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SIGHTINGS

Report your Sightings!

To report your sightings, please use the **Recording Form**. This form has been developed to automatically load your data into our Lepidoptera database. As well as providing a valuable resource for Butterfly Conservation the data is also shared with the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre which has been established to bring together valuable information on Hampshire's wildlife and natural environment, to collate and manage this data, and to disseminate to those who need it.

SIGHTINGS POLICY: Please note that it is branch policy to restrict sightings of sensitive species, and sensitive sites, from this sightings page. This includes sightings of Marsh Fritillary, Small Eggar and Reddish Buff, and also sites that are on private land. However, the branch still welcomes records of these species, and from these sites. *Please ensure that you have permission of the landowner before visiting any private site

The importance of your sightings cannot be over-emphasized. It is your sightings that result in appropriate land management schemes being put in place when, for example, a rare species is identified. You can make a difference!

Alternatively, you can still contact the webmaster at webmaster@hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk, however any information you send will not be entered into the counties database, so we encourage you to use the **Recording Form**.

Earliest Sightings

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In the summaries below, butterfly sightings are shown in **blue text**. First sightings are shown in **bold and underlined** text.

The June Bailey Education Fund

Awards of up to £500 each are available in support of individuals or organisations involved in educational activities that promote increased awareness, knowledge and conservation of butterflies and moths in Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

The branch has been able to offer this educational opportunity thanks to the support of June and Ken Bailey - whose generosity has allowed us to establish the June Bailey Education Fund.

Application Form with full details available [HERE...](#)

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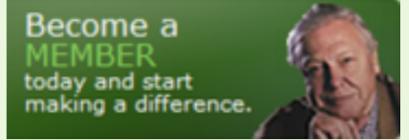
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TRANSECT WALKER TRAINING: If you have an interest in butterflies and how to record them, why not join Phil Budd, a leading ecologist, who will be holding two training sessions at Magdalen Hill Down. Full details [HERE...](#)



Help us to locate the current whereabouts of the Barred Tooth-striped.

Details of previous sightings and information as to where it might be found [HERE...](#)



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NEWS

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BUTSER HILL FIELD TRIP SATURDAY 10TH MAY. This field trip has been cancelled due to the extremely poor weather forecast for that day. If you are still unsure about whether it will take place please phone Ashley Whitlock.

Butterfly and Moth Recording Policy and Sightings page: a new approach

The uploading of your sightings to the Sightings page and to our Records database is a manual and very time-consuming task that due to the greatly increased quantity of sightings in the last couple of years has become unsustainable and has therefore required a radical rethink.

Your records are very valuable to us and we also appreciate the value that you place in being able to view on the Sightings page what others have been seeing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Our revised butterfly and moth Recording and Sightings Page policy is therefore as follows:

Sightings Page

From 31st May this will become the **News** page. For reporting your more interesting sightings and good quality pictures to the website from 31st May please use the **News** tab that will be provided. This should be restricted to your more interesting sightings such as unusual numbers or observations and first dates, late dates etc. Please note that your **News** page submissions after 31st May will no longer go automatically into our database as they have done in the past, or be used in our Annual Report, and you will therefore also need to submit your Records using one of the methods detailed below.

Records

- If you currently use Mapmate for submission of your butterfly and/or moth records then please continue to do so and there is no need to switch.
- Or, you can use [Living Record](#) for data submission of your butterfly and/or moth records. This is a well-proven on-line recording system and it's free! You will be able to view and manage all your records and they can be easily verified and downloaded for import into the Branch database by the relevant County Recorder. Remember it will be much easier for all if, when using Living Record, you enter your records as you go along rather than in one hit at the end of the season. Note: Record submission using this Sightings page form will still be possible until 31st May and those records will go into our database but please start to use Living Record now so that you get used to using it. **Importantly**, please avoid duplication of records by not entering the same record both here and on another system.
- Or, you can submit your records using the [Butterfly Excel Spreadsheet](#) and [Moth Excel Spreadsheet](#) and sending them by email to Tim Norriss at tim AT kitsmail.com.

Thank you.

Saturday 31st May

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Esplanade (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Common Blue (4), Large White (2), Red Admiral (1), Glanville Fritillary (20). "Very pleasant weather with a light breeze and plenty of insects about including a mating pair of Glanville fritillaries and a hummingbird hawk-moth."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (29), Small White (1), Dingy Skipper (5), Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (33), Small Heath (6), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1), Large Skipper (1), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (4), Orange-tip (1), Painted Lady (2), Duke of Burgundy (3), Green Hairstreak (5). "After a rather cloudy start it turned out rather warm and sunny, and have we all missed it. Oxenbourne Down had the most species I've ever seen on a spring day today with (19) species including many Speckled Yellows(50+)at least! With Mother Shipton Moths and Silver Y's thrown in. The Duke of Burgundy is now rather hard to find with one's being seen were rather faded and looking rather sorry for themselves. Another Large Skipper was seen doing battle with several Grizzled Skippers on the top part of the down."



Dingy Skipper



Red Admiral



Speckled Yellow

Thursday 29th May

Sue Davies reports from Cliff top west Compton Bay (SZ368851) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "IOW gp field trip".

Tuesday 27th May

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm, Boarhunt (SU602093) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 Larval "3rd instar, on Garlic Mustard").

Gary palmer reports from barrs ave new milton (SZ246956) where the following observations were made: common emerald moth (1 Larval "on peach bush"), grey dagger (1 Larval "on peach bush"). "Working on a garden hedge i looked over a trained peach fan and found the above."

Monday 26th May

John Horne reports from Atherfield, coastguard cottage's (po382lw) where the following observations were made: Garden Tiger Moth (1 "it few in our window, at about 10pm "). "i took sum photo's of it before releasing it".

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Peacock (100 Larval), Small

Tortoiseshell (40 Larval).

Sunday 25th May

natalie ford reports from the cottage station rd (SU489095) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (13), Dingy Skipper (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (12), speckled yellow (35), drab looper (8), common heath (4). "All recorded on the transect".

Thursday 22nd May

S Boswell reports from Bishops Dyke (SU3405) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1), Red Admiral (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane, Fraeshwater, IOW (SZ330878) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Briefly stopped on a delphinium and then sped on.").

Wednesday 21st May

David Lester reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU507293) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "1 female in the total"), Adonis Blue (2 "In the scrape"), Small Blue (4 "In the scrape"), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (10 "3 females included in the total"), Burnet Companion (2).

Graham Dennis reports from headley gravel pit (SU511627) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Common Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (25), Green-veined White (4), Grizzled Skipper (5), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Speckled Wood (1), cinnabar (4), speckled yellow (6), mother shipton (8), burnet companion (5), silver y (2).

Monday 19th May

John R Jones reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2).

Phil Lowe reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (20), Small Heath (12), Common Blue (6), Green Hairstreak (4), Duke of Burgundy (1).

Roger Forster reports from Home (SU592993) where the following observations were made: Mullein moth (10 Larval "On a mullein in my garden").



Mullein moth larva

Techer Jones reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (8 "In the chalk scrape"), Brown Argus (5 "Bottom of the hill").

Mike gregory reports from NOAHS LAKE (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1 "Female"), Small Heath (3), Large White (2).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Pillow Mound (SU720209) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (26), Dingy Skipper (47), Grizzled Skipper (30), Duke of Burgundy (48), Brimstone (8), Peacock (2), Orange-tip (1). "Further on from Little Butser Hill is another gem called Pillow Mound and here where the scrub has been cleared the Duke of Burgundy seems to be flourishing, along with the Green Hairstreak Grizzled and Dingy Skipper. I sat down on a rather large Ant-Hill which was very comfortable, and just let the butterflies' whiz around me; at times I couldn't take it all in. There were all sorts of butterflies about, Dukes on territory, a pair of Dukes dangling off of a Hawthorn Bush. At first when I espied them the male was hanging on with his feet, and the poor old girl was just hanging in mid-air. They managed to get together with all 10 legs on terra-ferma, but it did look rather odd. The Green Hairstreaks have had the best season in my record book by far, and closely followed by the Dingy Skipper...phew!".



Grizzled Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Ashley Whitlock reports from Little Butser Hill (SU720205) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Duke of Burgundy (25), Dingy Skipper (30), Common Blue (1), Small White (1), Green Hairstreak (15), Brimstone (10), Grizzled Skipper (7), Peacock (0). "One of the lesser known Duke of Burgundy sites, but the specie was found not just on the downland itself but on the fringes of the downland on the footpaths leading up to it, which is a first for me. The specie this year has really done well and I've noted several times this year just how fresh many of the specimens look, which shows just what a large population there is on sites like this. I only went down a small way of the steep down along one of the footpaths where I encountered this count. But if I'd done the same all the way down along each footpath my count could have been many hundreds.".



Sunday 18th May

Paul Harfield reports from Knowle Village (SU5609) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very ragged"), Large White (1), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Red Admiral (2 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (6 Larval "larval webs"), Brimstone (3 "male"). "seen between 1.30 & 2.30pm in very warm unbroken sunshine with a little breeze."

Techer Jones reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20 "High proportion of females"), Common Blue (50), Duke of Burgundy (20 "Most now looking tired, but two freshly minted"), Dingy Skipper (20), Holly Blue (3), Small Heath (0 "Looked very fresh"), Orange-tip (4), Small White (5), Green Hairstreak (4).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "Male"), Orange-tip (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Common Blue (19 "Males"), Small Heath (3), Speckled Wood (2), Red Admiral (1), Dingy Skipper (5). "A warm sunny afternoon, the temperature was 19 degrees. Many more Common Blues now appearing, although did not see any females and no Grizzled Skippers today."

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices, Boarhunt (SU589094) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Green-veined White (3 "One female ovipositing on Garlic Mustard leaves"), Green-veined White (6 Egg), Large White (2), Orange-tip (2 "Both females, ovipositing on Garlic Mustard flowers"), Orange-tip (4 Egg), Speckled Wood (1). "Garlic Mustard in abundance, at least tenfold increase in number of plants along the main ride."

Andrew Brookes reports from Dean Road, Cosham, Portsmouth (SU659055) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Immaculate, nectaring on pansy and euryops").

And reports from Longstock Park arboretum (SU368386) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Female ovipositing on holly flowers"), Holly Blue (2 Egg), Small Heath (1).

Mike gregory reports from PEEL COMMON (SU56503) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2males 2females"), Large White (3), Small White (5), Comma (1).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (55), Green-veined White (5), Orange-tip (2), Speckled Wood (9), Speckled Yellow (30), Drab Looper (17). "Recorded on the transect".

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 Male, 1 Female"), Green-veined White (1).

Ashley & Jackie Whitlock reports from Stockbridge Down (SU380350) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (19), Orange-tip (12), Small White (1), Common Blue (2), Brimstone (47), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Copper (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7). "A perfect day to be around some of the Test Valley sites, with the Duke of Burgundy on Primrose instead of Cowslip. The area across the road from the car-park is now a perfect haven for a few Dukes to have a good dog-fight with each other and have a good chase with an odd Orange- Tip. A few Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries were also seen in the small coppiced area and from fences nearby, and Pearl's were seen wandering aimlessly down a very meandering lane close to Stockbridge Down."



Common Blue

Stuart Read reports from mount joy cemetery (SZ490879) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (25 "conservative estimate"), Grizzled Skipper (25), Small Heath (5), Holly Blue (2). "Recorded on the broad bank near the main entrance to the cemetery."

Steve Keen reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2), Brimstone (5), Small White (1), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Yellow (12).

mark tutton reports from Deacon Hill (SU495277) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (17), Brimstone (7), Dingy Skipper (8), Peacock (4), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (3).

Mark Tutton reports from Beacon Hill (SU606224) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Brown Argus (3), Common Blue (17), Dingy Skipper (14), Duke of Burgundy (6), Grizzled Skipper (4), Green Hairstreak (50), Orange-tip (2), Small Heath (4), Peacock (3).

Saturday 17th May

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End (SU500136) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Seen at about 5.30pm in a late pool of sunshine. The Green Veined White nectaring on some surprisingly early Bramble blossom."

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End (SU497142) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1), Brimstone (2 "both male"). "Seen at around 5.45pm".

Mark Tutton reports from Butser (SU714198) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (22), Dingy Skipper (50), Duke of Burgundy (162), Green Hairstreak (70), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (27), Peacock (4), Small Copper (7), Small Heath (11), Wood Tiger (4).

Ashley Whitlock reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (65), Brimstone (12), Speckled Wood (10), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (2), Orange-tip (2). "A field trip around one of the well known inclosures, in the New Forest although the weather was warm enough the sun wasn't out for most of the three hours of our walk. The Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries were seen in reasonable numbers, mainly in the grassy areas where most of the old conifers have been extracted and the area has been left to re-generate naturally. The block conifer extraction areas, have been re-planted on the route and are quite quickly becoming overgrown, and here the Pearls were really only seen on the margins, and it was also a struggle to find any Violets in the ditches and mossy banks where the grasses have now taken a hold. We saw several other species but the New Forest isn't a great place to see a lot of species especially in the early part of the summer. We did see lots of Speckled Yellows, Treble Bar, and Double Bar Moths and Common Carnets. We also heard the

the early part of the summer. We did see lots of Speckled Yellows, Heble Day, and Double Bar Moths and Common Carpets. We also heard the Cuckoo several times, and observed many other birds along the way. With Frog Spawn, Tadpoles, and Common Newts in the ditches where there were large areas of rain water, an Adder was spotted as well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came on the field trip and made it a very interesting few hours."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Andrew Brookes reports from Great Fontley Farm, Fareham (SU552090) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Brimstone (20 Egg), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (2 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (100 Larval), Small Heath (1), Peacock (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622051) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Common Blue (1), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Mark Pike reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU262293) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (30), Duke of Burgundy (4), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Red Admiral (1), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (4).



Duke of Burgundy



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Highbridge (SU465212) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from St Catherine's Hill (SU485274) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1).



Common Blue

Peter Gammage reports from Botley Wood (SU543097) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (5), Grizzled Skipper (6), Small Heath (4), Narrow Bordered Bee hawk (1), Orange-tip (5). "The NBB hawk was seen nectering on bugle briefly twice in the same location in a two hour period. Also singles of hairy hawk, emperor, broad bodied chaser and a rather early black tailed skimmer plus my first hornet of the year."

Friday 16th May

Graham Dennis reports from Ashford Hill NNR (SU561620) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Green-veined White (11), Orange-tip (10), Peacock (2). "Observations made while carrying out repairs to a boardwalk".

Ashley Whitlock reports from Coulters Dean (SU748197) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (45), Brimstone (30), Green Hairstreak (7), Peacock (3), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (2), Small White (1). "One of the first sites I used to visit for the Duke of Burgundy, and It hasn't changed much since the last time I visited the site which was well over ten years ago. However it would seem that the Duke of Burgundy is no longer extant here. It was always a very marginal site, and if it was lost it had no hope of ever coming back naturally as its too far really from any other site (a large barrier called Queen Elizabeth Country Park seems to be in the way) which is a great shame as it is covered in Cowslip and the set aside field adjacent to it is now covered in Cowslip as well, so if it did manage to come back then it has a great choice of being in the confines of the site or next door, although this area is not as scrubby, although it is a good site for the Dingy Skipper and Green Hairstreak, and early Purple Orchids."



Coulters Green

Ashley Whitlock reports from Small Down (SU675205) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (10), Dingy Skipper (25), Brimstone (25), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (1), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (1), Common Blue (0), Large White (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (3). "This Down has enormous potential for a good Duke of Burgundy Site, the problem being there

Large Whites (2), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2). This Down has enormous potential for a good Duke of Burgundy site, the problem being there is very little Cowslip, however scrub is being cleared in blocks, and today I saw a few heifers on top of the down munching their way through the coarse grasses in places. If I was a passing female Duke I probably wouldn't stop here. In a few years it could be just right, for instance Butser Hill is within a couple miles to the East of this site, so a colony could possibly start here."



Small Down



Green Hairstreak



Dingy Skipper

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3). "Temperature was 16 degrees. More butterflies in this sheltered area compared with the Eastern end of Portsdown Hill."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "1 Male 1 Female").

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ600866) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (10). "Roosting in the long grass."

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Down (SZ364855) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1), Dingy Skipper (10), Grizzled Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (20), Small Blue (30), Small Heath (1). "All the small blues were very fresh."

Andy Bolton reports from Little Aldershot Common, Brimpton Common. (SU568626) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Yellow (2).

Stuart Read reports from albaney prison (SZ493908) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (2). "Pleased to see that the small colonies of Grizzled and Dingy skippers continue to survive on this unlikely site!"

Mike gregory reports from PEEL COMMON (SU56503) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6), Green-veined White (2), Large White (3), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (2), Small White (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (W) (SU366351) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Small Heath (4), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (1), Brimstone (5), Common Blue (2), Small Copper (1), Common carpet (1).



Small Heath



Grizzled Skipper

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU387343) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Brimstone (4), Green Hairstreak (1), Comma (1), Orange-tip (2). "These were seen in the area on the east side of the road opposite the northern carpark".



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

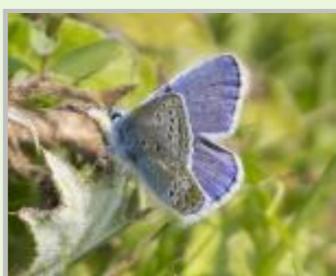


Duke of Burgundy



Green Hairstreak

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (NE) (SU382348) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (35 "about 50% female"), Orange-tip (12), Small White (3), Common Blue (11), Green-veined White (3), Small Copper (3), Brown Argus (2), Peacock (1), Grizzled Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Comma (1), Green Hairstreak (1). "A visit to Stockbridge Down, 3 areas, yielded 16 species, seven new for me this year."



Common Blue



Dingy Skipper



Brown Argus

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Magdalen Hill Down - extension (SU513292) where the following observations were made: Small Heath

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Hagston Hill Down Extension (SU515252) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Common Blue (1), Small Blue (1), Brimstone (10), Green Hairstreak (1), Burnet Companion (4), Peacock (2), Small White (4).

Thursday 15th May

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch esplanade (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (6). "Few butterflies despite perfect sunny and calm conditions."

John Tuffrey reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU6421) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Dingy Skipper (6), Brimstone (20), Peacock (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small Heath (2), Small Copper (1), Orange-tip (1), Large White (2), Brown Argus (2).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ470908) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Holly Blue (2), Brimstone (3). "This is one of the sites in Parkhurst where the Grizzled Skipper is found. I've seen it here in small numbers for the past 5 years and the adjacent areas cleared by Green Gym will hopefully provide a suitable habitat for the butterfly over the next couple of years."

Andrew Brookes reports from Grub Coppice, Boarhunt, western edge. (SU602091) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2 "1 male, 1 female, the latter roosting on cow parsley"), Peacock (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Manor Farm, Boarhunt (SU603087) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (50 Larval "Mostly fourth instar"). "Why here, on relatively sparse nettles amid bramble and grasses along a narrow ditch, in preference to the lush nettlebeds flanking the cow pastures along the Wallington river?"

Karen white reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6 " All beautiful pristine specimens.").



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ashley Whitlock reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU560200) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (60), Orange-tip (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1), Grizzled Skipper (13), Duke of Burgundy (15), Common Blue (23), Dingy Skipper (30), Peacock (2), Green Hairstreak (9), Small Heath (2), Small Copper (1). "A perfect day to visit this site which seems to be a hidden gem, for many species none more so than the Duke of Burgundy. Surrounded by farmland it probably wasn't easy for a female to drop in here from Beacon Hill, which I suspect it was colonised from but it certainly paid off. The site has not been ploughed for generations as there are many old Ant hills dotted about. The males still look remarkably fresh, doing battle with the many Dingy Skippers on the Eastern facing Slope. The slopes are getting some scrub bashing, and the Cowslips are making the most of this."



Stephens Castle Down



Duke of Burgundy



Small Tortoiseshell

Ashley Whitlock reports from Beacon Hill (SU650227) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Brimstone (30), Orange-tip (3), Large White (1), Small Heath (3), Small White (3), Green Hairstreak (5), Common Blue (12), Brown Argus (11), Grizzled Skipper (2), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (1), Dingy Skipper (4). "Beacon Hill looked splendid with many Cowslips and the view over the South Downs, but the sun had disappeared, blanket cloud but it was warm, and I managed to see one Duke, which is the sum total over several visits over the past few years. The lovely Brown Argus was on the wing and was doing battle with its more colourful cousin the Common Blue. (15)species is the highest species count so far."



Brown Argus

Chris Cobb reports from Portchester Common (SU625067) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Orange-tip (7). "11:35 to 12:00".

mark tutton reports from butser (SU711210) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (1), Duke of Burgundy (16), Grizzled Skipper (4), Peacock (1), Dingy Skipper (4), Green Hairstreak (1).

Wednesday 14th May

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (35), Green-veined White (3), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (4), Speckled Yellow (17), Drab Looper (8), Common Heath (2). "All on the transect".

John R Jones reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3).

John R Jones reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "4 Male 2 Female"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Common Blue (7 "Male"), Small Heath (3), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), Dingy Skipper (6). "Temperature was 16 degrees. Several Common Blues starting to appear now."

Peter Eeles reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (30 "24 male, 6 female"), Common Blue (6 "All male"), Small Heath (6), Dingy Skipper (34), Grizzled Skipper (8), Green Hairstreak (12). "On entering the site, I was greeted by a swarm of bees whose queen had clearly flown the nest! Aside from extremely good numbers of Dingy Skipper and the odd Grizzled Skipper, the Common Blue and Small Heath are starting to emerge (a dozen of each seen) and Green Hairstreak are ovipositing all over the site. The Dukes are also really coming out in force! I must have seen over 30, including several mating pairs - and I managed to witness one of the pairings. The most interesting sight was seeing a female land on a Cowslip leaf and then spin on her axis, shuffle backwards until she reached the leaf edge, and then pop out a couple of eggs on the underside of the leaf; it looked quite comical!".



Bee swarm



Duke of Burgundy pair



Duke of Burgundy pair

Michael Scoggins reports from House garden (SU513495) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Female, spent some time nectaring on Herb Robert.").

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU050189) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (27 "Good mix of Males & Females."), Brown Argus (1), Dingy Skipper (34), Green Hairstreak (12), Grizzled Skipper (40), Orange-tip (10), Peacock (1), Small Blue (2), Small Heath (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (3), Speckled Wood (1). "The Dingy & Grizzled Skippers were literally everywhere! Time of visit was 09.30 13.00 warm with sunny spells and a light wind."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourn Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (10), Duke of Burgundy (12), Dingy Skipper (28), Small Heath (3), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (1), Grizzled Skipper (10), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (40), Small White (1), Green Hairstreak (3), Orange-tip (2). "A good day to be wandering around one of my favourite spots and the Duke of Burgundy is well out and enjoying the sunshine at last. There were also many Speckled Yellows on the wing, with many Dingy and Grizzled Skippers keeping the Dukes on their toes. The Scrub clearance has had a good effect on the species, and hopefully the Cowslip count can increase. The area where the down was clear felled of Conifers is scrubbing over nicely and hopefully the Duke will occupy this site soonest, as on the opposite side of Oxenbourne Down at Hillhampton Down at the entrance of QECP there has been a handful seen also, so they are spreading their wings, which can only be good for this delightful species."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Westbury Park (SU655235) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (5), Green Hairstreak (3), Dingy Skipper (7), Brimstone (15), Large Skipper (1), Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (3), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2), Red Admiral (1). "Westbury Park is now very overgrown and the Dukes are really only found in one small area, which is quite adequate for a small colony, but when I visited this site 20 years ago it had Dukes scattered across the area. Hawthorn and general scrub is taking over, and needs some attention, although the Cowslip count here is very good. The Large Skipper is the earliest I've ever seen one I think."

Alan Butterworth reports from Keyhaven Marsh (SZ316918) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "Very active on the sea wall"), Small White (1 "Nectaring on Sea Campion"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Common Blue (1 "On the Keyhaven-Lymington cycle way"). "Warm sunny morning, so the overall count was disappointing. No Walls seen on the cycle way."

John Roberts reports from Woodlands (SU325116) where the following observations were made: speckled yellow (7 "On bridle track at Woodlands").

mark tutton reports from chalton down (SU737142) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (17), Green-veined White (4), Grizzled Skipper (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Stuart Read reports from medham, northwood (SZ500938) where the following observations were made: . "Along the cycle-path to Cowes this morning I sighted 3 orange tips and my first holly blue of the year. At Medham I recorded 3 grizzled skippers, 2 dingy skippers and a green hairstreak."

Tuesday 13th May

Alan Butterworth reports from Barton Golf Course (SZ251927) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (13 "On path across the golf course"), Brimstone (1), Large White (1). "Also 20 or so Green Longhorn moths bouncing in the sun."

Graham Dennis reports from Byes Lane, Silchester (SU631610) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1).

Chris Piatkiewicz reports from bar end (SU483283) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1 "seen in flower rich meadow near bar end parp and ride looking for dukes").

Chris Cobb reports from Field Sw Ft Nelson (SU607068) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Peacock (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1). "15:20 - 15:45 Dog walking, Patchy Sunshine."

Monday 12th May

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (35), Green-veined White (3), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (4), Speckled Yellow (17), Drab Looper (8), Common Heath (2). "All on the transect".

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU620604) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Green-veined White (6), Orange-tip (1), Drab Looper (25).

Sunday 11th May

Paul Harfield reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (15), Common Blue (5 "3 male & 2 female"), Small Copper (1), Green Hairstreak (10), Brimstone (17 "12 male & 5 female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Duke of Burgundy (4 "3 male & 1 female"). "Seen between 12 and 2pm in cloudy/sunny conditions with a strong gusty wind."

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park Arboretum (SU368386) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1 "Nectaring on daisy on mown pathway, a 'first' for this site. ").

Mark tutton reports from Butser hill (SU717197) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (14), Duke of Burgundy (27), Green Hairstreak (5), Grizzled Skipper (14), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (2), Small White (1). "What started out as a very grey windy day ended in pleasant sunshine if still VERY windy. First common blues of the year and good numbers of Dukes with females out in force."

Saturday 10th May

Graeme Davis reports from Anton lakes nature reserve, Andover (SU362467) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "1 FEMALE"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Green-veined White (1).

Friday 9th May

Stuart Read reports from newport-sandown cycle-path (SZ5087) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4). "Recorded on the cycle-path between Shide and Blackwater. A very windy day, but this section of the cycle-path afforded some shelter and orange tips were happily plying it. Coniferous trees and willows have been felled towards the Blackwater end of the path, making it sunnier, and creating habitat for wildflowers."

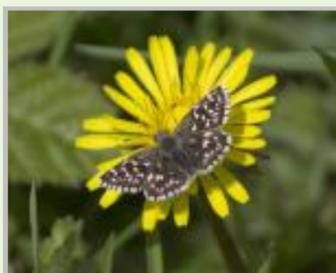
Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Male"), Small White (2), Small Heath (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Grizzled Skipper (2). "Despite sunny spells there was a strong wind and a temperature of 15 degrees. A single Small Heath was seen after searching most of the site."

Graeme Davis reports from Charlton Place, Lloyds Bank (SU362460) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Smithleys Copse, Axmansford. (SU563608) where the following observations were made: Drab Looper (1 "Earliest I've ever seen this species."), Green-veined White (4), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Wednesday 7th May

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508291) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (80 Larval), Narrow-bordered 5-spot Burnet Moth (1 Larval). "The weather for the first Wednesday of the year was changeable with drizzle, sun and cloud. The walk was well attended but the butterflies were only flying when the sun came out. Other butterflies reported were Green Hairstreak, Common Blue and 2 unidentified whites."



Grizzled Skipper



Brown Argus



Small Tortoiseshell

Tuesday 6th May

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "Male"), Small White (2), Large White (1), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Small Heath (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Dingy Skipper (11), Grizzled Skipper (3). "On Chalton Down temperature was 16 degrees. Plenty on the wing including several Dingy Skippers."

Brian Cartwright reports from 24 Ward Close (SU360467) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird hawk Moth (1 "Came to feed in lilac tree for 2-3 minutes then flew off"). "I have a photograph if you require".



Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "First in the garden this year").

Michael Berry reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU711187) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (4), Small Copper (2), Brimstone (30), Dingy Skipper (20), Grizzled Skipper (4), Peacock (3), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (3), Duke of Burgundy (1). "Warm, sunny afternoon, in a valley sheltered from the breeze."





Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Dave Pearson reports from Pig Bush (SU345050) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1 "at the edge of the forest").

Ray Lett reports from Shanklin (WGS84) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (6 "1st sighting Batts Copse").

stuart read reports from medham, coves (SZ499938) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (2 "observed on the cycle-path"), Grizzled Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Small White (4). "This is an excellent little site for butterflies. It is however becoming rather overgrown with bramble and the landowner will hopefully mow it at the end of the season."

Tim, Sue and Alice Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU742318) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Duke of Burgundy (8), Brimstone (10), Peacock (6), Common Blue (1 "Surprised to see this so early").

Ashley Whitlock reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU640207) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (40), Grizzled Skipper (10), Small Copper (5), Peacock (4), Brimstone (40), Duke of Burgundy (3), Common Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (12), Small Heath (1), Orange-tip (4), Holly Blue (2), Small White (2). "It was cool and rather windy in exposed areas on Old Winchester Hill today, but as the hour ticked by the sun was out and there wasn't a cloud about, rather good for a low pressure system. The butterfly count was quite impressive once the area warmed up. I was particularly looking for the Duke of Burgundy, as if I hadn't seen any this year...yet! The reason is the site is very good for the specie in places, with lots of scrub, but the Cowslip count is quite low in density in many places. I counted three, and they were all very separate, at least a quarter of a mile from each other, there are colonies here but in very low densities. In fact there are sheep still grazing in many of the areas, and I saw a Duke flying around the legs of a sheep!".



Small Copper



Green Hairstreak



Old Winchester Hill

Ashley Whitlock reports from Butser Hill (SU714201) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (32), Brimstone (15), Orange-tip (3), Common Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (45), Grizzled Skipper (10), Green Hairstreak (10), Peacock (1). "In complete contrast to Old Winchester Hill, the area I visited for the Duke on Butser Hill today is riddled with Rabbit scrapes, and Rabbit burrows, flying in the face of the Dukes and Rabbits don't mix, well they seem to be in complete harmony with each other. In fact today was one of the best counts I've had a this particular area. Once I had my eye in from constant heckling from Dingy Skippers, which were in particular good numbers, the Dukes really stood out. Most were on the Eastern side of the slope going down to the scrubby area at the bottom. This particular area is ablaze with Wild Strawberry, Ground Ivy and Germander Speedwell and there were butterflies and moths everywhere. Good counts of Cinnabar Moths (4)".



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down, Ventnor, IOW (SZ568775) where the following observations were made: **Adonis Blue** (1 "male"), Brown Argus (20), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (4), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Small Heath (1), Speckled Wood (1), Wall (2).

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalkpit, IOW (commonly known as Afton Down carpark) (SZ362855) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (4), Dingy Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (12), Small Blue (3), Wall (1).

Monday 5th May

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "Male"), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small Heath (1), Grizzled Skipper (3). "From Noar Hill called at Chalton Down on my way home. Temperature was 15 degrees. Saw my first Small Heath this year."

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14 "13 Male 1 Female"), Orange-tip (14 "13 Male 1 Female"), Small White (5), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (3), Green Hairstreak (5), Common Blue (1), Duke of Burgundy (17), Dingy Skipper (3). "Spent 4 hours walking around the site. Temperature was 16 degrees. Duke of Burgundy's were found in their usual favourite places, while Green Hairstreaks were not easily disturbed allowing many photos. Saw what at first I thought was a Holly Blue until it settled and realised it was a Common Blue, my first sighting this year."

Mike Wildish reports from East Anton (SU375475) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Finkley Down (SU385475) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Small White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4790) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (36), Comma (2), Peacock (9), Orange-tip (4), Speckled Wood (3), Small White (8). "Recorded on a walk through Parkhurst Forest between 11:00 and 12:30. Conditions were warm and generally sunny."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ468907) where the following observations were made: Wall (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Nettlebed Farm (SU6035) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Upper Lanham Farm (SU6136) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Newmer Farm (SU6237) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1), Peacock (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Wield Wood (SU6138) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Brimstone (3), Peacock (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Godsfield Copse (SU6037) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Bugmore Hill (SU5937) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (8), Brimstone (9), Peacock (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from No name (SU5837) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (9).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Oliver's Battery (SU5836) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Abbotstone Down (SU5735) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6), Brimstone (14), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (2).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Southdowns (SU5834) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (14), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (0).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Abbotstone Down (SU5735) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6), Brimstone (14), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (2).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Southdowns (SU5834) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (14), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (3).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Old Alresford (SU5934) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (2).

mark tutton reports from little butser (SU719207) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (2), Duke of Burgundy (35), Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (9), Speckled Wood (1).

Judith Pratt reports from Afton Chalkpit (SZ363867) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (20 "Many freshly hatched").

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Alresford (SU585317) where the following observations were made: Brimstone Moth (1), Flame Shoulder (1), Muslin Moth (0 "male"), Shuttle-shaped Dart (1), Heart and Dart (1), Cockchafer (1).

Sunday 4th May

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Orange-tip (2 "Male"), Dingy Skipper (2), Grizzled Skipper (1). "Only a few butterflies flying due to the temperature being 13 degrees. Recorded my first Grizzled Skipper this year."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Small White (2), Orange-tip (1 "Male"). "Temperature was 14 degrees but no much flying."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU710203) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (62), Brimstone (30), Small Heath (1), Green-veined White (2), Small White (5), Peacock (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (5), Orange-tip (7). "An impressive count of the Duke of Burgundy at certain Meon Valley sites today, although the weather was very cloudy in parts. With yesterdays count of the Orange Tip and today's as well the hedgerows have certainly been very colourful with these lovely little insects, with many more females being seen this year than most other years. Still haven't heard the Cuckoo, which is getting more alarming as the weeks tick by, I think Chris Packham certainly made a point on national television, about the shooting of migratory birds, good job they cant shoot butterflies!".

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (16), Duke of Burgundy (8), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (2), **Common Blue** (1).



Common Blue

Dave Law reports from Bentley Wood (SU255285) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Egg laying"), Duke of Burgundy (1 "Very fresh male in Eastern Clearing"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5 "3 males and 2 females"), Argent and Sable Moth (1). "Single male Duke holding a territory in the Eastern Inclosure doing battle with The Pearl Bordered Frits. The Duke was immaculate as were the PBFs, hopefully numbers will build over the following week. Was amazed to see a very early Argent & Sable Moth which refused to be photographed much to the frustration of myself and another observer. A first for me at this site. Sadly no sightings of Grizzled or Dingies. The whole of the Eastern area is still very waterlogged and I am wondering if the skippers had a hard time during the floods. . . . time will tell."

Ian Pratt reports from Afton chalkpit (SZ365854) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (15 "Very lively on bluebells and alkanet."). "I heard my first cuckoo on Friday 2 May at Borthwood Copse near Sandown."

Michael Scoggins reports from House Garden (SU513495) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "First of the year"), Orange-tip (1 "Female, second female this year but no males.").

mark tutton reports from beacon hill (SU606225) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "one female"), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (21), Duke of Burgundy (1 "female egg laying"), Adela reaumurella (5). "good views a red kite over the down and the green hairstreaks were out in good numbers, one or two on most of the hawthorns".

mark tutton reports from old winchester hill (SU644211) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (7), Peacock (5), Duke of Burgundy (6), Green Hairstreak (4), Brimstone (7), Green Hairstreak (3), Grizzled Skipper (3).

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Paul Harfield reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (14 "6 female & 8 male"), Peacock (7), Dingy Skipper (10), Duke of Burgundy (4), Grizzled Skipper (7), Brimstone (20 "9 female & 11 Male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Very aged"), Green-veined White (1), Green Hairstreak (4), Holly Blue (2). "All seen between 10am and 1pm in warm sunshine with some cloud and a little breeze."

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (3).

Saturday 3rd May

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (1 "Male"), Holly Blue (1). "In my sister's garden. Temperature was 11 degrees."

Graeme Davis reports from Track at back of Hampshire Golf Course (SU373432) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5 "2 female"), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Green-veined White (1).



Orange-tip

Graeme Davis reports from Cowdown Lane (SU370433) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "Male").

Graeme Davis reports from Rooksbury Mill Path (SU354446) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Green Meadow Lane Footpath (SU361430) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).



Orange-tip

Alec and Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 "6m 6f"), Comma (1), Green Hairstreak (4), Grizzled Skipper (5), Orange-tip (5 "m"), Peacock (7), Brown Argus (1 "In pristine condition. Found in the same area as we saw the Grizzled Skippers. A lovely surprise."). "Time of visit: 10.45 - 13.15."

John Levesley reports from Hinton Ampner (SU596274) where the following observations were made: Small White (6 "both males and females seen").

Ian Pratt reports from Wheelers Bay Bonchurch (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Glanville Fritillary (3). "Mating pair seen."

Chris Cobb reports from Field to SW of Fort Nelson (SU607068) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Large White (1), Peacock (1), Brimstone (3). "15:15 to 15:45 Dog walking in a field to SW of Fort Nelson meadow which has been left uncultivated for at least 5 years, many hedge banks, bramble invaded grass land."

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260293) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (7), Brimstone (8), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (5), Green-veined White (2). "The recent spell of cool and damp weather has delayed the emergence of the pearl-bordered fritillaries in Bentley Wood, however their numbers are now gradually building."





Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (3), Grizzled Skipper (5), Brimstone (12), Green-veined White (1), Small Copper (1), Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (12), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (6), Small White (3). "A few hours up at one of my favourite patches before my field trip in the afternoon. The weather was decidedly cooler at 10:30 today, and the specie count showed, with very little activity on the Grizzled and Dingy Skipper front. However the Duke of Burgundy count was excellent, with one of the best counts for up to a decade especially in one day. The hacking of the Gorse has certainly paid off, with many males taking up territories and spiralling upwards and coming down again on their particular perches, well within sight of each other. Does seem daft to me all that effort just for a few feet!"



Grizzled Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Ashley Whitlock reports from Hyden Wood (SU696187) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (17), Brimstone (30), Peacock (5), Green-veined White (6), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1). "A lovely walk around a typical Beech Woodland in the Spring, although some of the things I promised in the Newsletter never happened, we never saw any Primroses, Never heard the Cuckoo, which is quite worrying actually, I've normally heard it by now. Although there were bags of Orange Tips and Brimstones to be had in the hedgerows, we also observed a male Robin sat very comfortably in its nest in a mossy bank, and it was still there when we returned the same way about an hour later. The Blue bells are now past there best, but we didn't really care as it just a lovely walk in each others company, and I would like to thank everybody who attended, and joined me in the pub after the walk."



Hyden Wood field trip

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (2).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Ludshott Common (SU851352) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Mark tutton reports from Butser hill (SU713204) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Peacock (5), Dingy Skipper (26), Small Copper (1), Grizzled Skipper (22), Duke of Burgundy (38), Green Hairstreak (17), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1), Drinker moth (0 Larval).

Pat and Robin Turner report from Ludshott Common (SU849354) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (15), Large White (3), Small White (5), Common Heath (3).

mark tutton reports from butser (SU713207) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Dingy Skipper (26), Small Copper (1), Grizzled Skipper (22), Duke of Burgundy (38), Green Hairstreak (11), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1), drinker moth (1 Larval). "to put ashleys mind at rest - heard and had best views ever of male cuckoo being harassed by pipits on the down".

Techer Jones reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU644215) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (6 "At foot of slope opposite main car park gate"), Small Heath (1 "My first of the season"), Brimstone (40), Peacock (10).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood, Soberton (SU619127) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9), Brimstone (30 Egg), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU634043) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 Egg), Green-veined White (2), Small White (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622051) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (2).

Friday 2nd May

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ601866) where the following observations were made: Wall (2 "Very good condition").



Wall

Thursday 1st May

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood (SU5010) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Orange-tip (4), Speckled Yellow moth (2).

Wednesday 30th April

stuart read reports from newport-cowes cycle-path (SZ4990) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (4 "all male"), Grizzled Skipper (1 "in the field at medham"), Small White (2). "Recorded while cycling from Newport to Cowes along the cycleway!".

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (58), Green-veined White (7), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (5), Peacock (23), Speckled Wood (3), Common Heath (1). "All recorded on the transect today. Also a large red damselfly."

Graham Dennis reports from Sherbourne St John (SU617553) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (2).

Graham Dennis reports from Sherbourne St John (SU618565) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (16), Grizzled Skipper (15), Small Copper (5), Brimstone (80), Small White (3), Duke of Burgundy (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (4). "The Down today was covered in Wild Strawberry and consequently the Grizzled Skipper count here was very good, only seeing them in a small section of the down, there are probably hundreds of these little terriers of the butterfly world, whizzing around and doing battle with Small Coppers and Dingy Skipper if they enter their territory. The Brimstone was up early as I had checked in (7) species well before 0930 today, which gives the measure of the warmth of the sun today. I at last found the Duke of Burgundy in a small patch of Gorse which had been, given the good old hacksaw treatment. Only two but its a start, as they normally only come out in reasonable numbers on this site well into their flight season."



Dingy Skipper



Grizzled Skipper



Small Copper

Ashley Whitlock reports from Westbury Park (SU655635) where the following observations were made: Peacock (15), Painted Lady (1), Speckled Wood (3), Brimstone (30), Orange-tip (7), Small White (2), Green-veined White (3), Duke of Burgundy (1), Comma (1). "A very late site, if you can find any Duke of Burgundies that is, I always look in the same nooks and crannies every year and normally I am successful, but I think its the first time I've ever recorded them here in April. Plenty of Peacocks flying about, but I don't know what's happened to the Grizzled and Dingy Skippers 20 years ago I could count up to a dozen on site but alas its getting very hard to see one at all. The Cowslips here are very impressive, probably one of the best sites for them."



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay, Bonchurch, IOW (SZ568775) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), **Glanville Fritillary** (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (3), Wall (1 "female"), Peacock (2). "2 Glanville Fritillaries seen today at this location (also 1 **Glanville** seen by A. Butler yesterday the 29.04)".

Andy Stocker reports from Noar Hill (SU741320) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (9), Dingy Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Orange-tip (12), Peacock (2). "A quick lunchtime visit, totals are conservative due to time constraints. A very pleasant hour in the warm sunshine."



Duke of Burgundy

Roy Symonds reports from Finchdean Village (SU738129) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Male"). "Seen on the roadside."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down, Old Idsworth (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11 "8 Male 3 Female"), Small White (4), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Holly Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (8). "Spent an hour and a half walking around the site where the temperature was 16 degrees. Pleased to see my first Dingy Skipper and Holly Blue this year. No sign of Grizzled Skippers here yet."

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green-veined White (4), Small White (1).

Tuesday 29th April

Martin Hampton reports from Havant (SU720060) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (2).

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down, Ventnor, IOW (SZ568780) where the following observations were made: **Brown Argus** (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (3), Small Copper (4), **Small Heath** (1), Wall (1). "A very warm and sunny afternoon."

Graeme Davis reports from Rooksbury Mill LNR (SU356444) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Monday 28th April

Tim Graham reports from MHD Extension (SU511292) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Pyrausta aurata (2), Adela reaumurella (5), Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (4). "14C - 85% sunshine - lucky break in weather for transect. Above were off transect. (Transect had recorded many Brimstones, Peacocks, Orange tips and a Small White)".

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Lock/Allotments (SZ672995) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Small White (12), Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (4). "With the ever threat of heavy downpours, I only ventured just around the corner today when the sun was shining like it should be. The Small Tortoiseshells have now disappeared, with just a lonesome Peacock. However the good news is I've now seen the Holly Blue out today and its a bit like buses (4) come along at once! The Small White is now on pest patrol around the Allotments

Geoff Jones reports from Browndown North/Alver Valley (SZ578995) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (3 "all males"), Green-veined White (3), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1 "female"). "Holly Blue in the garden SZ576997".

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwater IOW (SZ363855) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (10), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Blue (2 "mating pair"), Wall (1 "male").

stuart read reports from parkhurst forest (SZ4690) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (2). "First walk of the IOW Group's itinerary on a generally overcast afternoon. The sun declined to stay out for more than a few minutes at a time and our tally was disappointingly low."

Sunday 27th April

Ed Merritt reports from Lyndhurst (SU307085) where the following observations were made: Emperor Moth (1 "A dead female"). "A dead specimen found on the pavement, adjacent to the A35, not too far from Princes Crescent on the eastern edge of Lyndhurst. Presumably it had been hit by a car or maybe even trodden on (or both)! Apologies for the slightly gruesome nature of the photograph but this was the condition in which I found it! I'm not too sure how interested you are in sightings of dead specimens but I thought it might be worth noting, given that these moths don't seem to be recorded in huge numbers."



Emperor Moth

Ken Woodford reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: **Pearl-bordered Fritillary** (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (6), Clouded Silver Moth (1). "Seen between 3.30pm and 4-30pm during some brief sunny spells between heavy rain showers."

Saturday 26th April

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwater IOW (SZ363855) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (9), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Blue (1). "Also 2 Small Blues reported seen today at Wheelers Bay, IOW."

Graham Dennis reports from burnt common (SU627645) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (3), Common Heath (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Moorgreen Meadows (SU485145) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Peacock (2), Brimstone (3 "2 male & 1 female"), Speckled Wood (2). "Seen between 1.30 and 2.30pm in less than ideal conditions. Blustery wind and showery with sunny spells. One of the Speckled Wood was nectaring on Bluebells, something I have never seen before."

Andrew Brookes reports from Buck's Copse, Boarhunt (SU598092) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20 Egg).

stuart read reports from chilton chine (SZ405824) where the following observations were made: **Wall** (1). "Very docile Wall observed at Chilton Chine on an overcast afternoon!"

Thursday 24th April

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (SU385347) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (33 "at least"), Comma (1), Orange-tip (7), Peacock (9), Small Copper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (32), Comma (1), Green-veined White (9), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (25), Speckled Wood (4). "All were on the transect this afternoon except for the holly blue, lots of cuckoo's around as well".

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalk Pit (SZ364854) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (10), Grizzled Skipper (1), **Small Blue** (1). "First grizzled skipper and small blue of the year for me."

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwater IOW (SZ362855) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (12 "Mainly congregating on bluebell flowers."), Grizzled Skipper (2).

Wednesday 23rd April

Ashley Whitlock reports from Hyden Wood (SU696187) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1). "A walk around one of the sites to be visited on my field trips in a few weeks time, with the weather not

particularly good for butterflies it certainly was for the carpets of Bluebells to be seen, a sight to behold. Areas of the wood have been coppiced in places and here the Primroses are starting to re-generate, but it may be a long time before the Duke of Burgundy ever finds its way back into this wood. The set-aside areas by the farmers fields were not flora and fauna friendly, with only Dandelions, and Daisies to be seen amongst the rank grasses. The way-leaves area where the large Electricity pylons sit, the flora would be helped by a good cut back on the Hazel stools creeping ever upwards. Some of this wood is Private, so I would'nt like to guess what these parts of the wood will look like in generations to come. Despite all this the Hedgerows leading up to wood should have been littered with the odd Brimstone Orange Tip, etc. had the weather been a lot kinder. Its easy to get lost in the wood, and I'm glad I had my trusty compass at hand to lead me out of the wood, all be it several miles further down the road from where my trusty steed was parked."



Hyden Wood Bluebells



Small Tortoiseshell



Speckled Wood

J Summers reports from Garden (SU444128) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (1).

Monday 21st April

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (3), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (6), Small White (3), Small Copper (1). "A pleasant walk around Oxenbourne Down again to find any signs of the Duke of Burgundy, but alas it wasn't to be. Even though the weather was fine and warm with very little wind, its very hard to find them here, especially so early on in the season. The problem on the site is there are very few areas where the butterfly can breed, hopefully where the Gorse has been cut down, there should be Cowslip seeds springing up, amongst the scrubby areas, which should encourage, any passing female to lay. The area where the Pine trees were cut down about a decade ago, looks to me as if its going to be left to naturally re-generate as a chalk-downland, and I've noticed this year good clumps of Cowslips now growing in small areas, so this area could naturally become a Duke site, only time will tell. However there were a few butterflies on the wing, and the Small Copper was a nice surprise, but I've still not bagged a Holly Blue as yet!"

Ashley Whitlock reports from redlands Grove (sz679116) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (5). "The first Holly Blue of the year, a female no less, and when I went to look closer at her she seemed to be testing my patch of Mint at the bottom of the garden, I think she bent her abdomen round but I couldn't find any egg, she must have thought it smelt too nice, and flew off! Good sunny spells today and the Small White is coming into the garden more and more, flying in twos and threes."

Bob Whitmarsh reports from St Catherine's Hill, Winchester (SU483273) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Peacock (2).

Paul Harfield reports from Stephens Castle Down (SU5620) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (23 "11 females (most were actively egg laying & 12 males"), Brimstone (6 Egg), Orange-tip (3 "2 male & 1 female"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (4), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (7). "After seeing a solitary Duke of Burgundy at this site last year I went in search of them again but did not find any today also no Green Hairstreaks. Brimstone were very numerous and my count is very conservative. All seen between 10am and midday in very warm sunshine with a little cloud and no wind at all."

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU712208) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (9), Duke of Burgundy (3), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (25), Peacock (2), Green Hairstreak (8).

Andrew Brookes reports from Briddlesford Copse, I o W. (SZ546905) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Large White (1), Peacock (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Woodhouse Crossing, I o W (SZ543905) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (2), Small White (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Buddle Inn, Niton (SZ502757) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "Males").

Graeme Davis reports from Danebury Hill Fort (SU324375) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way Grass verge (SU369464) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (1).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton Old Cemetary (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (1), Large White (2).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2).

Saturday 19th April

Phil Lowe reports from Whiteley Pastures/Botley Woods (SU539096) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (8 "Cold easterly breeze causing them to settle."), Green-veined White (4 "West of Electricity Sub-station").



Green-veined White



Green-veined White



Orange-tip

Friday 18th April

Mark tutton reports from Portsdown hill (SU654064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (26), Brimstone (6 Egg)

Mark tutton reports from Fortsdown Hill (SU654667) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (20), Brimstone (6 Egg), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Holly Blue (1). "Good numbers of female brimstones actively seeking buckthorn - managed to watch half a dozen eggs being laid."

Mike Wildish reports from Andover, Winchester Rd Area (SU365445) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Winchester Rd - A303 Int (SU365439) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2).

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU713207) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (7), Duke of Burgundy (4), Green Hairstreak (9), Green-veined White (5), Grizzled Skipper (14), Orange-tip (6), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (4). "Nice morning spoilt by having my car broken into whilst parked in Ramsdean Lane - fairly sure it was by two motorcyclists who roared off when I was about 300m up the track - beware if you park anywhere along this lane."

R Bryant reports from Noar Hill (SU743320) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3 "on cowslip leaves in sunshine"), Orange-tip (5 "both male and female on the wing"), Holly Blue (1 "flying through"), Peacock (1 "basking on sunlit path"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "on path").

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwater IOW (SZ362855) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (8), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (2), Orange-tip (1 "female").

Graeme Davis reports from Stockbridge Down - stip next to road (SU380346) where the following observations were made: **Small Copper** (1 "one wing had not fully opened"), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (4 "1 female"), Brimstone (3), Peacock (2), Comma (1). "Pic of small copper not emerged properly also available".



Grizzled Skipper



Small Copper

Graeme Davis reports from New Street (SU366459) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Goodworth Clatford (SU361421) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Westover Farm (SU361411) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Leckford Lane (SU362363) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (1), Small White (1).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Highfield, So'ton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Thursday 17th April

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1). "Some bonus for 'sacrificing' a day getting my garden looking more like one. Also a Hawthorn Shield Bug. Birds squawking at me for invading 'their' garden - well, fair enough, they do spend more time in it than I do!".

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit, Freshwater, IOW (SZ364854) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (4), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1 "male on the bluebells").

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (90), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small White (3), Peacock (12), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "A look at Oxenbourne Down again for the second time in a week, and the Brimstone was everywhere, probably the most I've seen up there for many years, the scrub bashing on top of the down is still in progress and there isn't much Gorse left! Oxenbourne Down is one of those sites where the Duke of Burgundy is never very obvious, unless you sit for 10 minutes on an ant hill and just survey the scene. I suspect it will be out at the end of April as its normally about a week behind most sites, even though most of the site faces South-east."

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU712206) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (8), Small White (3), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (6), Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (12), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Dingy Skipper (1). "A quick visit to another site in the Meon Valley and this produced (8) Dukes all in pristine condition, they were now flying in other territories where a few days ago there were none, so it doesn't take them long to set up a territory. There was still a cool wind blowing across the down, which despite the warmth of the sun can still be detrimental to a specie like this. A lovely Green Hairstreak flew out of a Hazel Thicket and disappeared with its brilliant Green Camouflage. I also crept up on a Hare at the side of a farmers field and he bolted as soon as he spotted me, and a stoat jumped up in front of me and ran into a Oil seed Rape plantation. This retirement now is really kicking in long may the weather last....!".

Alec and Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506292) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11 "8m, 3f"), Green Hairstreak (3), Large White (1), Orange-tip (5 "m"), Peacock (7), Small White (2). "Standing among cowslips on a sunny morning (11.15 -12.30 visit) with the skylarks singing overhead and hearing our first cuckoo of the year calling from a nearby hedgerow, spring doesn't get much better than this."

John Vetterlein reports from Rake Bottom (SU7020) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (6), Grizzled Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (1), Duke of Burgundy (1), Orange-tip (3), Dingy Skipper (1), Cinnabar Moth (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Solent Way (SU502040) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Highfield, So'ton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Large White (1).

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

Anne McCue reports from Browndown South(east) (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (5), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1). "1215".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown South(west) (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "9 males & 1 female"), Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (5), Speckled Wood (2). "1255".

Wednesday 16th April

Sue Stileman reports from Magdalen Hill Reserve (SU504292) where the following observations were made: *Macroglossum stellatarum* (1 "feeding on cowslips"). "3.25pm, sunny with a light breeze. Approx. 15 degrees."

Alan Thornbury reports from Butser Hill (Rake Bottom) (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (18), Green Hairstreak (7), Peacock (9), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Orange-tip (3), Brimstone (8). "Grizzled Skippers are "in full swing" along the lower slopes and valley bottom. The Green Hairstreaks were the highlight, with one particular hotspot amongst the scrub having several present, with frequent airborne duels. Unconfirmed sighting of a Dingy Skipper also on the lower slopes (disturbed and flew off before ID confirmed). No Dukes seen."



Green Hairstreak



Green Hairstreak



Grizzled Skipper

Colin Baker reports from Noar Hill (SU746320) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (10), Grizzled Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (3), Brimstone (4 "2M,2FM"), Orange-tip (6 "M"). "Although the sun was shining, a keen wind restricted sightings of butterflies until about 11am when the first Duke of Burgundy made an appearance, quickly followed by another three accompanied by the surprise of the day, my first sighting of a Grizzled skipper at Noar Hill. Further pleasures in the shape of Green Hairstreak whose colour played tricks in the brilliant sunshine and a Holly Blue doing what they always do, along with good company made it a special few hours. The large Bee-fly were everywhere with their fearsome sword like appendage which they use to feed voraciously on the beautiful Cowslips."



Duke of Burgundy



Green Hairstreak



Bee-fly

Sue Davies reports from Walters Copse, Yarmouth IOW (SZ356889) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (7), Green-veined White (1 "confirmed, many other "small" whites"), Orange-tip (50 "plus, counted mainly male & few female"), Peacock (50 "plus counted, very worn specimens"), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Small White (1 "confirmed, many other "small" whites"). "Bright sunny afternoon, cool F3-4 SE wind. Never seen so many Orange-tips on the wing."



Orange-tip



Orange-tip

Graeme Davis reports from Rooksbury Mill Path (SU354447) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1).



Orange-tip

Graeme Davis reports from Rooksbury Mill LNR (SU356444) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Peacock (4), Orange-tip (3), Speckled Wood (1).



Comma

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1).

John & Julie Moon reports from Abbots Ann (SU3243) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (12 Larval "Feeding on Pentaglottis sempervirens (Green Alkanet) and not all of the same age.").

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Green-veined White (1).

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Holly Blue (12), Speckled Wood (24). "1155-1225".

Tuesday 15th April

Jenny Simmonds reports from North Farnborough (SU876564) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1), Peacock (3).

Judith Frank reports from Stockbridge Down (SU385347) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (25 "at least"), Orange-tip (7), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (12), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (3 "I think these were small. Unless they settle I find it hard to distinguish the whites.").

E Hughes reports from Newtown NNRh (SZ421906) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Peacock (14), Duke of Burgundy (12), Orange-tip (5), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Small White (1). "A Fabulous day as Mistle Thrushes and little Wrens greeted me as I walked into the site at 10:00 today, with the area seemingly covered in Cowslips, there has been a lot of scrub clearance in some areas. The Duke was very hard to find initially as there was a very cool breeze blowing into the site, but after an hour they seemed to be more active. (12) is a conservative estimate, all males were seen. There were some species very absent from the list, as the Brimstone was absent although in my experience its not a very early riser. I seem to remember when I first visited this site in 1984 the Cowslips were more prolific in many areas, but there has been rabbit problems over the few years, but hopefully the Duke will keep going at this site, as its one of the key sites in the country for t he specie.".



Noar Hill



Duke of Burgundy

Ashley Whitlock reports from Meon Valley (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Brimstone (14), Peacock (6), **Dingy Skipper** (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (6). "A walk around some of the minor sites where the Duke of Burgundy can be found and here the Dingy Skipper and the Grizzled Skipper were on the wing, marking out their territories with the Dukes. The warmth had obviously now awoken the Brimstones as there were several pairs flying in formation, along with many Peacocks.".

Alec and Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "3m, 2f"), Comma (2), **Dingy Skipper** (1 "Seen in the pit opposite the triangle,basking in the sun, on the seed head of a dried grass."), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (11 "10m, 1f"), Peacock (7), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "In addition to the butterflies we also saw some early purple orchids and a red kite which flew low overhead.".

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU741318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2). "Accidentally omitted from earlier record.".

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwater IOW (SZ361856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (4).

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse,Newtown,IOW (SZ432902) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Comma (3), Orange-tip (3 "2 male,1 female"), Peacock (3), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (5).

Mark Harrison - Jones reports from Quavey's Copse, Whiteley (SU522101) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6 "I saw three pairs of this species within a very small area all looking to mate I suspect").

Mark Harrison - Jones reports from Warsash Common (SU503058) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2 "This pair were flying together very close to a Hawthorn Hedge which has a lovely south facing aspect.").

Mark tutton reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU510293) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (5), Peacock (9), Small Tortoiseshell (14).

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708210) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (10), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (16), Peacock (6), Green-veined White (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (6), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).





Orange-tip

Lynden Bowen reports from Sandy Balls Estate (SU166143) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (3 "All male"). "Beautiful summery day. Found some caterpillars but cannot identify, not enough experience".

Graeme Davis reports from Andover Indian Memorial (SU360459) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small White (3).

Anne McCue reports from Titchfield Canal Path (SU535030) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (2 "male & female"), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Peacock (18), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Monday 14th April

Geoff Baker reports from The Shrubbery, Basingstoke (SU637513) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4 "nectaring on flowering Laurel"), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (1 "my first of the year"), Holly Blue (3). "This site is the derelict garden of a demolished house. A very reliable spot for Holly Blues and Speckled Woods. Just a stone's throw from the town centre."

John Moon reports from Quarley West (SU2643) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (5).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Down E (SU385345) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5), Orange-tip (12), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Down N (SU375355) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Orange-tip (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Common N (SU355345) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3 "Incl mating pair"), Brimstone (5), Peacock (2). "Today's records joint with Mervyn Grist."

Steve Mansfield reports from Chawton Park Farm (E) Alton (SU699377) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (7 "Part of a total of 14 along a field edge with nettles").

John Vetterlein reports from Magdalen Hill Down - original (SU5029) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (17), Peacock (8), Orange-tip (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Roger Forster reports from Palmerston Park, Southampton (SU422121) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Feeding on a bluebell").

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Mike Gibbons reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506293) where the following observations were made: Swallowtail (1 "Patrolling up and down along path."). "On arriving at Magdalen Hill Down two visitors who were leaving told me they had seen a Swallowtail and showed me some photos of it they had just taken. I went in the reserve and soon found the Swallowtail patrolling up and down the path by the hedge, occasionally stopping to land on fence posts, the hedge itself or dropping down on the ground. I had to pinch myself to believe what I was seeing!".



Swallowtail

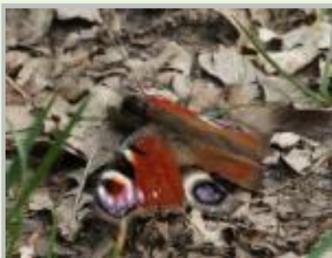
Anne McCue reports from Newport Road, Gosport (SU597004) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (2). "private garden".

Sunday 13th April

Phil Lowe reports from Locks Heath (SU518072) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Roger Forster reports from Alverstoke (SU592993) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Roger Forster reports from Micheldever Wood (SU5336) where the following observations were made: Peacock (15 "Number is an estimate as we saw lots during our walk around Micheldever"), Speckled Wood (1). "Walked from the car park up the east side and into Dodsley Wood and back. Masses of Peacock butterflies. Do not have a full count only an estimate."



Peacock

pat and peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (56013400) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (11), Orange-tip (6), Speckled Wood (3), Holly Blue (5), Peacock (1). "lots of sunshine to-day, always a good place for holly blues".

Chris Cobb reports from Ft. Nelson fields (SU608068) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "Two females"), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "15:15 to 15:35".

Lynn Fomison writes of good news from The Butterfly Isle Dave Cooke saw a **Grizzled Skipper** at Brook Down on 10th April. How lucky that the Isle of Wight and Hampshire are linked in the same BC Branch.

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "M"), Comma (5), Orange-tip (6 "M"), Peacock (10), Small White (3).

Mark tutton reports from Beacon hill (SU606225) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Pilgrims Way (SU370464) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1).

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU741319) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Duke of Burgundy (11), Comma (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (9).

Graeme Davis reports from Walworth Industrial Estate (SU378465) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU715206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Orange-tip (2).

Graeme Davis reports from Ladies Walk (SU377454) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (3).

Graeme Davis reports from Field behind Ladies Walk (SU373446) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (6), Brimstone (6).

Graeme Davis reports from Field behind Ladies Walk (SU381447) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (5).

Graeme Davis reports from Harewood Forest (SU395436) where the following observations were made: Peacock (8), Small White (2), Brimstone (1), Small White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (3).

Graeme Davis reports from Longparish (SU433446) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4 "Two mating, unfortunately ran over by a car just as I was about to take a picture!").

Alan Thornbury reports from Butser Hill (Rake Bottom) (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (5), Comma (4), Peacock (6), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (1 "Male along track approaching from the north").



Grizzled Skipper



Grizzled Skipper

Geoff Baker reports from Cordale Rd Allotments, Basingstoke (SU632513) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Comma (1), Large White (4), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (6). "A good afternoon on the allotment today. Warm and sunny (15) and slight SW breeze. Many signs of spring, including my first comma and holly blues of the season".

Mark Harrison - Jones reports from Warsash Common (SU500060) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Common Blue (2), Small Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1).

Mark Harrison - Jones reports from 39 Titchfield Park Rd (SU528072) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1).

Mike gregory reports from Noahs Lake (SU5700) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2 males 2 females"), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (14).

John Vetterlein reports from Southampton Old Cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (1), Comma (1).

Paul Harfield reports from Knowle Village (SU5609) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (5 "all male"), Brimstone (7 "2 female & 5 male"), Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (6), Small Tortoiseshell (9). "Seen in bright warm sunshine between 10am and 12.".

Paul Harfield reports from Hedge End (SU501145) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3). "Seen around 5pm in a very small area".

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU496291) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street garden, Portchester (SU621050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Holly Blue (1 "Male"), Peacock (1 "Nectaring on yellow wallflower"), Small White (1 "Male").

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622051) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Males"), Small White (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park (SU368385) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (3 "Menage a trois engaged in courtship display"), Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (1). "A few sightings I made from my sister's garden.".

Roy Symonds reports from Castlemans Lane, Stoke, Hayling Island (SU722024) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male").

John Moon reports from Lains Farm (SU2744) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Orange-tip (1).

John Moon reports from Quarley Centre (SU2743) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (6), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Alton (W) (SU7038) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "males"), Peacock (3), Brimstone (3 "2m 1f").

Steve Mansfield reports from Chawton Park Farm (E) Alton (SU701377) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (7 "Part of a total of 14 along a field edge with nettles"), Peacock (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Sherborne St. John meadows (SU623559) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (7), Peacock (4), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (1 "1st of the year for me.").

Andy Bolton reports from Footpath beside Wey Brook, Sherborne St. John. (SU626562) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (10), Peacock (7), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (3).

Steve Mansfield reports from Upper Wield (SU629388) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Comma (1), Peacock (3), Brimstone (2).

Steve Mansfield reports from Snode Hill, Beech, Alton (SU692388) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

stuart read reports from parkhurst forest (SZ476912) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (38 "22m, 16f"), Peacock (22), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (3), Orange-tip (4), Small White (1). "Almost cloudless blue sky. Tally recorded on a walk around Parkhurst Forest between 12:30 and 14:00."

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1).

J Summers reports from meadow (SU507279) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Highfield, So'ton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Anne McCue reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (4). "1345".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Peacock (6), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (4). "1310-1320".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (7), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (7).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North(south-west) (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "males"), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (5), Speckled Wood (5).

Saturday 12th April

Peter Hunt reports from Whiteways Chalk Pit Freshwaterw IOW (SZ361856) where the following observations were made: **Green Hairstreak** (1 "Butterfly not too active in the overcast conditions.").

Barry Collins reports from Havant Thicket (SU7110) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14 "12 males 2 females"), Comma (1), Orange-tip (12 "10 males 2 females"), Peacock (11), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "Cycled around the tracks from 1030 to 1300".

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU744318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1), Peacock (7), Comma (3), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Orange-tip (1).



Duke of Burgundy

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU714207) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "One female"), Grizzled Skipper (6), Peacock (5), Small Tortoiseshell (8), Wood tiger (8 Larval).

Graeme Davis reports from Woodhouse (SU377490) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2).

Graeme Davis reports from Harmony Wood footpath (SU372490) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Graeme Davis reports from Long meadow,Anton Lakes (SU361475) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (24), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (2). "Long meadow surveyed after doing a transect on the rest of the nature reserve. This area is off of the transect done for Test Valley Borough Council, but harboured much better results today".



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

pat and peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (56033407) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Peacock (1), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2). "rather cloudy only brief periods of sun".

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

John Moon reports from Abbots Ann (SU3243) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (12 Larval "Feeding on Pentaglottis sempervirens (Green Alkanet)").

Steve Mansfield reports from Drayton Farm CB Alresford (SU598334) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1).

Michael Scoggins reports from House garden (SU513495) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Female, roosting on White Daffodil. Still there the following morning.").

Friday 11th April

Ashley Whitlock reports from Oxenbourne Down (SU710189) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small White (1), Peacock (6), Red Admiral (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "Despite a cooler day, I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw today, although I did get on site a little earlier than normal the sun was trying to make headway, but the blanket of cloud was always going to be the winner. Hence some species were absent from the list. One problem on the down is the continual growth of Gorse, especially on the Duke breeding area, and here scrub has been cut back and the gorse is being tackled, as there are large areas of the chalk-downland left, which should scrub over and allow more growth for the Cowslips."

Graeme Davis reports from Shepherd Spring Lane Path (SU365460) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Andy Bolton reports from Little Ham Farm, Axmansford (SU568606) where the following observations were made: Peacock (10), Orange-tip (5), Green-veined White (4), Small Tortoiseshell (4), Brimstone (3), Comma (2). "Blackcap & Bullfinch too."

J. Gilbert reports from Beaulieu Motor museum (sz385026) where the following observations were made: Humming-bird hawk moth (1 "on flowers in museum grounds").

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU741318) where the following observations were made: Peacock (11), Comma (1), Brimstone (8).

Thursday 10th April

John Moon reports from South of Quarley Hill (SU2642) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Small Tortoiseshell (18 "All along rough track and field headland SW of Quarley Manor Farm").

Bob Whitmarsh reports from central Winchester (SU474296) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5).

Ashley Whitlock reports from Portsdown Hill (SU620067) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (12), Comma (1), Orange-tip (5), Small White (2), Brimstone (4), Speckled Wood (4). "Another warm day and saw the first real flight of the Orange Tip with (5) males patrolling up and down the hedgerows, looking for a unsuspecting female. The Small Tortoiseshell were in good numbers, several feeding on the many Dandelion plants scattered across the down. Since the area has had intense grazing by Heavy Horses, I've noticed a remarkable increase in Cowslip plants dotted around the transect route, which can only be the good of the area. Still no Holly Blue, but I suspect this weather will bring forth many in the next week, and I suspect the Duke may well be out long before the end of April...."

pgardner reports from froxfield footpaths (71062607) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (2). "peacocks and small tortoiseshell".

Mike Wildish reports from Abbots Ann (SU325435) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3), Brimstone (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Abbots Ann S (SU325425) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "1 Male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Cossical Copse (SU325415) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Abbots Ann Down (SU315415) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Mike Wildish reports from Dunkirt Barn (SU315425) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Agri fieldsides and tracks today - usual suspects!"

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane, Freshwater, IOW (SZ330877) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male, nectaring on the bluebells in the garden"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Victoria park (SU639003) where the following observations were made: Small White (1). "Nice pair of jays in central Portsmouth brightened up the lunch hour".

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (3), Small White (2).

Mike Gregory reports from peel common (SU56503) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "males"), Small White (7), Orange-tip (22 "16 males 7 females"), Comma (4), Peacock (11), Speckled Wood (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Dave Levy reports from Derwent Road Basingstoke (SU603503) where the following observations were made: Twenty-Plume Moth (1 "came to MV 125 Skinner Trap, 1st one I have recorded in the garden"), Common Quaker (5 "came to MV 125 Skinner trap"), Early Grey (2 "came to MV125 Skinner Trap"), Hebrew Character (2 "came to MV 125 Skinner Trap"), Double Striped Pug (1 "came to MV 125 Skinner Trap"), Purple Thorn (1 "came to MV 125 Skinner Trap, was in poor condition"). "most of the moths came early evening before temperature started to drop".



Twenty-plume Moth

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2).

Steve Mansfield reports from Alton Flood Meadows (SU712395) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2 "males"), Holly Blue (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7), Orange-tip (6), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Holly Blue (1), Green-veined White (1).

ortoiseshell (3), Holly Blue (1), Small White (1).

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

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "female"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown South(east) (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (1). "1500".

Anne McCue reports from Browndown South(west) (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males"), Small White (5), Holly Blue (2 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (3), Peacock (4). "1310".

Wednesday 9th April

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "M"), **Duke of Burgundy** (1), Orange-tip (4 "M"), Peacock (14), Small White (1). "This was my first visit (12.30-1.45) this year. The sun was shining in a blue sky with a buzzard circling overhead. Birds were singing in the bushes and cowslips and violets were blooming on the slopes. I was by the triangle when I inadvertently disturbed a small brown butterfly by the edge of the path. It settled again a little further back and I was able to get close enough to see it clearly and identify it as a D of B but before I could photograph it, it took off again and I lost track of it."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU402243) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5), Brimstone (10), Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (2). "On regular transect, but noteworthy for first Orange Tip, and Speckled Woods of the year that we've seen."

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ576997) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male flitting around the garden"), Holly Blue (1 "First this year. Again in the garden"). "Also today at Browndown South, SZ585993 Lee on the Solent Peacock; Brimstone male; Small White".

Andy Stocker reports from Whitehill (SU787343) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "First of the year for the garden"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (2).

Mark tutton reports from Victoria Park (SU639003) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Portsdown hill (SU651065) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (7).

Mark tutton reports from Hook Heath Meadow (SU648075) where the following observations were made: Comma (5), Peacock (1).

Mark Tutton reports from South Moors (SU715049) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Small White (4), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (3).

Mike gregory reports from peel common (SU56503) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (4), Peacock (10), Orange-tip (8 "7 males 1female"), Small White (7), Small Tortoiseshell (8), Speckled Wood (1).

JJohn Moon reports from Grateley NW (SU2742) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Peacock (3), Orange-tip (1), Small Tortoiseshell (9 "Mostly along sunny, rough field edge SW of Quarley Manor Farm").

John Moon reports from Portway Farm (SU2640) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Peacock (2), Orange-tip (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3 Male 1 Female"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Peacock (2). "Temperature was 14 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1). "My first sighting this year of the Speckled Wood. Temperature was 14 degrees."

Anne McCue reports from Newport Road,Gosport (SU597004) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (2), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2). "private garden".

Tuesday 8th April

Mike Wildish reports from Upper Clatford (SU355435) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2). /p>

Mike Wildish reports from Goodworth Clatford (SU365425) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Briar Hill (SU355425) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (3).

Richard Hallett reports from Garden Denmead (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "Male").

Robert Guest reports from Yateley (SU821602) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1).

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (SU642065) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5 "4M, 1F"), Comma (3), Peacock (2). "Late afternoon visit of just half an hour. Chill wind and temperatures barely into double figures but with some sun. Patrolling male Orange Tips were the most conspicuous species."



Orange-tip



Orange-tip



Orange-tip

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU496291) where the following observations were made: **Painted Lady** (1).

Monday 7th April

Graeme Davis reports from Charlton Place,Lloyds Bank (SU362460) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Sunday 6th April

Ian Smith reports from Lee on Solent (563005) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1 "taking wallflower nectar"), Comma (2). "1325;in my garden".

Geoff Jones reports from North Browndown, Lee on the Solent (SZ580999) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "Flying along track in the woodland, landed on bladder campion"), Peacock (3), Comma (1).

Saturday 5th April

Matthew Norris-Hill reports from Kings School Winchester (SU461288) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3).

Friday 4th April

Mike Wildish reports from Redrice Road (SU343425) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2). "1620".

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Comma (3 "basking on Alexanders "). "1650".

David Tinling reports from Rectory Allotments,Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ606989) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 "basking on nettles & corrugated iron"). "1730".

Sue Stileman reports from Mottisfont Woods (SU329279) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male feeding on bluebells 4pm").

Thursday 3rd April

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Allotments (SZ672995) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (8), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Small White (5). "It was nice to see a few more Speckled Woods today, keeping the Small Tortoiseshells away from their territories. The patches of Nettles are coming on quite nicely, hopefully soon there should be some evidence of egg laying by the females, which are still quite active,and the males are seen at rest with their wings wide open displaying to any passing female coming into their territory. The Small White is evident now, however still no Holly Blue or Orange Tip in this area as yet."

R Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU558376) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male - ranging low along roadside verge").

Mike gregory reports from peel common (SY418024) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "female"), Small White (2), Comma (2), Peacock (5).

Roy Symonds reports from Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville (SU686086) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"). "Sunny temperature 17 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Bedhampton Road, Bedhampton (SU701066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"). "Sunny temperature 17 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Bidbury Mead, Bedhampton (SU703064) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "Sunny temperature 17 degrees."

Roger Frampton reports from Plumley Wood, Ringwood forest (SU1202009281) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Brimstone (12 "This area seemed to be 'alive' with Brimstones 12+ seen"), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Speckled Wood (1 "Doubtful distant sighting?"). "Much of Ringwood Forest is conifer and offers little butterfly interest. But progress from the A31 towards Alderholt and the forest becomes more open with beech/oak/birch and other deciduous trees. There are many tracks to explore to the left of this road - don't be 'put-off' if a track ends up at someone's house, they are walkable. The large 'estate' to the right is private. If last year is anything to go by, they will all be joined by many Orange Tips very soon."

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

Geoff Jones reports from Titchfield Haven NNR (SU532024) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (6), Comma (2).

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Highfield, So'ton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Wednesday 2nd April

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (su483274) where the following observations were made: Peacock (12), Small Tortoiseshell (5), Comma (1).

chris piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (su483274) where the following observations were made: **Green-veined White** (1), Brimstone (10).

Geoff Jones reports from North Browndown/Carters Copse areas, Gosport (SU581000) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "female"), Peacock (5), Speckled Wood (2), Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Tuesday 1st April

Ashley Whitlock reports from Milton Allotments (SZ672995) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (8), Peacock (2), Small White (4). "A beautiful day and the Small Tortoiseshells at the Allotment were still in evidence,and their mating ritual was witnessed for the first time, where the female would have her wings folded for a few seconds at time and the male behind her would flash his cloak of Orange, at her, and she then would do the same for a few seconds, followed again by the male. They then would rest, and the female would prompt the male into 'flashing' again with a quick burst of colour, and he duly followed suit. This over a period of time looked rather like Morse code, and I witnessed this for well over a 15 minute period. They had been together probably a long time before I saw them, and they were still flashing when I left. Marvellous stuff."



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Mike gregory reports from pEEL cOMMON (SU56503) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (2), Peacock (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Charlton Place,Lloyds Bank (SU362460) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Graeme Davis reports from Andover College (SU363458) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2 "one pair in mating flight").

Graeme Davis reports from Cricketers Way (SU373469) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse,Newtown,IOW (SZ431904) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Brimstone (4), Peacock (6), Comma (5).

Techer Jones reports from Lane End (SU557257) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "all males"), Comma (1), Orange-tip (5 "all male, first this year in our garden"), Peacock (10).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Kingswood Firs, Grayshott (SU869349) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Arthur Greenwood reports from Weavers Down (SU822312) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Peacock (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Portcreek Lakes, Hilsea (SU665042) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "7 Male 1 Female"), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Walked along the Portcreek Lakes beside the A27 as far as the railway bridge. Pleased to see my first Orange Tip sighting this year. Temperature was 16 degrees."

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU657063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Males"), Peacock (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Fort Widley, Portsdown Hill (SU657066) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (1).

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

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (2), Comma (2).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (9), Comma (4).

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male in my garden"). "1300".

David Tining reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SU601997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"). "1530".

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Peacock (2). "1540-1635;also Comma 2(basking on gravestones) & Speckled Wood 3".

Sam Mackenzie reports from Oakmount Ave, Highfield, So'ton (SU420144) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

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