now but I think they are generally three weeks behind."

Mike Wildish reports from Little London (SU375495) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (4). "I'm becoming increasingly convinced that the best strategy for finding butterflies is to go out with the intention of recording plants and birds - then they turn up!".

Gary palmer reports from Barton Common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Adela reaumurilla (5), Cauchas rufimitrella (1). "a walk around the common found the above".



Adela reaumurilla



Cauchas rufimitrella

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices, Boarhunt (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (11), Large White (2), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Green-veined White (4), Large White (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Bucks Copse, Boarhunt (SU598092) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 Egg), Green-veined White (3), Large White (1), Orange-tip (2).

Peter Gardner reports from Froxfield roads south (SU719271) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (0), Brimstone (1), Peacock (2), Large White (1), Small White (1). "managed to catch the in action so to speak".



Peacock



Brimstone



Orange-tip

Andy Bolton reports from St. Stephen's Church, Baughurst (SU582599) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Green-veined White (2 "males"), Holly Blue (2 "male & new female"), Peacock (1 "taking nectar from bluebell & wallflower"), Speckled Wood (4). "in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking bluebell nectar"), Small White (4 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (4). "1625-1655".

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male taking daisy nectar"), Peacock (1). "1705-1720".

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male"). "A few butterflies in my sister's garden. Temperature was 14°C".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Males"), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small Heath (2). "Saw my first Small Heath of the year. Very little else flying."

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14 "12 males & 2 females"), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (8 "4 males & 4 females"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (3). "1130-1230 & 1445-1600".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15 "10 males & 5 females"), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (9 "males"), Peacock (7), Speckled Wood (3). "1230-1445".

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Southampton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Large White (3), Orange-tip (1).

Wednesday 15th May

Paul Harfield reports from Wootton Bridge (SZ250997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "both male"). "bright sunshine 2pm".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstone, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (8 "7 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Comma (3), Speckled Wood (2). "1605-1640".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstone, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (8 "7 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Comma (3), Speckled Wood (2). "1605-1640".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (2 "males"), Holly Blue (1). "1500".

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Small White (1), Green-veined White (3), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (5). "1520".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (2). "in my garden".

Monday 13th May

Paul Brock reports 2 newly hatched male [Pearl-bordered Fritillaries](#) seen and photographed in a main New Forest site this morning.



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Sue Lambert reports from Noar Hill (SU7431) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Orange-tip (1), Small White (1), Common carpet moth (1). "On my first visit to Noar Hill I was rewarded with sighting of Duke of Burgundy but butterflies were in short supply, other sightings were muntjac and roe deer, red kite and two slow worms."



Duke of Burgundy

peter gardner reports from butser hill lower north slopes (SU656223) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Grizzled Skipper (5), Green Hairstreak (2), Orange-tip (1), Small White (1). "not a perfect butterfly day but we had a great day they all stopped for us".



Duke of Burgundy



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (4), Orange-tip (3). "The Duke of Burgundy only appeared with the sun as the strong wind and cool conditions mostly kept them low down in the grass."



Duke of Burgundy



Orange-tip

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "female taking Honesty nectar in my garden"), Speckled Wood (6). "also male Small White again".

Sunday 12th May

Ashley and Jackie Whitlock reports from Westbury Park (SU655235) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Orange-tip (5), Small White (5), Brimstone (1), Large White (1), Grizzled Skipper (2). "Fairly lucky with the weather again today, as I found a window in the weather where it was reasonably bright although breezy, the Duke of Burgundy was just about on the wing. In fact I had one on my finger for a few minutes,although it didnt like the wind much so I put him in a more sheltered spot. This site is probably one of the best sites for Cowslip, but the Duke is very hard to find, with areas of scrub, chalk downland Beech Woodland, Grassland, Meadow, and Farmland, and mixed Woodland, all in the mix. Over the years the butterfly has been seen in many parts of the site, but the main arena has shrunk from an area the size of a football pitch to about the size of a goal area, due to invasive scrub."

Mark tutton reports from Butser hill (SU720209) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (4), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Wood tiger (1 Larval).

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Hannah Hardman reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7 "All male"), Dinky Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (6 "I saw at least six on the wing (at the same time) in one of the pits. There could have been many more individuals but I stayed quite a while in the same area. ").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (1 Larval "larva in my garden").

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3 "basking on nettles & brambles"). "0830-0845".

David Tinling reports from Kingfisher Path,Gosport (SZ586994) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (4). "0855".

David Tinling reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (6). "0935 & 1200".

David Tinling reports from Wildgrounds(east),Gosport (SU579011) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (7). "0940-1200;bluebells in flower;about 20 clay pigeons shot nearby every minute!".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male taking bluebell nectar"), Speckled Wood (3). "1210-1245".

Saturday 11th May

David Tinling reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4 "3 males & 1 female flying together"), Speckled Wood (2). "0945".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (4 "3 males & 1 female"), Speckled Wood (4). "0950-1005".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (4 "3 males & 1 female taking nectar from bluebell & dandelion"), Small White (6 "males"), Holly Blue (9 "males,one taking nectar from Bay Tree(Laurus nobilis)"), Speckled Wood (30). "1015-1110".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (2). "1145-1150".

Paul Harfield reports from Itchen Way (SU467183) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (5 Egg "on garlic mustard"). "Between 9.15 and 10.30 sunny spells, breezy and cloud".

Paul Harfield reports from Itchen Valley Country Park (SU465175) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (4). "Between 9.15 and 10.30 Sunny spells, breezy and cloud".

Paul Harfield reports from Itchen Valley Country Park (SU465177) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1). "Between 9.15 and 10.30 sunny spells, breezy and cloud".

Paul Harfield reports from Itchen Way (SU464191) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "Between 9.15 and 10.30 sunny spells, breezy and cloud".

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Friday 10th May

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Green-veined White (2 "Males"), Large White (2), Orange-tip (1 "Male"). "Brief visit in blustery conditions with only occasional sunshine."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (Grid reference witheld) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (20), Brimstone (12), Orange-tip (3), **Small Heath** (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (4), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2), Small White (1). "Visited several Meon Valley sites that the weather would allow, and as it turned out it wasnt too bad. Many Dukes on the wing now, with several mating pairs being seen at one site, and the Cowslips and Primroses looking really good. Saw my first Small Heaths of the year and at one site I couldnt believe my eyes as I saw several Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries flying around. Where they had come from goodness only knows, they looked very odd on chalk downland, and I've visited this particular site now for 20 odd years and never recorded them here, its a nice bonus, but I dont think it will last, much like the PBF at Hedge End I fear....".



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Sue Lambert reports from Testwood Lakes (SU344156) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Orange-tip (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1). "A bird walk around Testwood Lakes yielded a few butterflies in the midday sun."

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU712269) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Comma (1), Peacock (2), Small White (2). "we were very surprised to see anything flying after two days of storms.so we were very pleased to see these".



Silver Y (not mentioned in report)



Green-veined White



Comma

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (3). "in my garden".

Sue Davies reports from Kingston Boatyard E.Cowes (SZ503944) where the following observations were made: [Wall](#) (1 "Managing to fly in a F6 gale").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Peacock (1). "No Brimstones flying today. Temperature was 15Â°C."

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "Male and female in garden.").

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Butser Hill (SU720209) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Brimstone (5), Holly Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (5), Green-veined White (1), Duke of Burgundy (1), Grizzled Skipper (8). "Very windy, cool and overcast with very little sun during an afternoon visit."



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Small White (7), Holly Blue (9), Speckled Wood (19). "1300-1315".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (3). "in my garden".

Thursday 9th May

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6 "Males"), Peacock (8), Comma (2), Small White (2), Large White (1).

Tuesday 7th May

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (5), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1 "Female"), Orange-tip (3 "2 female"), Peacock (1), Small White (3).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small White (0).

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen over the hedgerow just before we entered the reserve."), Brimstone (6 "1 male 5 females"), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (5), Orange-tip (6).

Mike Wildish reports from Finkley Manor (SU385485) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (5), Brimstone (1). "Additional to, and outside of, Trinley transect, done today. We're swimming in orange-tips here at the moment - good thing as not much else to excite, despite the fine weather spell."

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (47), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (7), Small White (3), Orange-tip (5), Large White (2), Holly Blue (4), Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (1).



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper

Gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (3), Large White (2), Small White (2), Orange-tip (2), Green-veined White (1). "The above were seen in the garden today".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381162) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU710269) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Small White (2), Peacock (2). "just a short walk ,had to get out in the great very warm sun,greatful some butterflies stopped,i could not have run after them".



Small White



Orange-tip



Peacock

Roy Symonds reports from Bidbury Park, Bedhampton (SU703064) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Orange-tip (2 "Males").

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female"), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (2). "Saw my first Speckled Wood's of the year. Temperature was 16.5 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Orange-tip (2 "Males").

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "2 males & 1 female in garden").

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield Heath (SU7522) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1).

David Tining reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1). "1710-1730".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (3). "1650-1710".

David Tining reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Green-veined White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Peacock (3), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (11). "1550-1650".

David Tining reports from Junkett Marsh, Gosport (SU578002) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "1530".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west), Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"). "1520-1530".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "female"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1505-1520".

David Tining reports from Browdown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "1500".

David Tining reports from Browdown Field (SZ574995) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1445-1455".

David Tining reports from Browdown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2). "1020-1040".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (2 "males"). "1005".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males, one taking dandelion nectar"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (5). "0935-1020".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "0910-0935".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "0850-0910".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3). "0825".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "in my garden; also Small White again".

Monday 6th May

Richard Hallett reports from Creech Wood Denmead (SU635115) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1), Broad-bodied Chaser (1 "Female").

Jenny Simmonds reports from Highgate Lane (SU876564) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Inspecting the buckthorn planted in a pot!"), Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (24), Grizzled Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (4), Holly Blue (5), Orange-tip (10), Peacock (4), Small White (4).

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (1), Duke of Burgundy (4 "2 of these were seen in the small pit just inside the lower gate."), Orange-tip (8), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (1).

Colin Baker reports from Noar Hill (SU742319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (9), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (6 "2 Female"), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (4 "Males"). "Like many other today I visited Noar Hill in search of the Dukes which came up trumps with 9. It was hot so it was easy to catch the butterfly with closed wings, clearly not needing any extra warmth from open wings. Tiring but as ever, exhilarating."



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Colin Baker reports from Odiham Common (SU748520) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6 "2 Female"), Peacock (1). "Following my trip to Noar Hill earlier I realised it was cloudy over Odiham Common and decided to see if any Orange-tips had gone to roost. Only one but another five found the warmth enough to maintain flight. A Peacock had the same idea."



Orange-tip

Alan Thornbury reports from Butser Hill (Rake Bottom) (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (4 "All males"), Dingy Skipper (1), Grizzled Skipper (12), Green Hairstreak (2), Peacock (5), Comma (2), Brimstone (6), Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (4 "inc 2F"). "The Dukes were all at the western end of Rake Bottom, on both sides of the track. Dingy Skipper was a nice bonus!".



Duke of Burgundy



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Terry Hotten reports from Cove (SU861560) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "First of year 10 days later than 2012"), Small White (1).

Mark tutton reports from Chalton down (SU736155) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (19), Orange-tip (6), Small White (3).

Mark tutton reports from Butser (SU716210) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Peacock (9), Small White (6), Orange-tip (3), Grizzled Skipper (32), **Dingy Skipper** (1), Duke of Burgundy (3). "It was nice to see my first Dukes at Butser, all of which were very fresh ,and hear a Turtle dove at Chalton down in the morning. A very fresh Dingy skipper was my first of the year too. The Grizzled skipper numbers are building nicely at Butser but there were none at all at Chalton Down It would seem that some sites are still way behind others - I guess depending on their orientation."

Clive Wood reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU4827) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Small White (1), Large White (2), Orange-tip (2). "Warm, sunny Bank Holiday Monday."

Clive Wood reports from Twyford Down (SU4927) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Brimstone (7), Large White (2).

Clive Wood reports from Twyford Down (cont'd) (SU4926) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (8), Orange-tip (5).

Clive Wood reports from Hazeley Down (SU5025) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (7).

Clive Wood reports from Fawley Down (SU5126) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Comma (1), Brimstone (5).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU604008) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (17), Small White (2), Peacock (8), Green Hairstreak (4), Orange-tip (7), Duke of Burgundy (3), Grizzled Skipper (1). "With such perfect weather today and several Duke of Burgundy males were holding territory, but were very active in the sunshine. Orange Tips and Brimstones were very common, and the female Brimstones seem to be laying eggs on Hawthorn as well as Buckthorn. Several lovely dazzling Green Hairstreak were seen flying about the Hawthorn Bushes. The Grizzled Skipper seen was very tatty so obviously had been on the wing for several days. Several Silver 'Y' moths were seen and a Cuckoo was seen and heard several times."



Duke of Burgundy



Green Hairstreak



Peacock

Clive Wood reports from Temple Valley, nr Cheesefoot Head (SU5328) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Clive Wood reports from Easton (SU5132) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4).

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down Chalkpit(Car Park) (SZ355856) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (6).

Clive Wood reports from Easton Down (SU4931) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (3).

Clive Wood reports from Meadow between River Itchen and Moorside Road (SU4930) where the following observations were made: **Common Blue** (1), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (4), Speckled Wood (3). "Common Blue seen basking on sward adjacent to little used track."

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalkpit (SZ365854) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (4 "Usual site for these but several weeks later than last year.").

Andrew Brookes reports from Exbury Gardens (SZ420995) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads south (SU716269) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2). "very warm clear day,the butterflies reluctant to stop a way to get fit"



Red Admiral



Peacock

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Flew over several times"), Mint Moth (1 "Flushed from Water Mint").

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU740318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (9), Orange-tip (6), Brimstone (10), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (1). "Sunny, 16 C, no wind, 11am - 1pm".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Bentley Woods (SU259296) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Brimstone (11), Orange-tip (6), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "5 Females 3 Males"), Small White (2), Orange-tip (10 "All males"), Duke of Burgundy (8), Peacock (1). "Returned to Noar Hill following my visit last week. Temperature was 16.5 degrees. Duke of Burgundy Fritillaries now seem to be emerging and saw plenty of male Orange Tips."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "Males"), Large White (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1). "Called in at this site on way home from Noar Hill. Temperature 17 degrees. Saw my first Large White of the year."

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "female"), Holly Blue (1), Comma (1). "in my garden;also Small White again".

Sunday 5th May

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake/ Alver Vally(SU5700) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "6 f 1m"), Small White (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Longstock Wtr Gdn (SU375385) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (2), Green-veined White (1).

Tim and Sue Grahnam reports from Martin Down (SU101238) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (6), Speckled Wood (1). "16C Mainly overcast. Also Black Oil Beetle along the Bockerley Dyke".

peter gardner reports from Noar Hill (SU747329) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Comma (2). "a lot of cloud and chill wind with a small amounts of sun the duke was found in the south eastern pit ,very flighty".



Peacock



Comma



Duke of Burgundy

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Avington (SU527321) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Mark tutton reports from Butser (SU713203) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6), Grizzled Skipper (24), Orange-tip (2).

John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ609985) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6 "in my garden").

David Lawrence reports from Clayhall Road,Gosport (SZ612985) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Holly Blue (1). "in my garden".

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Flew round several times.").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Small White (1). "Temperature 15.5 degrees.".

Gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250930) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4), *Adele cuprella* (7). "whilst searching the shallows for bee species the above were seen".



Adele cuprella



Speckled Wood

Paul Harfield reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU714184) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1 "basking"), Brimstone (1 "male flying"). "warm, cloudy with a little sun between 1.15 and 4pm".

Paul Harfield reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU711190) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2 male and 2 female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"). "warm, cloudy with a little sun between 1.15 amd 4pm".

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "In garden.").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (3). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Beacon Hill,Warnford (SU600225) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1), Peacock (4). "1330-1430".

Saturday 4th May

Terry Stevens reports from Rooksbury Mill Lakes (SU3544) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large White (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End to Botley footpath (SU505142) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2). "Seen basking between 12 and 1pm bright sunshine, cloud and breezy".



Speckled Wood

Rob Smith reports from Bentley Wood (SU258293) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "ovipositing on Cuckooflower"), Brimstone (2 "male and female"). "A brief lunchtime visit,no PBF. But good to see 2 Green Tiger Beetles on the ride 100yds further north. These are rare in my neck of the woods (Essex).".

Angie Purdue reports from Petunia close (Su6021749672) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (0).

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Common Plume Moth (1 "disturbed by day").

Friday 3rd May

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3835) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (13), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (4), Small White (1).

Tim Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (off transect) (SU407249) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Peacock (2), Brimstone (4 "2 male, 2 female"), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (5 "2 male, 3 female"). "Also numerous Green Tiger Beetles, and also a Muntjac".

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant Thicket (SU716101) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (24 "Inc 5 females and several mating behaviours"), Peacock (3).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Brimstone (43), Orange-tip (15), Peacock (15), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Red Admiral (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1). "A perfect day for walking around a couple of Meon Valley sites, with the Brimstone the overall winner. I hadn't seen a Orange Tip until today, but I sure made up for it, males and females flying around Oxenbourne Down and many hedgerows. The Duke of Burgundy was not seen close up, but the size and shape and flight pattern was how I identified it. This seems to be a good season for the Small Tortoiseshell, with many being seen out and about at the moment."



Speckled Wood

Alan Thornbury reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU503292) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (3), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (6), Peacock (5), Holly Blue (1).



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper

Andy Bolton reports from Alexandra Road, Basingstoke (SU629520) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Wellington Terrace, Basingstoke (SU613533) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "Flew round garden several times."). "Of passing interest: We have just returned from a weeks touring of Perthshire and environs (Scotland) and I compared my sightings from this year with those from a similar trip made at the same time in 2009. This years sightings were - Just one very tatty Peacock (adult) near the Glencoe Visitor Centre. In 2009 BC Scotland were doing a survey on the northward spread of Orange Tips and I filled in several of their report cards with sightings at Glencoe, Killiecrankie, and Queens view (Loch Tummel). We also had good numbers of Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells at these and other nearby locations."

Anne McCue reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1). "1330".

David Tining reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "0950".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (2 "males in aerial combat"), Comma (1). "1020-1100".

David Tining reports from Kingfisher Path,Gosport (SZ586994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1110-1115".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (2 "males"), Small White (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (1). "1120-1135".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Small White (9 "males"), Speckled Wood (3). "1135-1150".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Road(east),Gosport (SZ601985) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1155".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (4 "males"), Comma (1). "1205 & 1545".

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3). "1215-1520,in my garden".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (5). "1550-1600".

David Tining reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1605".

Thursday 2nd May

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU512295) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1).

Terry Stevens reports from Sycamore Walk, Andover (SU3445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "First one of the year in our garden").

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "4 females"), Green-veined White (2), Large White (3 "2 females"), Peacock (7). "All 4 species nectaring exclusively on dandelion."

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street, Portchester (SU621050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1 "Female, on 'Bowles' Mauve' Wallflower").

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (7 "5m, 2f"), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (5), Small White (1).

J Simmonds reports from Highgate Lane (SU876564) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1), Comma (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down Chalkpit(carpark) IOW (SZ354856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1).

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from MHD (SU512295) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Orange-tip (8 "Male"), Peacock (6), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (2), Green Hairstreak (1). "Warm sunny day, Brimstone and Orange Tip constantly in flight throughout the site. The Green Hairstreak took a while to find."



Green Hairstreak



Brimstone

Dave Miller reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Duke of Burgundy (1), Green-veined White (5), Orange-tip (6), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1).



Duke of Burgundy

Hannah Hardman reports from Portsdown Hill (Fort Purbrook) (SU678063) where the following observations were made: [Small Copper](#) (1 "I was so pleased to see this species today. Each year I always see it in the same spot of scrub half way along the footpath."), Brimstone (20 "Seen flying or perched on Dandelions."), Orange-tip (5 "I had some lovely views when one landed on a Dandelion").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "5 Male 1 Female"), Small White (1), Peacock (1). "One of the warmest days of the year so far at 17°C and several Brimstones out flying."

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "Males"), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1 "Male").

Anne McCue reports from Kingfisher Path, Gosport (SZ586994) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small White (4), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Roy Johnson reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Large White (5), Small White (2), Orange-tip (5 "3 males & 2 females"), Peacock (2). "1030".

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (0), Small White (0).

David Tining reports from St Mark's Churchyard, Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"). "0925".

David Tining reports from Crescent Road, Gosport (SZ603984) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "0945".

David Tining reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Large White (5 "2 males & 3 females"), Speckled Wood (1). "1010".

David Tining reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"), Pyrausta aurata (1). "in my garden; also Small White, Comma, Speckled Wood 3".

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line (north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (6). "1535-1550; also Small White 4".

David Tining reports from Foster Gardens, Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1555".

David Tining reports from Foster Road, Gosport (SZ604995) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"). "1600".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Road (south), Gosport (SZ601999) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males taking nectar from Erysimum (Bowles's Mauve)"). "1605".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "males"), Holly Blue (5 "males"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (10). "1610-1655".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (3). "1655-1705".

Wednesday 1st May

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Hill (SU454265) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (13), Orange-tip (1), Large White (1). "15C, NE breeze".

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Peacock (4), Red Admiral (1), Comma (2), Duke of Burgundy (1).



Duke of Burgundy

Chris Cobb reports from Shedfield Common (SU562129) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2).

Richard Hallett reports from Denmead Forest Road (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (3 "2M 1F"), Small White (1), Peacock (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU512295) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 "5 females"), Green-veined White (2), Comma (1), Green Hairstreak (4), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (3 "2 females"). "A glorious sunny day greeted a good crowd for the first Magdalen Hill Down 'Wednesday Wander'. The butterflies were a little slow to appear but we saw 6 species. The Green Hairstreaks were displaying well but no Skippers were found".



Green Hairstreak



Brimstone

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Lock /Common (SU674008) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7), Small Tortoiseshell (6), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Small White (15), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Holly Blue (2). "The best Butterfly day of the year, and at my local patch an hourly walk round in beautiful sunshine after work revealed the best count of Speckled Wood and Small Tortoiseshell's for several years. Also the first time I've recorded the Green Veined White at this location as well. A mass emergence of Small Whites along with, my first Holly Blue as well. This site is probably a good breeding ground for the Small Tortoiseshell, as there are good areas of Nettles bordering on to the local Allotments, and it faces south for much of the day.".

Barry Collins writes: "1st May. A cycle ride around the tracks at Havant Thicket (SU715105) this morning produced, Brimstone (21m 5f), Speckled Wood (2), Small White (2) and one Peacock."

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Peacock (2), Brimstone (1 "Male").

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Butser Hill (SU713205) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "4M & 5F"), Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Grizzled Skipper (6). "Warm day 17 degrees with cooling northerly breeze. Visit was from 1pm to 5pm."



Grizzled Skipper

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Duke of Burgundy (2), Comma (5), Orange-tip (4), Peacock (12).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU577341) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (5), Holly Blue (8), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1). "great day great walk great place".



Peacock



Orange-tip



Holly Blue

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave (420144) where the following observations were made: Small White (0).

Andrew Brookes reports from Rocken End, IoW (SZ494757) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Males"), Orange-tip (2 "Males"), Duke of Burgundy (1), Peacock (10), Comma (1). "Pleased to see my first Duke of Burgundy Fritillary this year. Just a single individual flying around an area of scrub before the large far western pit. Also a number of Peacocks on the wing. Temperature was 14 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "7 Males 1 Female"), Small White (1). "On the way home from Noar Hill called in at this site were several Brimstones were flying."

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (21 "19 males & 2 females"), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (10 "7 males & 3 females"), Peacock (7), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (1). "1240-1530".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (5 "4 males & 1 female"), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (6), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large Red Damselfly (1). "1530-1730".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1). "0925-0940 & 1000-1015".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "taking nectar from grape hyacinth"). "1030".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males"), Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (6). "1040-1105".

David Tinling reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"). "1110-1115".

David Tinling reports from Anglesey Gardens, Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1125".

David Tinling reports from Ewer Common, Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1130".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female taking nectar from hyacinth & periwinkle in my garden"). "1230; also male Small White, Comma & Speckled Wood 2 again".

Matthew Shaft reports from Petersfield (SU738220) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "In garden."), Large White (1 "In garden."), Brimstone (1 "Male in garden."), Green-veined White (1 "In garden."), Orange-tip (1 "Male in garden.").

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"). "1520-1530".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (1). "1530-1535".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1545-1555;also Peacock again".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1555-1605;also Peacock again".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Road(east),Gosport (SZ601985) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking Honesty nectar"), Orange-tip (1 "female ovipositing on Honesty"), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "1615".

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay ,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "female"), Small White (5 "female taking Periwinkle nectar & 4 males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (5), Comma (1). "1615-1650".

David Tining reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1). "1655;total Gosport sightings for 1st May were Brimstone 1, Large White 4,Small White 28,Orange-tip 2,Holly Blue 3,Small Tortoiseshell 4,Peacock 13,Comma 6,Speckled Wood 13,Total 74".

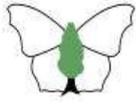
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Sunday 30th June

Terry Hotten reports from Bramshot Heath, Fleet (SU827553) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (1). "Very sparse number of grassland butterflies. However there was one or more Keeled Skimmer dragonflies in the meadow area."

R Bryant reports from Wayfarers Walk, Itchen Common (SU534361) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "patrolling its sunlit patch"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "sunbathing on path").

R. Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "among nettles beside car park"), Marbled White (2 "flying low over anthills"), Small Copper (1 "basking on flower head"), Green Hairstreak (1 "on rock rose ant-hill"), Brown Argus (2 "on rock rose ant-hills in bright sunshine"), Ringlet (5 "among long grasses"), Speckled Wood (1 "perched on fence in woodland"), Meadow Brown (2 "among long grasses in sunshine"), Brimstone (2 "flying around in bright sunshine").

Neil Ludford reports from Portchester common (SU619068) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3), Marbled White (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Wall (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Pitt Down (SU420293) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (2), Small Heath (5), Meadow Brown (6), Large Skipper (3), Dark Green Fritillary (2 "Fresh males").



Dark Green Fritillary



Dark Green Fritillary

nick lawrence reports from straits inclosure (SU802400) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (5), Small Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Comma (1), Large Skipper (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Arboretum (SU369385) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Large White (1), Marbled White (1).

Paul Cox reports from Wheeler's Bay (SZ570775) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Glanville Fritillary (4 "A few around this morning; all worn and some very worn. Looks like the season is at an end only a month after it started.").

Peter Vaughan writes: "On a HIWWTwalk around Bartley Heath in bright sunshine this afternoon we saw numerous Large and Small Skippers, several Meadow Browns, several Speckled Woods, a Red Admiral, a male Brimstone and a Silver-washed Fritillary, together with a Mother Shipton moth and many Green Oak Roller moths. We had a couple of brief, tantalising glimpses of what may have been White Admirals as well. At the same site yesterday I also saw a couple of Common Heath moths and a Clouded Buff moth. Although the numbers of skippers had increased markedly between Saturday and Sunday, the overall number of butterfly species and number of individuals was still very poor compared with what would normally be expected at this site at the end of June (at least pre-2012). In contrast there were good numbers of dragonflies and Heath-spotted Orchids seen."

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1), Common Blue (11), Speckled Wood (1), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Small Heath (29), Meadow Brown (2), Small White (4), Brimstone (9 "7 Males 2 Females"). "A hot day temperature of 20 degrees with plenty of butterflies flying. Many Small Heaths but Meadow Browns are only now slowly starting to appear."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (4), Small White (2). "On way home from Old Winchester Hill called in mid afternoon at Chalton Down where the temperature reached 21 degrees."

Steve Mansfield reports from Holybourne (SU743413) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "At Haw Bridge (River Wey). Also 3 Banded Demoiselles."

Steve Mansfield reports from Binsted (SU7641) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Along lane to west of village".

Steve Mansfield reports from Kingsley Common (SU7938) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (10 "Partial count only"), Painted Lady (1 "Flying through, northwards").

Steve Mansfield reports from Shorth Heath Common (SU7736) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Clouded Buff (2 "1 male at 776368, 1 female at 775367. Adults by day in heather/grass."). "Clouded Buff - what a duff name for such a vivid moth. Makes it sound like a piece of stationary at the DHSS. (record-shot photos available) Also Golden-ringed Dragonfly."

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End bridleway (SU501142) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Small Tortoiseshell (8 "All very fresh, duelling, basking and nectaring on Thistle"). "3pm in bright warm sunshine. Most likely the product of several larval webs seen in the same location a few weeks ago."

Paul Harfield reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5 Larval "larval web ranging from very young to almost fully grown"), 5 Spot Burnet (40), Small Tortoiseshell (3 Larval "3 single fully grown larvae close to Peacock larval web"), Cinnabar Moth (3), Meadow Brown (35 "including one mating pair"), Small Heath (22), Green Hairstreak (1 "very worn"), Brimstone (1 Larval), Common Blue (13 "6 female and 7 male all very worn"), Brimstone (7 "5 female and 2 male all very worn. Some could barely fly!"), Grizzled Skipper (1 "ragged"), Dark Green Fritillary (4 "All very fresh"), Dingy Skipper (3 "ragged"), Ringlet (1 "very fresh"), Small Tortoiseshell (9), Large Skipper (1 Egg "laid in view"), Speckled Wood (1), Large Skipper (28). "Seen between in hot sunny conditions between 9am and 1pm".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "female egg-laying on cleavers(goose grass)"). "1525-1535".

Graeme Davis reports from Wickes Meadow (SU364464) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (1), Six-spot Burnet (100 Pupal). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(south) (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), Small White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood"), Speckled Wood (6), Large Skipper (4), Brimstone (2 "males"). "1300-1355 & 1555-1630".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(north) (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6), Meadow Brown (3), Large Skipper (6), Brimstone (2 "males"), Green-veined White (1). "1400-1555".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell (1 "disturbed by day in my garden"). "0900".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614984) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood basking on a wall"). "1000".

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood taking bramble nectar"). "1010".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (1), Small White (4 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"). "1020-1045".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Large White (3 "very fresh 2nd brood females taking sea radish nectar"). "1045-1100".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2 "males"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (3), Common Blue (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (1). "1100 & 1410-1430".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Common Blue (3 "males taking silverweed nectar"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot (6 "one taking meadow vetchling nectar"), Large Skipper (1 "female"), Small Skipper (1 "male"). "1430-1515".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Mother Shipton (1), Holly Blue (4), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (8), Meadow Brown (4 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (37 "including one mating pair & some taking nectar from bramble,meadow vetchling & red clover"). "1610-1655".

Saturday 29th June

Tim Graham reports from Tichborne Down (SU591302) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (43 "All basking on brambles in the sun. They were everywhere I looked."), Meadow Brown (13), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Colin Baker reports from Silchester Common (SU622621) where the following observations were made: Grass Wave (1), Common Heath (15), Small Heath (2), Silver-studded Blue (9 "Male"). "A morning visit to Silchester Common improved upon the single Silver-studded Blue seen on Wednesday when to count increased to 8 males.A couple of Small Heath were in courtship but the largest count of the day went to the Common Heath moths who along with a single Grass Wave were to be a photographic nightmare."



Silver-studded Blue



Grass Wave



Common Heath

Mike Gibbons reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (30), Meadow Brown (4), Brimstone (8), Small Blue (1), Large Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "Nectaring on greater knapweed"). "My first Dark-green Fritillary of the year, but I could only find one after much searching in warm conditions."



Dark Green Fritillary

I A Smith reports from Lee on the Solent (SU569000) where the following observations were made: Monarch (1 "Unmistakeable huge butterfly flying around my garden for a few minutes. Landed on my Valerian before flying off.").

Clive Wood reports from Hospital of St Cross, Meadow Field (SU477277) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "Heading north over meadows adjacent to the River Itchen").

Neil Ludford reports from Portchester common (SU619068) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1), Painted Lady (3), Marbled White (3), Large White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ487878) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (6), Speckled Wood (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Common Blue (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (50 "numerous"), Dingy Skipper (1), Large Skipper (8). "Beautiful afternoon!".

Ashley Whitlock reports from Bonchurch Down IOW (SZ575383) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (15), Small Copper (1), Adonis Blue (37), Small Heath (16), Large Skipper (5), Small White (1), Common Blue (32), Small Tortoiseshell (13), Meadow Brown (6), Speckled Wood (5). "My yearly jaunt over to the Island being delayed by weather and other species, finally arrived today, when Im normally looking high up into the trees for the IRIS, which will not be around for a few weeks yet. The weather being sublime, and looked as if I just caught the Adonis Blue just as the numbers are dropping. The two things I forgot about when I went over today about 5 weeks later than I normally go, was the grasses on the Down are now almost shoulder height!, and the holiday season is in full swing, so the ferries are not running as frequently! However the species count was very good, and the Small Tortoiseshell was a triumph! I havent seen so many for several years, so maybe t hey are getting back to good numbers, I had at one point four Small Tortoiseshells on the footpath in front of me on the Bonchurch Down keeping me company, what a delight....mind you a decade ago it would have been Wall Browns, but must not grumble!".



Adonis Blue



Small Tortoiseshell



Meadow Brown

Ashley Whitlock reports from Wheelers Bay (SZ570776) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Speckled Wood (2), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (20), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Adonis Blue (2), Glanville Fritillary (16). "Wheelers Bay has had a few landslips, but no evidence that the Ribwort

Plantain has taken hold on the new fresh slopes as yet, but the future of the Glanville Fritillary certainly rests with this happening, as I just caught the tail end charlies again in 2013, although the numbers were far better than in 2012. Around the Landslip the footpath is almost disappeared, and I wouldn't be surprised if this area is a no go area after another cool wet winter and cold spring."



Glanville Fritillary Adonis Blue

Andy Bolton reports from Tadley Library car park (SU598622) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Fleming Park/Northend Copse (SU4318) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Small Tortoiseshell (4). "seen in bright, warm sunshine between 9am and 10.15am".

Paul Harfield reports from Fleming Park (SU442185) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2 Larval "larval webs").

John Vetterlein reports from Beaulieu Heath (SU337006) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (2).

peter gardner reports from pit down (SU409324) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (2), Dingy Skipper (2), Large Skipper (4), Common Blue (4), Brimstone (6), Dark Green Fritillary (2), Small Heath (9), Meadow Brown (19). "a very pleasant day a light breeze to cool things down a bit, a bit disappointed low number of flowers so low numbers of butterflies".



Large Skipper Grizzled Skipper Dark Green Fritillary

nick lawrence reports from bentley station meadow (SU793428) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Meadow Brown (3), Small Skipper (1), Common Blue (4), Brown Argus (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Cosham (SU645051) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4), [White-letter Hairstreak](#) (3), Common Blue (6).

Damian Hart reports from Garden 37 horsebridge hill (SZ491914) where the following observations were made: elephant hawk moth (1). "Found in spider web dead unfortunately, so pretty i thought i would identify species".

Chris Rose reports from Four Marks (SU6733) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Meadow Brown (4), Speckled Wood (5), Large Skipper (7 "In the grassy areas around the edge of the fields"). "Seen while walking around the area. The skippers were mostly around the field edges, and the Meadow Brown amongst the Ox Eye daisies in the fields. It is good to see them at last".

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Small White (1). "Temperature 17 degrees with little activity".

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU623224) where the following observations were made: Peacock (100 Larval "Over 100 young caterpillars"), Speckled Wood (2), Small White (2), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1), Large Tortoiseshell (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Meadow Brown (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (4). "Temperature 17 degrees".

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU381168) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tining reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (3 "including a mating pair"), Burnet Companion (2 "flying in early evening sunshine"), Large Skipper (5 "4 males & 1 female"), Meadow Brown (2 "males"), Small Skipper (1 "male basking in morning sunshine;first sighting"). "1025-1100 & 1800-1840".

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking charlock nectar"), Speckled Wood (3). "1000-1020 & 1100".

David Tining reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Cinnabar (1), Mother Shipton (1), Small White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Large Skipper (1 "male"), Common Blue (2 "males basking or taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil"), Speckled Wood (13). "1105-1755".

David Tining reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in sunshine"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (16). "1135-1150".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (12 "a few taking nectar from white clover & buttercup"), Yellow Shell (1 "very fresh dark-banded form disturbed in sunshine"), Common Blue (7 "males"), Meadow Brown (4 "males"), Burnet Companion (2), White Plume Moth BF 1513 (1 "disturbed in sunshine"), Large Skipper (22 "16 males & 6 females,a few taking nectar from bramble & tufted vetch"), Cinnabar (4), Mother Shipton (2), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (207 "including 4 mating pairs & some taking nectar from creeping thistle (56),tufted vetch(14),purple loosestrife(5) & bramble(4)"). "1150-1250 & 1540-1655".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (2), Small Heath (10), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (72 "including 3 mating pairs"), Cinnabar (2), Large Skipper (11 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Meadow Brown (6 "males"). "1555-1725".

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-east),Gosport (SU580000) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1). "1725".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell (1 "very fresh dark-banded form"). "1900".

Friday 28th June

John Stacey reports from Pamber Forest (SU6160) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7), White Admiral (1), Large Skipper (2), Brimstone (1). "Very hot, humid and mainly overcast. One other possible white admiral, but too far away to identify accurately."

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (4).

Dr Sue Walker reports from Puttles Bridge, Ober Water (SU230035) where the following observations were made: 2412 Silver Hook Deltote uncula (1 "Disturbed from vegetation by Ober Water ford"). "Walk by South Wiltshire RSPB Local Group, led by Tony Goddard and Sue Walker. We were birdwatching and also enjoying a range of plant and insect species on a "Habitat" day long walk. Fabulous areas of heath, valley mires and riverine habitats."



Silver Hook

Linda Roberts reports from Bentley Wood (SU2629) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4), Common Blue (1), Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (6), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Brimstone (3). "Fresh specimens with a possible sighting of a female white admiral or purple empower on the ground and flight to oak tree. Pm sightings".

Thursday 27th June

Stuart Read reports from Merstone Station (SZ526845) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (5 "nectaring on thistle, knapweed and bramble.").

Mike Wildish reports from Hook Lane (SU305435) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Green-veined White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (3).

Stuart Read reports from Birchmore Lane (SZ509856) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ530842) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Also saw one at the Fighting Cocks Inn and another along while cycling along the road between Horringford and Apse Heath."

Stuart Read reports from Albany Prison (SZ491902) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (8 "on the brambles by Albany Prison. Difficult to count and could be a more more!"). "15 Small Tortoiseshells seen today in total!"

Stuart Read reports from Birchmore Lane (SZ518851) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "first one I've seen for several years!").

Roger Pendell reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (4).



Large Skipper

Dave Pearson reports from Broughton Down (SU299321) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1).

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU348149) where the following observations were made: Peacock (0 Larval "8 good size webs"), Large Skipper (12), Common Blue (1 "my first here this year!"), Meadow Brown (30), Green-veined White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (17 "am expecting good numbers after all the larval webs this year"), Pale Clouded Yellow (1 "female seen very well and close up for a good 10 mins").

Mike Gregory reports from Peel Common (SU5603) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (1 "female"), Large Skipper (3), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Meadow Brown (4).

John Stacey reports from Silchester Common (SU6262) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1), Silver-studded Blue (4 "Seen on visit between 9-30 to 11am."). "All butterflies appeared mint and brand new. Plenty of day flying moths including clouded buff".

peter gardner reports from bordeen field (SU712268) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), [Ringlet](#) (1), Red Admiral (1). "a quick walk around the field just to see what's about in the sun, had to brave the pollen[bad this year]".



Small White



Ringlet



Red Admiral

Shaun McCullagh reports from St Thomas Avenue, Hayling Island (SZ707995) where the following observations were made: Swallowtail (1 "Seen briefly on garden flowering plants. I assume this was a migrant from the continent and not a UK individual which only occur in Norfolk and possibly Cambs.").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Southern Hawker (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1 "very fresh 2nd brood female taking sea radish nectar"). "1000-1015 & 1035-1050".

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park, Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7). "1015-1035".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2), Small White (1 "male"). "1050-1110".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (8), Small White (4 "males taking sea radish nectar"), Common Blue (2 "males"). "1110-1210".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (4 "males"), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (2 "males"), Cinnabar (2), Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (3), Large Skipper (5 "males taking buttercup nectar"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (152 "including 9 mating pairs & some taking nectar from tufted vetch & white clover"). "1450-1520 & 1545-1625".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Common Blue (3 "males"), Meadow Brown (5 "males"), Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (2), Large Skipper (2 "males"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (34 "including 2 mating pairs"), Cinnabar (1). "1520-1545".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "very fresh 2nd brood male"). "1630".

David Tinling reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (1 "male"). "1645-1705".

Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse Yarmouth (SZ356888) where the following observations were made: 1293 *Chrysoteuchia culmella* (3), Cinnabar Moth (2), *Celypha lacunana* (2), Peacock (1), Small Heath (2), Red Admiral (3), Large Skipper (7 "very fresh mainly males"), Painted Lady (1), Common Blue (1), Large White (1), Comma (1 "attacking a Cinnabar moth"). "overcast and breezy but warm."



Large Skipper

Linda Roberts reports from Bentley Wood (SU258292) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Common Blue (1), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Brimstone (3), **Small Skipper** (2), Large Skipper (6). "Seen in Cowleys Copse - Warm day with sunny spells".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381168) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Sue Lambert reports from Baker's Drove Field (SU382162) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Large Skipper (1).



Meadow Brown

Sue Lambert reports from Rownhams Wood (SU388181) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (1), Large Skipper (2).



Large Skipper



Red Admiral



Speckled Wood

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Speckled Wood (4). "1110 & 1620".

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SZ585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (2), Common Blue (4), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (7), Brimstone (1 "female"). "1130-1215".

Anne McCue reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (3). "1215".

Anne McCue reports from Junkett Hill & Alver Valley West,Gosport (SU570000) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (7), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "very fresh summer brood"), Meadow Brown (14), Brimstone (1 "male"), Large Skipper (3), Common Blue (3). "1230-1415".

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "1420".

Wednesday 26th June

Andrew Brookes reports from Manor Farm, Boarhunt (SU603087) where the following observations were made: Peacock (50 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Small White (12), Meadow Brown (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Wallington riverbank, Boarhunt (SU601093) where the following observations were made: Peacock (300 Larval), Painted Lady (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Buck's Copse, Boarhunt (SU599093) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Peacock (200 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (20 Larval), Large Skipper (1), Large White (2).

Martin Gillingham reports from Hayling Osterbeds (SU717027) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "To the north of the car park").

D Thelwell and Simon Layton reports from Yell Hill (SU455265) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "Female (also seen last week on the 19th)").



Clouded Yellow

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Lock foreshore (SU674008) where the following observations were made: Peacock (0 Larval), Red Admiral (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Painted Lady (1), Small White (10), Comma (1). "A couple of walks around my local patch at Milton lock over the last couple of evenings. Not a great deal on the wing but the Peacock larvae were interesting to note, as I saw these in patches of Nettles I saw Small Tortoiseshells earlier in the year. I was really hoping to find Larvae of the urticae but I haven't had any luck just yet. Looking at the Larvae of the Peacocks, unless we get some rain the Nettles will be dead before the feeding is completed. Although enough should survive for late Summer flight, hopefully."



Comma

Peacock larvae

Barry Collins reports from Havant Thicket (SU715106) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (10), Brimstone (11), Large Skipper (5). "I had a cycle ride around some of the gravel tracks from 1000 to 1130."

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Cowes cycleway (SZ5092) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (2), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (2). "Also a common blue in the rough pastures at Medham/".

Clive Wood reports from Garden in St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).



Small Tortoiseshell

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (485275) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1), Small Blue (10), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Clouded Yellow (2 "female egg laying"), [Marbled White](#) (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (3). "Another disappointing day, despite the temperature of 19°C, very little flying."

peter gardner reports from Abbottstone Down (SU543386) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Ringlet (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Large Skipper (3), Brown Argus (5), Speckled Wood (7), Meadow Brown (7), Green Hairstreak (1). "a good clear very warm day ,the butterflies where flying all over the place".



Large Skipper

Green Hairstreak

Brown Argus

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Large White (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Common Blue (2), Meadow Brown (6), Small Heath (73), Brimstone (11), Small White (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Pitt Down (SU4129) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2), Common Blue (1 "female roosting"). "sunny and warm early evening between 6pm and 7pm".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan(north-west)(including Fort Rowner),Gosport (SU592012) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (16), Small White (1 "male"). "1100-1210;Also Southern Hawker, Large Red, Common Blue, Azure, Blue-tailed & Red-eyed Damselflies".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan(south-west)(including Fort Grange),Gosport (SU591002) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar (4 "disturbed in daylight"), Large White (1 "male"), Common Blue (3 "males taking nectar from daisy & bird's-foot trefoil"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (24 "including one mating pair & some taking scabious nectar"). "1210-1345".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "males"), Small Heath (1), Burnet Companion (1), Large Skipper (3 "2 males in aerial combat & female taking nectar from meadow vetchling "). "1810-1900".

Phil Lowe reports from Chilling/ Meon Cliffs (SU527026) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "Settling on various plants on cliff base").

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "in my garden"). "1430".

Tuesday 25th June

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638040) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Peacock (200 Larval), Brimstone (1), Brimstone (10 Larval).

Alan Butterworth reports from Pennington Marsh (SZ331932) where the following observations were made: Wall (3 "One sparring with a Cinnabar Moth"), Cinnabar moth (2), Clouded Yellow (1 "Active on the face of the sea wall"). "Sunny warm(ish) morning with light winds for a change."

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU033202) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8), Small Blue (6), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (5), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (10), Brimstone (4 "All very worn"). "Visit made between 0900 and 1245 to the Kitts Grave (wooded) area, unbroken sunshine when I arrived but soon large amounts of cloud appeared."



Brown Argus



Large Skipper



Meadow Brown

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (11 "Very fresh 2nd brood specimens"), Meadow Brown (1), Brimstone (6 Larval).

Alan Thornbury reports from Beaulieu Heath (SU343004) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (7), Silver-studded Blue (3 "Fresh males"). "Brief, late-afternoon visit to Beaulieu Heath in the New Forest. Low numbers suggest Silver-studded Blues are just starting to emerge here."



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (7), Meadow Brown (5), Painted Lady (3), Small Blue (8), Small Heath (30), Common Blue (9), Dingy Skipper (1), Large Skipper (3), Large White (2), Adonis Blue (9), Brimstone (10 "3m, 7f"), Brown Argus (4). "Warm and sunny most of the time with only a gentle breeze. Good to see so many different species of butterfly. The orchids were pretty special too. A very enjoyable visit."

mick sivell reports from brighstone down (SZ417844) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1), small elephant hawkmoth (1 "drying its wings"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (7), Dingy Skipper (3), Glanville Fritillary (2 "no plantain seen here"), Common Blue (25 "probably many more"). "These were all close to the old lime kiln in strawberry lane".

Clive Wood reports from Garden at St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), *Pyrausta aurata* (2 "Mint moth").

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(south) (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (7), Brimstone (1 "female"). "1130-1210 & 1350-1450".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(north) (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Speckled Wood (6), Brimstone (2 "male & female"). "1210-1350".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "males"), Speckled Wood (7), Cinnabar (1), Large Skipper (2 "males"), Small Copper (1). "1530-1645".

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Large Skipper (1 "male taking bramble nectar"). "1015-1040;2 Buzzards soaring overhead".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "old"), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (1 "female"), Red Admiral (1). "1040-1115".

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (100 Larval "very small in 2 groups(nets)"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (5). "1200-1210".

Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay,Isle of Wight (SZ572776) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Common Blue (9), Dingy Skipper (2), Glanville Fritillary (14), Large White (2), Brown Argus (2).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (1), Yellow Shell (1 "disturbed in sunshine"), Large Skipper (3 "males"), Common Blue (4 "3 males & 1 blue female"), Burnet Companion (1), Cinnabar Moth (2), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (237 "including 19 mating pairs & some taking nectar from red & white clover and bramble"). "1115-1325".

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU635238) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "First this year"), Small Tortoiseshell (100 Larval "On nettles in garden"), Peacock (100 Larval "On nettles in garden"), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2). "2 Scarlet Tiger moths on the wing."

peter gardner reports from Broxhead Common (SU801367) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Silver-studded Blue (5). "very warm sunny day great to see them as they must have just started, the females have not emerged yet, very lucky to see the small copper".



Silver-studded Blue



Small Copper



Silver-studded Blue

Roy Symonds reports from Straits Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1). "In hazy/overcast conditions, trip was a little disappointing with very few butterflies active. The temperature was 16Å°C."

Roy Symonds reports from Broxhead Common (SU802374) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Silver-studded Blue (1 "Male"). "From Alice Holt Forest I visited Broxhead Common, where I was glad to see a single male Silver Studded Blue - my first sighting this year."

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (2), Small Heath (30), Small Blue (8), Painted Lady (3), Meadow Brown (5), Large White (2), Large Skipper (3), Common Blue (9), Dingy Skipper (1), Brown Argus (4), Brimstone (10 "3m, 7f"), Adonis Blue (13). "Weather warm and sunny most of the time. A good day for butterflies. The orchids were pretty special too."

Andy Bolton reports from Tidgrove Warren,nr Overton (SU527542) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "My first for at least 3 years."), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (3), Green-veined White (1), Common Blue (3), Meadow Brown (7), Large White (2), Brimstone (2).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (7 "one taking silverweed nectar"), Large Skipper (2 "males taking bramble nectar"), Common Blue (2 "male & blue female"), Speckled Wood (1), Cinnabar (1), Yellow Shell (1 "disturbed in sunshine"), Burnet Companion (1), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (37 "including 2 mating pairs"). "1325-1405".

David Tining reports from Junkett Hill(south),Gosport (SU576002) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (2 "mating pair"). "1345".

David Tining reports from Junkett Marsh/Reedbed,Gosport (SU578002) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1). "1410".

David Tining reports from Junkett Bottom,Gosport (SU577006) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1), Common Blue (1 "male"), Meadow Brown (2 "males"), Small Heath (8), Burnet Companion (2 "taking white clover nectar"), Large Skipper (1 "male"). "1450-1510".

David Tining reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "male & blue female"), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (1 "female taking bramble nectar"). "1510-1525".

John Tuffrey reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU642204) where the following observations were made: Wood Tiger moth (1).



Wood Tiger

John Tuffrey reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU643212) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (5), Common Blue (1 "Female"), Painted Lady (1), Brimstone (2).



Painted Lady

Monday 24th June

Mike Wildish reports from Balls Cottages (SU395443) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (3).

Chris Cobb reports from FORT Nelson meadow (SU608069) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Common Blue (4), Painted Lady (1). "15:15 - 15:35 Patchey Sun".

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551091) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (10 Larval), Meadow Brown (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst (SZ4990) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (4 "nectaring on the brambles to the rear of the garages."), Meadow Brown (1 "first sighting this summer."), Common Blue (2), Grizzled Skipper (1 "very active and engaged in combat with a common blue!"). "This unkempt piece of land in front of Albany Prison is a haven for butterflies and demonstrates the value of such sites to our wildlife."

Steve Outram reports from My garden (SU663528) where the following observations were made: Mullein moth (15 Larval "Feeding on garden variety verbascum"). "



Mullein larva



Mullein larva



Mullein larvae

Andrew Brookes reports from Cams Bay, Fareham (SU590054) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20 Larval), Peacock (100 Larval).

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (12 "males basking or taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil"). "1440-1500".

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2 "taking bramble nectar"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh,summer brood"), Small White (3 "males,one taking nectar from creeping thistle"), Large White (1 "male"). "1500-1515".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7 "males"). "1520-1525 & 1545-1605".

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Small White (5 "males taking nectar from sea radish & bramble"), Large White (2 "males taking sea radish nectar"). "1525-1545".

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU714265) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "It found a little bit of sun on our window sill to get warm[very little of it today] it has come to soon for the bubbia [not in flower yet]".



Red Admiral

Clive Wood reports from Winnall Moors Farm (SU487309) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5 "All female"). "Stretch of privately-owned rough pasture between Winnall Moors Nature Reserve and Nuns Walk."

Hilary Higgins reports from Brook Down (SZ410846) where the following observations were made: Wood tiger (8 "Cool overcast evening").

John Solomon reports from West Down (386391) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (42), Common Blue (1), Small Heath (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Large White (1), Large Skipper (2), Ringlet (2), Brimstone (1), Clouded Yellow (1 "Very fresh. Managed a bad photo."), Marbled White (6), Dingy Skipper (3).

Sunday 23rd June

Roger Forster reports from Alverstoke (5999) where the following observations were made: Mullien moth (1 Larval "On a mullein plant in my garden").



Mullien larva

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (36 Pupal "in my garden").

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End (SU502142) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 Larval "1 confirmed and 2 more unconfirmed"), Peacock (7 Larval "larval webs ranging from very young to final instar").

Saturday 22nd June

Richard Carpenter reports from Corhampton Forest (SU5821) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2). "Freshly emerged and trying to warm up in what little sunshine there was".

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU502292) where the following observations were made: many micro moths (0), Speckled Wood (1), Burnet Companion (1), 5 spot burnet Moth (2), Orange-tip (15 Larval), Brimstone (3 Egg), Brimstone (20 Larval), Small White (2), Brown Argus (2), Large Skipper (2), Common Blue (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Very fresh"). "Although the weather was not the best for the new members day the butterflies were about. Eight different species were seen including larval Brimstone and Orange-tip. This was my first sighting of Large Skipper and Brown Argus for 2013."



Large Skipper



Brimstone larva



Orange-tip larva

Mark Tutton reports from Ramsdean Down (SU717207) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Small Heath (4), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (7). "Took the dog for a walk at Ramsdean down not thinking any butterflies would be around, it was 15c and force 6 winds. I was pleasantly surprised to find fresh Speckled Woods in just about every clearing in the track up to Ramsdean Down which was reassuring as I have seen ver few this year. Other highlights were probably my last duke of the year and a fantastic spike of greater butterfly orchid with 13 florets."

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Carnation Tortrix BF985 (1 "flying in morning sunshine in my garden, flashing orange underwings").

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm (SU551092) where the following observations were made: Peacock (200 Larval "Third instar").

Friday 21st June

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Clamerkin NT IOW (SZ436907) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Keith Cutler reports from Martin Down (SU051177) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (14), Small Heath (7), Brimstone (5), Common Blue (3), Small Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (1).

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (3 "disturbed in sunshine"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Cinnabar Moth (1), Small White (5 "males, one taking nipplewort nectar"). "1350-1435".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar Moth (1), Small Heath (1), Small White (2 "males"). "1435-1515".

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Yellow Belle BF1968 (1 "disturbed in sunshine & photographed"), Common Blue (6 "males"). "1505-1615".

David Tining reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Mother Shipton BF2462 (3 "including a male finding & mating with a female in evening sunshine; mating pair photographed"), Cinnabar BF2069 (2). "1825-1915".

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west), Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (1 Pupal), Common Blue (3 "males roosting together on grass stems"). "1935".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1455".

Anne McCue reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "1500".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (3 "males"). "1515-1615".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Large White (1), Green Hairstreak (1 "very worn"). "1540".

Graeme Davis reports from Hedgerow 401 Cowdown (SU377432) where the following observations were made: *Agapeta hamana* moth (1), Nettle Tap Moth (2), Silver Y Moth (4), Brimstone (1), *Nemophora degeerella* Moth (2), Small White (2), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Painted Lady (1 "very tatty"). "Survey done for Wildlife trust of hedgerow and species found as part of this. Crops either side were broad bean and barley. Broad bean had a lot of butterflies on but not all identified".

Thursday 20th June

Nick Lawrence reports from Bramshot Common (SU856333) where the following observations were made: **Silver-studded Blue** (18 "all male"), Clouded Yellow (1), Brown Argus (1), Small Heath (1).

Roger Forster reports from Browdown (North) (583995) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4).



Speckled Wood

Paul Harfield reports from Hightown Fire Station (SU468116) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "Seen nectaring on Hebe in the car park between 4.45 and 6.15 in the early evening sunshine."

Tim Doran reports from Farlington Marshes (SU687035) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (2 "around the Point field"). "my first of the year".

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Burnet Companion (1 "disturbed in evening sunshine"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (17), Common Blue (6 "5 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (2 "males"). "1755-1845".

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Maggie BF1884 (2 "new male courting older female in evening sunshine"). "1850".

David Tinling reports from The Avenue, Gosport (SZ601994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "flying in evening sunshine"). "1945".

Hilary Higgins reports from Brook Down (SZ410846) where the following observations were made: Wood Tiger (0 "In evening sunshine. Estimate 50-100, including a mating frenzy of 6, flying west as we disturbed them and settling again.").

Wednesday 19th June

Stuart Read reports from Albany Prison (SZ4990) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Grizzled Skipper (1). "Recorded on the abandoned piece of land in front of Albany Prison."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst (SZ493908) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "in my garden on the Parkhurst estate"). "Holly Blues still emerging. Saw another fresh-looking one along the Newport-Cowes cycle-path on Monday afternoon."

R A Hume reports from Martin Down - central area only (SU045191) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (20 "Many brilliant fresh males"), Common Blue (10), Small Blue (20), Brimstone (20), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (1), Small Copper (4), Small Heath (30), Speckled Wood (1), Wall (1 "Is this unusual here? First I've seen . . . A little bit abraded"). "Bursts of hot sun got the Adonis blues going, otherwise a bit quiet".

Clive Wood reports from Winnall Moors (Northern section) (SU489311) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small White (3). "A warm, humid day, c24C, light cloud. Odd to see only 9 butterflies in 2 hours walking around the Winnall Moors reserve, albeit of 7 different species. The highlight was the fresh Small Copper, great to see."

Robin Turner reports from our Grayshott garden (SU8635) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Its 5 years since we saw the last one in the garden"), Common Swift (1 "Found in flower bed").



Painted Lady

Barry Collins writes: "19th June; A cycle ride around Havant Thicket SU715106 between 1200 to 1315, produced the following sightings Painted Lady (1), Meadow Brown (2), Red Admiral (1), Common Blue (1), Speckled Wood (4), Brimstone (8), Large White (3) and 3 Silver Y."

Roy Symonds reports from Stairs Inclosure, Alice Holt Forest (SU801400) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (1), **White Admiral** (2). "In hazy sunshine very little was flying. What made up for the small number of sightings was seeing two White Admirals, my first this year, one of which appeared from the trees when the sun appeared strongly flying over my head. Temperature was 21 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Males"), Large White (1), Small White (1), Common Blue (3 "Including a mating pair."), Small Heath (5). "Hazy sunshine. Temperature 23 degrees."

David Buckler reports from Beggarwood Park, Basingstoke (SU599485) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (56 "Lovely hot day. Every patch of what seemed to be a large form of kidney vetch, had on average one small blue, and I don't think I covered the whole park!"), Common Blue (10), Small Heath (10). "Appeared to be a large form of kidney vetch which was in flower and coming into flower. Whereas that on Old Down it seemed the normal small type, and the flowering just about over."



Small Blue



Small Blue

David Buckler reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (10), Small Heath (5).

Paul Harfield reports from Botley Wood (SU5410) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Mother Shipton (2), Speckled Yellow (2), Silver Y (1). "Despite there being hot sunshine and humid conditions gradually becoming cloudy today,I only saw this lonely Speckled Wood today between 2pm and 3.45pm."

Caroline Dudley reports from Yarmouth old railway line (SZ356892) where the following observations were made: Monarch (1 "Monarch seen along the Yarmouth old railway line between the station and gate to Mill Copse at around 13.30. We saw it flying powerfully past us from northeast to southwest along the track as we stood next to the Station Pond. It cut through the hedge between the track and the estuary and disappeared off to the west. We were unable to relocate it. Other observers Elaine Rice and Dave Hunnybun.").

Lynn Kelly reports from Warsash (SU488063) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1 "On the path near the pink ferry").



Clouded Yellow

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (12), Small White (3), Small Heath (6), Brimstone (4), Common Blue (8), Brown Argus (8).

Mark Russell reports from Newport Quay (SZ501894) where the following observations were made: Poplar Hawk-moth (2 "A mating pair").

Anne McCue reports from Bentley Wood(east clearing) (SU260294) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y Moth (1). "1115-1145;I was driven away by mosquitoes & horseflies!".

Anne McCue reports from Martin Down (SU040180) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (1), Brimstone (13 "7 males & 6 females"), Small White (3), Grizzled Skipper (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Brown Argus (1), Adonis Blue (16), Common Blue (15), Small Blue (6), Meadow Brown (2), Small Heath (21), Silver Y Moth (5). "1400-1800".

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown (SU632066) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (0 "Plenty in and around the west end of the chalk pit"), Speckled Wood (1), cinnabar (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (9). "1240-1325".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (7 "one taking nectar from common vetch"), Large Skipper (5 "taking buttercup nectar"), Common Blue (2 "male & blue female taking buttercup nectar"), Small Heath (2), Mother Shipton (6 "taking buttercup nectar"), Burnet Companion (1), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in sunshine"). "1330-1430".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3 "2 males & 1 female taking buttercup nectar"), Small Heath (3), Burnet Companion (2 "taking buttercup nectar"), Silver Y Moth (2 "disturbed in daylight"). "1430-1500".

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU379359) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (8), Small White (4), Small Heath (14), Common Blue (1), Treble bar moth (3), Mullein Moth (0 Larval).



Dingy Skipper



Mullein larva

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Clouded Silver BF1958 (1 "very fresh,disturbed in daylight;identified by Stewart Swift from my photo"). "1220-1240".

Tuesday 18th June

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads south (SU716270) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Peacock (1), Small White (3). "just a short walk down the lane while the sun peeped out for a short while".



Small White



Peacock



Green-veined White

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU629234) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (9), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1).

Roger Forster reports from Browdown (North) (585998) where the following observations were made: **Clouded Yellow** (1). "Photo taken and confirmed independently".



Clouded Yellow

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peter gardner reports from st catherines hill (SU507269) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Small Blue (5), Brimstone (1), Small Heath (2), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (2). "dull start but mild only did a short walk along the bottom of the hill [foot problems] better now thank goodness, so look out butterflies".



Small Blue



Common Blue



Brimstone

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown garden (SU671065) where the following observations were made: Poplar hawk moth (1), treble lines (1), Silver Y (1), white ermine (1).



Poplar Hawkmoth

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (1).

Monday 17th June

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU625236) where the following observations were made: Large White (6), Small White (5), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Silver 'Y' moth (10).

Anne McCue reports from Hermitage Garden, Gosport (SU597004) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (4). "1610".

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (west), Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Monarch (1 "male in fairly good condition, basking, flying & in aerial combat with a Speckled Wood & photographed"), Large White (1), Small White (1), Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3), Silver Y Moth (2). "1645-1745".



Monarch



Monarch

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "Male"). "Very little activity. Temperature 20 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7 "Males"). "Common Blues were flying around the long grass."

Mike Wildish reports from Penton Lane (SU325485) where the following observations were made: Large White (2).

Sunday 16th June

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst (SZ491902) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Grizzled Skipper (2). "Seen on small patch of grassland between Albany Prison and the main road to Cowes."

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Small Heath (10), Duke of Burgundy (1), Large White (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Noar hill (SU740318) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (21), Dingy Skipper (2), Small Heath (29), Duke of Burgundy (2), Small White (3), Large White (3), Small Blue (2), Orange-tip (1 "Female").

Ian Pratt reports from Wheelers Bay (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (10), Common Blue (8), Large White (4). "Very few butterflies around sadly."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Portsdown Hill Transect Route (SU622967) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (6), Comma (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (4), Brimstone (1). "A early evening Portsdown Hill transect, despite the late sunshine and the warmth, the specie count was very poor. I have just come back from a week in Austria, and we think in this country we have it bad... the butterflies in Austria were terrible, after three weeks of incredible storms and rainfall, the counts were dismal at all places I visited. Highlights when the sun did shine were mainly, in an area of marshy land not far from my hotel, and here the Marsh Fritillary was quite common along with a few Heath Fritillaries. and a glimpse of several Checkered Skippers, which were incredibly active. Also some Large Heaths and a couple of Swallowtails and Black-Veined Whites, were all of note I saw. In total I noted (27) species mainly ones we see in the UK, even though the meadows were full of wonderful flowers, there was only the common Blue was seen with one Mazerine Blue. To add to the butterflies plight it was haymaking time and most of the meadows were being cut so any butterflies that were out, had no where to go and very few plants to lay their eggs on."

John Roberts reports from pennington marsh (SZ332932) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "female").

David Tinling reports from Fort Road (east), Gosport (SZ614984) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird Hawk-moth (1 "taking Red Valerian nectar"). "1720".

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill (SU501292) where the following observations were made: **Meadow Brown** (1 "Seen on original reserve.").

Sue Davies reports from Heddon Warren (SZ3086) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (4), Wall (5 "including one with twin white forewing eye spots"), Large White (1). "Sadly no Glanvilles".



Wall

Saturday 15th June

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs IOW (SZ3585) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (3), Common Blue (7), Dingy Skipper (9), Small Heath (27), Wall (1), Cream-spot Tiger (1).



Cream-spot Tiger

Sue Davies reports from Tennyson Down (SZ3285) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (9), Dingy Skipper (5), Painted Lady (1), Large White (1), Wall (1).

Dave Miller reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (25 "Mostly females, but several courting pairs"), Dingy Skipper (20), Grizzled Skipper (12), Small Copper (1), Small Blue (5 "4 males, 1 female"), Small Heath (5).



Brimstone



Small Blue

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Garden Carpet BF1728 (1 "photographed resting on house wall in daylight"). "1600".

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU739319) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1), Duke of Burgundy (2), Common Blue (5), Small Heath (8), Large White (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (6 Larval "On Garlic Mustard").

Friday 14th June

Gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (1), Painted Lady (1), beautiful yellow underwing moth (1). "Working in the garden until early afternoon found the above, also seen 1 hobby.".



Beautiful Yellow Underwing

Stuart Read reports from Wight Salads (SZ5584) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5 "4m 1f"), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (1). "Recorded on Wight Salad's conservation meadow on a cloudy, but warm morning.".

Stuart Read reports from Merstone Station (SZ526845) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Small White (2). "A great spot for summer butterflies, but not a lot on wing at the moment.".

Mike Gregory reports from Noah's Lake Alver Valley (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Small White (3), Small Heath (33).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (741319) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (8 "Male"), Dingy Skipper (8), Duke of Burgundy (2), Green-veined White (2), Small Heath (20).

steve benstead reports from newchurch bee field (SZ562854) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Heath (5), Common Blue (3), Large White (1).

Paul Harfield reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"), Brimstone (6 "5 female & 1 male"), Brimstone (1 Egg "freshly laid in view"), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1 "very fresh"), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "very fresh"), Speckled Wood (1), Small Pearl-bordered

Fritillary (1 "probably more but unable to id on the wing"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3 "probably more but unable to id on the wing"). "started cloudy becoming more sunny between 12.30 and 2.30".

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking nectar from Erysimum (Bowles's Mauve) in my garden"). "1020".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "female"), Small White (2 "males"), Holly Blue (3 "males"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1155 & 1605".

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Village,Gosport (SZ601987) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "taking Red Valerian nectar"). "1810".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(south) (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "faded"). "1240-1300".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood(north) (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Brimstone (12 "6 males & 6 females"), Small White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1300-1345 & 1430-1500".

Andy Butler reports from Wheelers Bay (sz576778) where the following observations were made: 6 spot burnet moth (12).

jim smith reports from Bentley butterfly meadow (SU797427) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (2), Small Copper (1).

Anne McCue reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU540130) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3 males & 1 female"). "1345-1430".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2 Male 2 Female"), Small White (3), Large White (1), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (2). "A sunny but windy day temperature 16 degrees."

Thursday 13th June

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan(south-west)(including Fort Grange),Gosport (SZ591003) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "males"), Six-spot Burnet (1 Larval). "1500".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Six-spot Burnet (1 Pupal "in my garden").

Monday 10th June

Stuart Read reports from medham northwood (SZ499938) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (3), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small Heath (5), Small Copper (1). "Butterfly numbers building quite nicely in the rough pastures adjacent to the cycle-way!".

Gary palmer reports from bars ave new milton (SZ246956) where the following observations were made: svensson's copper underwing moth (1 Larval). "clearing up old leaves under a large oak found the above starting to make its pupal cocoon from leaves,".



Svensson's Copper Underwing

Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay,Bonchurch,IOW (SZ570776) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (25), Common Blue (15), Dingy Skipper (7), Large White (2), Brown Argus (3), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1).

mick sivell reports from hurst castle (SZ319898) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3), Common Blue (2).

Sunday 9th June

R Bryant reports from Itchen Wood (SU529362) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "newly emerged").

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst (SZ492902) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1). "On the neglected parcel of land in front of Albany prison. Never seen a Grizzled here before!".

Roger Pendell reports from Fort Widley (SU657067) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (15), Small Blue (2), Small Copper (1), Small White (3), Large White (1), Brimstone (2).



Common Blue

Roger Pendell reports from Portsdown Hill (SU661063) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (2), Small White (4), Common Blue (16), Small Blue (1).

Steve Benstead reports from Newchurch Bee fields (SZ562854) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2 "The Newchurch site is a reserve for mining and bumble bees"), Small Heath (3).

Paul Cox reports from Compton Bay (SZ370848) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (3 "At the foot of the steps down to the beach").

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Esplanade (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Glanville Fritillary (6).

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ575784) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (30), Brown Argus (6). "Very good views of Adonis blues in the late evening sunshine."



Brown Argus



Glanville Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (1). "One of several people here this afternoon taking pictures of the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary."



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Paul Harfield reports from Stephen's Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (31), Dingy Skipper (8), Common Blue (16 "13 male & 3 female"), Brimstone (3 "all female"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (1). "sunshine, cloud and windy between 8.30 and 10.30".

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake/ Alver Valley (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (12), Brimstone (1 "female"), Small Heath (56), Large White (11), Small White (1), Peacock (1).

Gary palmer reports from Barton Common (SZ251934) where the following observations were made: common emerald moth (1 Larval). "searching through bramble found the above".



Common Emerald

Dr Dan Danahar reports from Wheelers Bay (SZ576778) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (7 "Poor weather restricted accurate estimates of the current population size"), Common Blue (5), Brown Argus (2), Green-veined White (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Small White (2), Large White (2), Brimstone (2). "A group of 17 butterfly enthusiasts from the Sussex BC branch made an incursion behind enemy lines to test our skill and wits, in preparation for the Big Butterfly Race. See our record for the Compton Bay."

Dr Dan Danahar reports from Compton Bay (SZ370849) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (30 "Clearly this species is just beginning to emerge, many individuals were very fresh."), Common Blue (100), Dingy Skipper (20), Small White (5), Large White (3), Wall (15), Small Heath (7), Orange-tip (1), Small Blue (5), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small Copper (8), Holly Blue (1). "We had a very exciting time discovering the location and learning about the niche ecology, of the Glanville Fritillary. You have some great habitat Hampshire & IOW branch!"

Anne McCue reports from Hurst Castle (SZ318899) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3), Common Blue (3), Small Heath (4). "1100-1200".

Anne McCue reports from Hordle Cliffs (SZ255924) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Small Heath (3). "1310-1500".

Anne McCue reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (11).

John Chapple writes: "Just a quick note to say. On Saturday June 9th four butterfly enthusiasts from Cornwall visited Wheelers Bay IOW to look at the Glanville Frits of which we saw many. To our surprise at about 11.30 we saw a Monarch fly in off the sea, it lingered in the area for over half a hour unfortunately it never settled and was last seen flying up and over the cliff near the car park. I have recorded it on your website. The observers were.....Paul Browning, Dave Spencer, John Foster and myself John Chapple also one other guy from northern England. Just thought it of interest to you and your members."

Saturday 8th June

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3834) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (3), Small Heath (10), Dingy Skipper (3), Holly Blue (1 "could have been common blue but probably too pale"), Small Copper (1). "Visited between 17.40 and 18.45 in brilliant sunshine but still quite gusty. Also saw several orange-coloured butterflies flying along the S boundary hedge alongside road. Never settled but fast strong diving flight, mostly low (5 ft or less above ground)."

Rupert & Sharron Broadway reports from St Catherines Hill (SU4827) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Blue (1), Brown Argus (8), Common Blue (10), Adonis Blue (2), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (2). "Nice to see both Small and Adonis Blue (2 males) at St Catherines Hill. I've seen the latter occasionally in late summer at this site before, but never the spring brood."

Mark Tutton reports from Butser (SU721208) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (50), Duke of Burgundy (68 "Covered the whole of Butser and this is conservative could easily be more"), Dingy Skipper (28), Green Hairstreak (8), Grizzled Skipper (15), Common Blue (24), Brown Argus (9), Brimstone (10), Red Admiral (1), Wood tiger (3).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Hurst Castle (SZ317903) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar (50), Grizzled Skipper (2), Common Blue (10), Small Blue (20), Small Heath (3). "11:30 - 2:00. 20C, Cloudless, Strong East wind".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Keyhaven (SZ314922) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Wall (2).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Keyhaven / Pennington (SZ322924) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1), Grizzled Skipper (2), Wall (15). "Walls flying along paths on sea walls in sheltered areas. Not stopping for long."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Keyhaven / Pennington (SZ313913) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (0), Wall (12). "On look of Keyhaven/Pennington marshes, Walls were seen in three distinct areas (see two other records for grid references). Final area was on seaward side of dyke path in sheltered areas away from strong East wind."

Ed Merritt reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7), Small Heath (2).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

peter gardner reports from Portsdown Hill (SU650057) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1), Brimstone (12), Common Blue (16), Orange-tip (3), Holly Blue (6), Small Blue (2), Speckled Wood (1). "windy on that there hill but doable".



Adonis Blue



Adonis Blue



Small Blue

Mervyn Grist reports from western Andover (SU346462) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "A slightly worn individual"), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (1). "The Painted Lady paused to nectar on Cornflower. From its worn state it seems to have been a migrant".

Paul Crook reports from Noar Hill (SU734320) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Dingy Skipper (5), Green-veined White (6), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (4), Duke of Burgundy (12), Small Heath (20).



Common Blue



Small Heath



Duke of Burgundy

Andy Collins reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Peacock (1). "in my garden".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Large White (1), Brimstone (4 "3 Male 1 Female"), Small Heath (8), Holly Blue (1), Common Blue (8), Dingy Skipper (2). "A warm day 17.5 degrees. Very few Skippers about."

Friday 7th June

Stuart Read reports from Wight Salads Apes Heath (SZ5583) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "2m 1f"), Green-veined White (2), Large White (1), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (1), Brown Argus (1). "Observed on Wight Salad's conservation meadow near Apes Heath. No birdsfoot trefoil is present and the common blues appear to be using black medick as their larval food-plant."

Peter Hunt reports from Bouldnor Forest old battery, Yarmouth, IOW (SZ379902) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Wall (1 "a male"), Orange-tip (3).

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU261293) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7 "incl 1 female"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (8), Duke of Burgundy (1), Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (1). "Mid-afternoon visit after the rain. Still some fresh Pearl-bordered Fritillaries to be seen in the clearing. The Small Pearls (photos below) were favouring the areas of rushes."



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Peter Vaughan reports from Odiham Common (SU747519) where the following observations were made: Forester *Adscita stactices* (1), Yellow Shell *Camptogramma biline* (1), Burnet Companion *Euclidia glyphi* (1). "Visited the site at 4pm, in bright sun. Only one Forester seen, on a Cuckoo Flower, with none on the Ragged Robin."

Chris Lamsdell reports from Wheelers Bay, IOW (SZ568774) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (8), Dingy Skipper (3).

Chris Lamsdell reports from Compton Chine (SZ372848) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (15), Wall (3), Dingy Skipper (2).

Chris Lamsdell reports from Brook Down (SZ389851) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (2), Adonis Blue (11 "2 females"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (10), Brown Argus (4).

Chris Lamsdell reports from Bonchurh Down (SZ573784) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Small Copper (1), Dingy Skipper (3).

mick sivell reports from grange chine (SZ420817) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (5), Common Blue (2), Large White (2), Wall (3). "strong wind was blowing in bright sunshine, Glanville fritillary numbers very low compared to previous years on this site and date."

Thursday 6th June

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake/ Alver Valley (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2 "MALES"), Common Blue (8), Holly Blue (2), Small Heath (20).

mick sivell reports from cow lane gumard (SZ481958) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Red Admiral (1).

John Vetterlein reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Orange-tip (8 "all males"), Brimstone (11 "mainly female"), Small Blue (17 "mainly at bottom of the Original Reserve and in the scrape near NE corner of Original"), Small Heath (23 "everywhere"), Green-veined White (2), Brown Argus (9 "mainly at bottom of the Original Reserve"), Large White (1), Common Blue (12 "all males and all at bottom of the Original Reserve"), Burnet Companion (2). "Also at least a dozen UW0's (Unidentified White Objects) - Small, Large, Green-veined; who knows? Surprisingly not a single Vanessa; where have they all gone?".

jim smith reports from Alexandra park(Bordon) (SU805353) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "1 male 1 female"), Red Admiral (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (47), Brimstone (13), Small White (3), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Dingy Skipper (1).

Andy Butler and Pete Cambell reports from Wheeler's Bay (Sz573776) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1).

Stuart Read reports from Swanmore Road, Ryde (SZ589917) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3 "including a mating pair!"). "Observed while drinking tea in my friend's back-garden. No holly or ivy in sight and I'm curious to know what they might be laying their eggs on. Any suggestions, please?".

peter gardner reports from Abbotstone Down (SU580351) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Green Hairstreak (3), Brown Argus (5), Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (4), Red Admiral (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Comma (1). "a very hot day butterflies still flying about all over the place".



Red Admiral



Orange-tip



Comma

Patrick Fleet reports from Beggarwood Park, Basingstoke (SU599485) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (30), Small Heath (10), Common Blue (6), Brown Argus (2).

Patrick Fleet reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (10).

Gary palmer reports from highcliffe garden (SZ198942) where the following observations were made: Uncertain moth (1 Larval). "in a highcliffe garden found on lychnis".



Uncertain

Anne McCue reports from Meon Shore(undercliffs) (SU524028) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Orange-tip (1 "male"). "1615-1700".

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"). "0955".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east),Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (6 "males"), Silver Y Moth (1 "disturbed in daylight"). "1005-1020".

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Large White (8 - 7 males & 1 female taking sea radish nectar"), Small White (9 " males taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1 "male"). "1020-1040".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 " female taking thrift nectar"), Small White (5 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1). "1040-1055".

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (12 Pupal), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (5 "males"), Small Copper (1), Common Blue (1 "male taking nectar from bird's-foot trefoil"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Small Heath (3). "1155-1030".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Large White (4 "males"), Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (3 "males"). "1145 & 1545".

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "Feeding on Everlasting Wallflower"), Holly Blue (1 "Basking on Rhododendron").

Wednesday 5th June

L.Brannon reports from Hurst Castle (SZ312898) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "All male. "), Small Blue (5), Small Heath (1)."

Chris Cobb reports from Portchester Common (SU621067) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1). "1600 to 1630".

Dave Pearson reports from St. Catherine's Hill (SU484276) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (9), Grizzled Skipper (3), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Small Blue (4), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (10), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (2). "Nice to have a double figure count of species and to see so many Common Blues finally emerging."

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (Paulsgove Quarry) (SU635066) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (8), Common Blue (7), Brimstone (2), Dingy Skipper (1). "The Dingy Skipper here was a surprise, but no photo unfortunately!".



Small Blue

John Tuffrey reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU644211) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (30 "The most numerous species seen here today between 10am and midday. "), Dingy Skipper (20), Common Blue (10 "Mostly males, but did see one female which subsequently mated."), Small Copper (1), Large White (3), Peacock (1), Cinnabar moth (1). "The numbers of Small Heaths, Dingy Skippers and Common Blues are minimums. There really were an awful lot of Small Heaths."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (4), Dingy Skipper (1). "Temperature 16 degrees very few butterflies flying."

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Large White (1), Brimstone (1 "Male"), Common Blue (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Common Blue (3).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Martin Down (SU057191) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Brimstone (25 "Mostly females"), Meadow Brown (1), Grizzled Skipper (4), Small Heath (18 "at least"), Small Blue (22 "at least"), Adonis Blue (10 "at least"), Brown Argus (1), Dingy Skipper (22 "at least"), Purple Bar (1), Burnet Companion (4). "11 am - 2 pm. 17C - 22C. Cloudless. Also Turtle Dove and 3 Cuckoos heard (one seen)".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Bentley Wood (SU256281) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Speckled Wood (1), Speckled Yellow (8), Argent and Sable (3), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (20 "?", but could have been SPBFs"), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2 "At least 2, as very bright and fresh."), Duke of Burgundy (1 "Very fresh. "). "Eastern Enclosure. 22 PBF/SPBFs flying very fast so difficult to differentiate. Some were very bright and fresh (SPBFs?). 15:30 - 16:30; 21C. Cloudless. Others there saw more tattered Dukes, but the one we saw was very fresh."

Stuart Read reports from Medham near Northwood (SZ500938) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "contesting ownership of the gate!"), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (3). "The rough pastures next to the cycle support a good range of species!"

Anne McCue reports from Hurst Castle (SZ318899) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar BF2069 (50 "Tyria jacobaeae ,including one f. flavescens(photographed),the very rare form in which the dark green/black & red are replaced by dark brown & yellow"), Small Blue (7), Common Blue (4), Small Heath (1). "1145-1330".



Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae* f. *flavescens*) Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae* f. *flavescens*)

Anne McCue reports from Keyhaven(coastal path) (SU313915) where the following observations were made: Wall (1). "1400".

Anne McCue reports from Keyhaven(coastal path) (SU315918) where the following observations were made: Wall (4), Small White (2), Common Blue (5), Small Heath (1). "1500-1600".

Anne McCue reports from Keyhaven(coastal path) (SU317922) where the following observations were made: Wall (3). "1600-1700".

Anne McCue reports from Keyhaven(coastal path) (SU320922) where the following observations were made: Wall (2). "1700-1800".

Pete Oram reports from Keyhaven(coastal path) (SU320922) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1).

David Tinling reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (3 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1). "1055".

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males taking daisy nectar"), Peacock (2). "1520-1540".

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male taking charlock nectar"), Peacock (2), Comma (2). "1540-1615".

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Common Wave BF1956 (1 "disturbed by day"). "1700".

David Tinling reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Mother Shipton (1). "1730".

Tuesday 4th June

A.C.Smallbone reports from Rotherlands L.N.R.> (SU764239) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Green-veined White (4), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1).

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (eastern half) (SU383346) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Small Heath (14), Small White (3), Green Hairstreak (4 "2 pairs dancing in same location as seen last two years"), Grizzled Skipper (2), Brown Argus (1), Peacock (2).

Chris Laycock reports from 34 David Newberry drive, lee on the Solent (SU572006) where the following observations were made: Monarch (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ600866) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (8), Common Blue (4), Dingy Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Good to see a number of Adonis blues on the lower part of the Downs on the horseshoe vetch and birds foot trefoil."

Mark tutton reports from Old Winchester hill (SU645208) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (13), Small Heath (28), Dingy Skipper (15), Duke of Burgundy (10), Common Blue (5), Green Hairstreak (2), Peacock (1).

Dave Pearson reports from Bentley Wood (SU255285) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6), **Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary** (1), Comma (1), Duke of Burgundy (1). "A quick visit to the Eastern Clearing during the late afternoon prouced my first SPBF of the year and an Argent & Sable moth."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Small White (2), Large White (1), Small Heath (2), Dingy Skipper (5). "Temperature of 19 degrees but few butterflies on the wing and no sign of a Grizzled Skipper at this site yet."

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4 "males"), Small Heath (7 "taking buttercup nectar"). "1530-1555".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"). "1010-1025".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Brown-tail Moth (1 Larval "large larva photographed on hawthorn").

David Tinling reports from Junkett Bottom,Gosport (SU577006) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "males"), Small Heath (13). "1650-1700".

David Tinling reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Burnet Companion (1 "photographed"), Comma (1). "1700".

David Tinling reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "male"). "1755".

John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ609985) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (3). "in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (136 Pupal), Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brown Argus (1 "female"), Small Heath (1).

David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Basking on Rhododendron").

Monday 3rd June

Mike Wildish reports from Hook Lane (SU305435) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (1), Small White (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton, Broad Road (SU315435) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Village (SU315445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Small White (1), Brimstone (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Red Post Lane (SU325455) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Holly Blue (2), Small Heath (1). "The small heath is interesting here, otherwise you can all laugh at my sad lists from the wider wider agricultural countryside - hopefully it fills in some gaps."

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU650228) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9), Dingy Skipper (0), Small Heath (17). "not so good as we hoped ,chill wind and large clouds".



Brimstone



Dingy Skipper



Small Heath

Patrick Fleet reports from Beggarwood Park, Basingstoke (SU599485) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Small Blue (2), Holly Blue (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (3 "males taking bluebell nectar"), Small White (5 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "female"), Common Blue (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (5 "males"), Speckled Wood (1), Mother Shipton (1 "taking red clover nectar"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot or Six (5 Pupal "pupae"). "1500-1630(ACM) & 1555-1725(DJAT)".

Sunday 2nd June

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4691) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "2m 4f"), Dingy Skipper (1), Holly Blue (1), Small Heath (6), Speckled Wood (3), Small White (2). "Just the one very early sighting of a PBF. I've conducted a pretty extensive survey of the forest this past month without seeing any myself."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Little Butser Hill (SU720209) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1), Small Heath (12), Duke of Burgundy (19), Small Heath (12), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (5), Speckled Wood (5), Peacock (1), Green Hairstreak (1). "I thought I would not make it to this site this year, but with a good patch of weather I thought I would make the effort, and in between patches of scrub clearance the Duke of Burgundy was still in good numbers, in fact I saw it in certain areas I had't visited before. Its amazing how you can miss this butterfly, I was walking along a small trail obviously what sheep use when they have been grazing, not having seen the Duke along this trail before, and when I turned around and came back the same way a few minutes later, there were three at rest right by my feet. The Grizzled Skipper and Dingy Skipper numbers were disappointing, but there were Cinabar and Mother Shipton moths on site. After leaving Butser I went and did a transect at Portsdown Hill, and the following were seen: Brimstone (5) Small White (14) Green-Veined White (2) Holly Blue (1) Small Blue (1) Common Blue (1) Speckled Wood (6) Green Hairstreak (1) Peacock (1) Comma (1) Orange Tip (3)".



Duke of Burgundy



Common Blue



Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female"), Small White (6), Large White (2), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Small Heath (16), Common Blue (1 "Male"), Holly Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (11), Burnet Companion (1), Garden Carpet (3). "Spent around an hour and a half at the site in company with my father, where we walked most of the site. Encountered a pair of Dingy Skippers who looked likely to mate soon! No sign of any Grizzled Skippers which are usually found here, although all the Dingy Skippers were fresh and usually appear here before the Grizzled Skipper."

Richard Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Small White (4), Green-veined White (2), Large White (6), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Small Heath (15), Green Hairstreak (1), Dingy Skipper (8), Duke of Burgundy (27), Burnet Companion (1), Green Carpet (1), Cinnabar (1), Speckled Yellow (1). "Great to be back at Noar Hill, where plenty of Duke of Burgundy Fritillary's were flying between cloudy intervals. The temperature was 16 degrees. There seemed to be more males than females and the vast majority looked fresh. Pleased to see my first Green Hairstreak this year which I first spotted when defending its territory from an Duke of Burgundy Fritillary."

Mark Tuuton reports from Bentley Wood (SU257295) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (11), Brimstone (11), Small White (1), Large White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Beacon Hill (SU601226) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (21), Orange-tip (2), Dingy Skipper (10), Green Hairstreak (15), Duke of Burgundy (3), Brimstone (3), Grizzled Skipper (2). "I was pleased to located dukes at this site after many visits and The Green Hairstreaks were there in profusion - it seemed every hawthorn bush contained at least one if you watched long enough."

Mark Tutton reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645209) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (0), Small Heath (16), Peacock (1), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small White (1), Duke of Burgundy (13), Small Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (9), Common Blue (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Oxenbourne down (SU712186) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (4),

Mark Tutton reports from Butser (SU716207) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (5), Small Heath (2), Dingy Skipper (5).

peter gardner reports from Magdalen Down (SU537277) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Small Heath (4), Grizzled Skipper (3), Large White (2), Orange-tip (4), Small Blue (1), Holly Blue (4). "we always pick the dodgy day for mandolin hill. but we managed to find something".



Small Blue



Holly Blue



Grizzled Skipper

Mike Gregory reports from Noahs Lake/ Alver Valley (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Large White (4), Small White (1), Small Heath (38), Common Blue (4).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (4 "males"), Small White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (8), Small Heath (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male taking bluebell nectar"), Small White (2 "male & female"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

A.A. Carpenter reports from Beggarwood Park Basingstoke. (Su736156) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (6 "These were on low vegetation at the bottom near Sainsbury's .I am a recorder for wiltshire and wasvisiting my son who lives nearby").

Saturday 1st June

Stuart Read reports from Newtown (SZ4290) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (1), Small Heath (2). "A quick walk through the meadows and grasslands around Newtown produced the above tally."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4691) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Small Heath (5), Wall (1), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1). "A beautiful afternoon - hopefully a portent of the summer to come!".

Gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250930) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (3), Green-veined White (5), Brimstone (4), Green Hairstreak (5), Holly Blue (6), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (5), Small Heath (13), mother shipton moth (1), *Alabonia geoffrella* (1). "A walk about the common found the above, of note the small heath are starting to hatch."

*Alabonia geoffrella*

Speckled Wood



Small Heath

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (23 "15m, 8f"), Brown Argus (20), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (1), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Holly Blue (7), Orange-tip (14 "10m, 4f"), Peacock (2), Small Heath (6), Small Blue (1 "Seen in the chalk pit at the beginning of our walk but none to be found when we returned."), Small White (12).

peter gardner reports from stockbridge down (SU429338) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (16), Grizzled Skipper (11), Common Blue (3), Small Copper (3), Orange-tip (16), Small Heath (14), Green Hairstreak (2), Common Blue (3), Brown Argus (1). "brill very warm day perfect for butterflies".



Small Copper



Common Blue



Brown Argus

Sue Lambert reports from Baker's Drove Field (SU381162) where the following observations were made: Small White (6), Green-veined White (1), Comma (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Wood (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (2 "I very tatty").

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (2).

David Tinling reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "basking & flying"). "0810".

Mervyn Grist reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU472574) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (41), Grizzled Skipper (1), Brimstone (4), Large White (1), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (1), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Blue (9), Comma (1). "Quite an array of butterflies in the sunshine despite the 15 deg C temperature. The winter conservation work by our HIWWT workparties seems to be maintaining the reserve to their liking".

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 female"), Common Blue (3), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

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