



Butterfly
Conservation

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch



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Chairman's Report

With spring now upon us and butterfly sightings rolling in, I hope you receive this Newsletter with your first butterflies of the year already seen and are relishing the promise of more Lepidoptera to come.

Moth Conference

We've already run a couple of significant events this year and both were well attended. The Moth Conference held on 15 January was informative from start to finish, with some really excellent in-depth talks covering all manner of subjects; it was ably chaired by our BC Regional Officer, Dan Hoare.

Things kicked off with a review of the year by Tim Norriss, who provided an update on our rare and threatened species as well as those species relatively new to our two counties, including coverage of some of the micros, which seemed to be a theme for the conference. Tim's presentation was followed by "Micros for Everyone" by Mike Wall (webmaster of the excellent Hantsmoths website at <http://www.hantsmoths.org.uk/>), who gave a fascinating account of micro morphology by aligning the taxonomic ordering with evolutionary characteristics. For example, the most primitive moths still have functional mandibles rather than a proboscis. BC's Tony Davis then gave us some insights into "A Year in the Life of a BC Moth Conservation Officer" in conserving some of our rarer moths. We were treated to a tour through the year including a discussion of various species, some of which we still know very little about (their larval foodplant, or overwintering stage, for example). The last presentation was given by the ever-entertaining Dave Green. He gave us insights and facts and figures of five locations in which he's lived over the years and the different techniques he's applied (and records he's obtained) along the way. As ever, the anecdotes brought Dave's presentation to life: for example, a discussion of the problems of having birds, badgers and even foxes at his moth traps. A selection of members' photos rounded off the day. All in all, a really superb event; it should not be missed!

Pre-season Social

Our Branch photographic and social event was held on 26 February and again included a wonderful array of images from several members. Unfortunately, my laptop's CD drive failed to read all the CDs that were brought along: my repeated apologies to those members affected. However, we were left with quite a few photos to fill the afternoon. And, as ever, it was wonderful to simply get the opportunity to interact with so many members and a delight to have several new members joining us.

Longstock

Those who were able to attend the two-day event at the National Buddleia Collection at Longstock last year will be pleased to know that it will be run again this year on the weekend of 6 and 7 August, when the Water Gardens will also be open. Like last year, we intend to have several marquees with a variety of displays – the live moth display was particularly popular last year.

Branch Liaison Meeting

The different BC branches get together twice a year at a Branch Liaison Meeting (BLM): I attended the most recent one on 12 March with Jenny Mallet (who, as well as chairing our Reserves Subcommittee, is also the BLM chair). These meetings are designed to provide an opportunity for branches to discuss progress and ideas with one another, as well as with head office.

Martin Warren (BC Chief Executive) let us know that Marks & Spencer will, once again, be sponsoring BC's Big Butterfly Count, which is aimed at getting new people interested in butterflies via simple recording. The count will last from 16 to 31 July: details will be made available on national and branch websites.

One exciting piece of news from the BLM is that we're in the final phase of obtaining funding for a "Dukes on the Edge" project that will focus on the conservation of one of our most-threatened species, the Duke of Burgundy. This extensive landscape-scale project will cover the downs of both Hampshire and Sussex.

South-East Woodlands Project

On the subject of projects supported by the Branch, the South-East Woodlands project (which includes the Tytherley Woods area) ended on 31 March. The dissemination of appropriate land management advice has delivered tangible habitat improvements. For example, all areas covered in Bentley Wood have been colonised by one or more of Argent and Sable, Pearl-bordered Fritillary or Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (all threatened species both within our area and nationally). I'm delighted to say that Dan Hoare, our Regional Officer, will be presenting a summary of the project at our AGM and Members' Day on 22 October.

Branch Website

As most members will know, we are the largest BC branch and, as such, find it necessary to divide the work of the Branch among a number of subcommittees (Conservation, Information, Records and Reserves). However, it can sometimes be difficult to determine who is on each committee and so we've produced a simple visualisation that can be found on the Branch website at <http://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/committee.htm>.

Education Fund

Before signing off I would like to reiterate a “thank you” I made to Ken Bailey at the Branch photographic and social event. Ken has provided a substantial donation to the Education Fund seeded by a legacy left by his late wife, June. A team has been formed to make recommendations on how this fund can best be used; details will be provided in due course.

Finally, please remember that we organise series of field trips (*see Events & Field Trips leaflet*) throughout the year which are always informative and give you the opportunity to meet up with other members. All the best for the sunny months ahead!

Peter Eeles, Chairman

Editorial

I hope that the newly designed and updated Newsletter will meet with members’ approval. If you have comments or suggestions to make please contact me or Roger Buchanan, who is now Chairman of the Information Subcommittee.

As described in the January Newsletter, a colour version can now be accessed on the website (in the Members’ Area). Details of how to do this are given on the form mentioned below. In addition to colour photographs there will be the possibility of accessing additional information through the provision of links. This aspect will be developed over the next few issues as our webmaster, Robin Turner, gets to grips with new software.

Included with this Newsletter is a pink-coloured form inviting members to opt out of receiving a paper copy, thus reducing the cost of the mailing. If you wish to do so please fill in the form and return it to the Membership Secretary at the address given on the form. So far, four members have made this choice, but we expect many more will follow.

Juliet Bloss, Editor

Top Five Nectar Plants

The top five nectar plants that Butterfly Conservation is urging people to plant are:

- Buddleia
- *Verbena bonariensis*
- Perennial Wallflower (Bowles Mauve),
- Lavender
- Marjoram (Oregano).

Butterfly Recording in 2011

This year (2011) is year two of this current five-year recording period. We welcome records from anywhere in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. As some parts are not as well covered as others it would be useful if members could take on small areas within these two counties to survey the butterflies present.

If you would like to take charge of an area in which to record butterflies in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight please contact me and let me know which part you would like to survey; I will then allocate you a tetrad, which is a 2 x 2 km square, and send you instructions.

How to send in your records:

- **Electronic Recording:** there are three easy ways to send us data electronically:

1. **Sightings Form** on website, which you complete and send on line. These data are displayed on the Sightings Page and subsequently entered onto our database. See article by Robin Turner on pp.7 and 8.

2. **Excel Spreadsheet:** if you wish to send your records using a spreadsheet **please contact me and I will email you a BC style spreadsheet.** The design of our own spreadsheet makes it easier to transfer the data onto the main database.

3. **MapMate:** if you would like to send in your data via MapMate please contact Dave Green (contact details on back page).

- **Paper Recording Forms:** there are two standard recording forms:

As an increasing number of recorders are submitting their data electronically we are providing the Site (green) and Casual (yellow) recording forms only to those members who completed and returned those forms to me in 2010.

If you didn't send data in 2010 and would like these forms please download them from our website or email me and I will post some to you (contact details on back page).

1. The **Butterfly Site Recording Form (green):** this should be completed when visiting the **same site on a number of occasions.**

2. The **Casual Recording Form (yellow):** this which should be completed when visiting a **number of different sites** during the season.

When completing these forms please enter **actual numbers** seen and **NOT** the letter codes A, B, C, D and E.

As the number of records continues to increase each year it would save us time on data entry and would be greatly appreciated if you are able to send your data electronically. However, if you do not have a computer please continue to send your data in on the paper recording forms: we welcome all records.

Garden data: when submitting records from your garden, rather than send in everything you see each day please record the earliest and latest sighting and the peak count for each species.

How to work out a grid reference: the Ordnance Survey has a web-site which explains how to read grid references. Visit: www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/gi/nationalgrid/nghelp1.html

or contact me and I will send you some written instructions. If you would like to know the grid reference for your **garden**, contact me with your **postcode** and I can provide it for you.

Linda Barker, Butterfly Recorder

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members who have recently joined the Branch:

Mr DM Allan, Torpoint, Cornwall; Ms J Bailey & Mr M Lane, London; Miss JA Batchelor, Southampton; Mr M & Mrs K Boyes, Fareham; Mrs C P R Clayton, South Warnborough; Mr LA & Mrs D Cooke, Ringwood; Mr CJ Edwards, Winchester; Mr JD Edwards, Southsea; Mrs P Gordon & Mrs J Currie, Alresford; Mrs PA Harwood, Broughton; Mr PE & Mrs A Hutchins & Family, Overton; Ms S Leatham, Fareham; Mr D & Mrs J Lester, Bishops Waltham; Mrs G Lincoln, Basingstoke; Mrs A & Mr M Madelin, Locks Heath; Mr & Mrs F Marshallsay, Amesbury, Wiltshire; Mr CR Mitchell, Kings Worthy; Mrs JA & Mr KK Munday, Alresford; Mr DA Neighbour, Blackwater; Miss S Owens & Mr P Ritchie, Southampton; Dr M & Mrs B Payne, Helston, Cornwall; Mr R Pimble, Fleet; Mr CM Place, Overton; Mrs J Ruskin, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury; Mr D & Mrs P Rogers, Hedge End; Mrs LA & Mr R Ritchie, Winchester; Miss JE Saunders, Netley Abbey; Mr KL & Mrs SJ Sheppard, Fareham; Dr SC Tapper, Fordingbridge; Mrs D Tennison & Mr AD Bates, Four Marks; Mr AJ Theaker, Church Crookham; Canon G & Mrs L Trasler, Andover; Mr D Wedd, Alderney Guernsey; Mr T & Mrs J Welling, Andover; Miss CJ Wiseman, Southampton.

We hope you will join us on some of our events or field trips.

Recording Your Sightings On Line

The recording form can be accessed from the “Sightings” page on the Branch’s website. This new form makes it very easy for you to submit your sightings and incidentally much easier for those in the Branch who have to process them.

The first stage in completing the form is to provide your name and the date on which you made the sighting/s. All very straightforward. Next you will need to say where you made the sighting by giving a name for the site and a grid reference.

Please make the site name as specific as possible so that it can be checked approximately against the grid reference provided.

Providing the grid reference is perhaps the area that causes the greatest confusion. If you happen to know the grid reference for the site then you can just enter that straight away. If you don’t know the reference or how to work it out from a paper map, the map on the Recording Form is there to help you.



The objective is to move the red “pin” as accurately as you can to the place where you saw the butterflies. As you move the pin the grid reference of its

position is shown on the form. First, with your mouse move the pin to the approximate area you are looking for.

If you then move the slider at the top left hand of the map upwards towards the plus sign you will zoom in on the area around the pin. This will enable you to position the pin more accurately and so improve the accuracy of the grid reference.

You can continue to move the pin and zoom in until you are happy that the pin is positioned over the site. You will see several coloured squares around the pin. These represent the area of map covered by the grid reference. The smaller the square the higher the accuracy (resolution) of your sighting position. The default accuracy is 100m (green square). If you are very sure of the position of your sighting you can check the 10m resolution on the right-hand side of the map and as you zoom right in that will present you with a red square, which can be positioned over the site with the pin.

The next step is to list the species you saw, its life-cycle stage, and the number you observed. If required, you can add a further comment about the species seen. The species and stage can both be accessed via a drop-down menu to reduce the amount of typing you have to do. If you wish to record other sightings, such as other insects (including moths), animals or unusual flowers, you can enter their name under "or other species". The form allows you to enter up to 20 species of butterfly. If you are lucky enough to see more than 20 species in a single visit to one site, then please submit a second form!

Finally, before submitting the form, you can add a comment about the sighting as a whole such as the weather, temperature or condition of the site.

When you are happy that you have entered all the data and checked to ensure you have entered the date of the sighting correctly (the form defaults to the current day's date) you can submit the form.

Having submitted the form you have the option of adding photographs to accompany your sightings or returning to the recording form to add more sightings.

If you elect to add photographs you will be taken to a new page. Here you can use the Browse button to locate the photographs on your computer. Before adding photographs please ensure that they are each less the 1MB in size.

Robin Turner, Webmaster

Reserves News

The reserves, particularly Magdalen Hill Down, are regularly used by PhD, MSc or other students as part of their studies. One of the current pieces of research at a number of sites, one of which is MHD, relates to the pathogens affecting the Chalkhill Blue and its DNA. In 2009, as part of her dissertation for a BSc in Conservation and Wildlife Management at Sparsholt College, Penny Jeffreys conducted surveys at MHD and Stockbridge Down to investigate the reasons for the variation in the abundance of Brown Argus between the two sites.

In 2010 Celia Cox gained an MSc at Reading University for her vegetation study and investigation of the ecological requirements of the Chalkhill Blue. Although these studies can be quite time-consuming for those of us connected with the reserves, we welcome the information that they provide.

I was pleased to be contacted recently by a mature student, Therasa Paul, who is going to study how habitat created and managed for butterflies and moths also benefits hoverflies. Hoverflies are rather like butterflies in that they are a useful indicator for evaluating site ecology, being day-active and having a varied range of larval habitat specialisations. If you fancy learning a bit more about hoverflies and have access to the internet then take a look at <http://www.microscopy-uk.org.uk/mag/artmay07/cd-hoverflies.html> for good photos and interesting facts about hoverflies. Therasa's findings will be very interesting.

I personally hold a strong view that when habitats are created and managed for butterflies and moths they are immensely helpful in increasing general biodiversity. This is because we seek to provide a variety of sward heights and even bare ground. Together with diverse hedgerow and scrub management this provides a superb mosaic of habitats that benefit many invertebrates and other creatures.

In theory Hornet Robberflies should benefit from our grazing regimes, which use mainly cattle, as they lay their eggs on dry dung. This species also likes a sward of varying heights that is not overgrazed. If you spot a Hornet Robberfly at Magdalen Hill Down or Yew Hill then please either send in your sighting to our website or ring me. We are interested in records of all the less common wildlife that is seen, including mammals (**not** rabbits!).

However, speaking of rabbits, we do get problems with poachers from time to time. Only one person is permitted to control rabbits on our reserves and he

carries a letter of authorisation. If you should encounter people ferreting or using a metal detector please ring the police on 0845 045 4545 as these are criminal offences. Camping, barbeques and fires are all prohibited on our reserves and should be reported to me on 01962 772251.

As butterflies generally had a good year in 2010 at the reserves we await the arrival of spring and summer with great anticipation. The Reserves Team wishes you a good summer.

Lynn Fomison, Branch Reserves Officer

Hornet Robberfly



(photo from Bug website)

Earliest Sightings 2011

As I reported in the January Newsletter, the last butterflies of 2010 were seen on 22 November. It was not until 7 January 2011 that another butterfly was reported on the website: a Peacock seen by Maurice Pugh in his garden. On 9 January Ron Bryan (Fareham) and Richard Somers Cook (Emsworth) each reported a Red Admiral. Richard Carpenter reported the first Brimstone on the Meon Valley Railway path on 15 January; it was described as "alive but static". The first flying Brimstones were sighted on the 8 February when Terry Hotten (Cove), Roger Rendell, Mick Walford (Rockford Common) and John Goodspeed (Havant) each saw one. Perhaps most surprising were two separate sightings of Painted Lady on 14 February by Richard Carpenter at Posbrook and Pat Clipstone in Gosport. On 17 February David Tinling saw the first Small Tortoiseshell plus a Brimstone, Peacock and Red Admiral on the coast. The 24 February saw the first pictures on the website: a Peacock from Colin Beyer and a Brimstone from Pete Gardner. Also on that day Richard Carpenter saw the first Comma at Hillhead and Pat Fleet at Magadalen Hill Down reported a Peacock emerging from a rabbit hole. So, by the end of February all the hibernators had been seen. Early March saw some sharp frosts but nevertheless on the 4th Andrew Collins saw a surprising Speckled Wood in Shirley.

Winter Moths were seen in January, and on 24 February David Tinling reported a Hummingbird Hawkmoth.

My first Brimstone was today, 14 March, flying round Wickham Square: I'm hopeful that spring has arrived.

Jenny Mallett, Branch Organiser

Going for the record?

On 15 March I espied a pair of mating Brimstones under a rhubarb leaf. They were still there some eight days later - the last sighting being at 2pm on 23 March. They had departed by 3.15pm.

Lynn Fomison, Reserves Officer

South-east Area Group News

Fareham Strategic Development Area

Fareham Borough Council has announced plans to develop a large area of farmland to the north of the M27 motorway for housing. Approximately 7,500 homes will be built from 2016 if the plan survives the public inquiry in the spring of 2011. The SDA extends east of the Wickham Road to impinge on the western end of Ports Down, comprising most of Monument Farm. Whilst this area consists at present of arable fields of little value to conservation, discussions were held between SEAG and the owner in 2005 with a view to reversion of several hectares to natural grass downland.

Bedenham Grasslands

Dr Kathy Stearne of Natural England has been invited by Gosport MP Caroline Dinenege to undertake an evaluation of the Bedenham grasslands at the JSC Services (formerly DSDA) Gosport munitions depot as part of her efforts to secure its proper conservation. Ms Dinenege visited the Titchfield Haven Reserve at the end of 2010. Regrettably, no more news has been forthcoming about the proposed inclusion of Bedenham in the Portsmouth Harbour SSSI.

Andrew Brookes, Leader South-east Area Group

Isle of Wight Area Group News

Reports of sightings of the Large Tortoiseshell on 7 March (and subsequently) indicate that this species may be resident in at least one of the woodlands on the Island. This particular site has been remarkably consistent over the past few years in producing early records of the Large Tortoiseshell, and it is hoped that we can gather enough evidence this year to show that breeding is taking place here.

This may go some way to compensate for the probable loss of the Duke of Burgundy, which we may now have to reluctantly accept.

During the month of July, attempts will be made to search along the High Down Cliffs in West Wight for the Isle of Wight Wave moth. Since this moth was declared extinct 80 years ago just one isolated sighting (on the mainland) has been made; locating it will be quite a challenge! Nevertheless, it should prove interesting to see which other moth species can be found.

The Area Group will be involved in two new projects this year: the Elm Project (monitoring the White-letter Hairstreak and establishing more disease-resistant elm trees) and the Small Blue Project in Ventnor.

2011 looks set to be a busy time for the second successive year, with our other activities augmented by the summer programme of field events (see Events and Field Trips Leaflet).

Rob Wilson, Isle of Wight Area Group Co-ordinator

Elm Trial News

Motorway planting



At our behest Enterprise Mouchel, contractors to the Highways Agency for motorway maintenance, kindly planted 'Morfeo' elms on the cloverleaf at Junction 12 of the M27 near Portsmouth in March. The event sets an important precedent. Mouchels have their own ecologists who prepare landscaping schemes as well as selecting plants; they have intimated their willingness to include elm and other butterfly host-plants in future plans.

Andrew Brookes, Leader, South-east Area Group

Hampshire Moth Weekend

Friday-Sunday 22-24 July

The second Hampshire Moth Weekend will be held over three days, from the night of Friday 22 to Sunday 24 July. The general theme is to encourage recorders to do something new in the county, and try and to find new species in under-recorded areas, be that an under-watched 10km square, tetrad, or even just a new site – even your neighbour's back garden! By so doing we will gain invaluable data, increasing our knowledge of the county's moth fauna, and hopefully make interesting discoveries.

If it isn't possible to get out to anywhere new, we hope recorders will still be able to make a special effort to trap over the weekend – how about holding a BBQ and getting someone new interested in mothing? This year we will be offering two prizes: one for most significant record, and another to the recorder who makes the greatest contribution in terms of new 10-km records. The event will be the subject of a paper in the 2011 Moth Report.

Last year in the May edition of the Hantsmonthly newsletter I published details of the dead areas in the two counties where few or no records have been returned. I will reproduce them again with more details of the weekend in the next Hantsmonthly newsletter, due out in early April (watch out for news on the Hantsmoths yahoogroup and www.hantsmoths.org.uk/newsletters.php).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details (mike@hantsmoths.org.uk).

Mike Wall

Hantsmoths Newsletter

The latest Hantsmoths newsletter has now been uploaded to the Hantsmoths website. It covers the period January – mid-March 2011 and includes photos of the amazing sight that met Glynne Evans the morning after he left a moth trap running at Mottisfont on 16 March: 5,500 moths in one Skinner trap! <http://www.hantsmoths.org.uk/index.htm>

Mike Wall also describes the work he has been doing on producing a methodology for showing the changes in population amongst our commoner moths. This is based on the 1.4m moth records that are held in the Branch database.

My thanks to all everyone who has sent in their moth records for last year. 126,000 records received so far is a very impressive total and for those of you that use Mapmate can I would recommend that this year you enter them as

you go along rather than leave the task until the end of the year which then becomes something of a chore.

Tim Norriss, Moth Officer and Report Editor

Flower Farm Visit: 3 July (see Events and Field Trip leaflet)

The only time I visited Charles Flower's Carvers Hill Farm was in August 1998 to attend a course on growing wild flowers. But my memories of it remain very strong and I commend it to you all as a visit not to be missed. It is a great experience to be on a farm where so much effort is devoted to wild flowers, and there are surprises and delights in many of the fields. It is lovely to see row upon row of wild flowers growing as a crop.

We have worked very closely with Charles Flower on the sowing schemes on both the MHD Extension and MHD North. Charles's book *Where Have all the Flowers Gone?* has images of his own flowers and fields as well as the many schemes he has worked on. And he describes how the various plants have helped to increase butterfly numbers on his farm.



Lynn Fomison, Reserves Officer

Butterflies and Buddleias
at
Longstock Park Nursery
on **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 August**
Open: **10.30-4.30**

Come and see butterflies at the National Collection of Buddleias in the attractive setting of Longstock Park Nursery. In addition to optional guided walks and talks and a display of live moths the famous Longstock Water Gardens will be open and accessible to participants.

If you would like to volunteer to help at this event please get in touch with Peter Eeles (07796 331061). email: pete@ukbutterflies.co.uk.

Situation Vacant

We are looking for a new Reserves Officer to replace Lynn Fomison who retires in September. Anyone interested should check the website, where a job description and advert will soon appear.

Twitter

Butterfly Conservation now puts out regular news on Twitter:
<http://twitter.com/savebutterflies>

The Butterfly Year: a DVD set

Paul Wetton's dvds are highly recommended for their super video footage and i.d tips. They cost £16.95 incl. p&p and are available from www.ibirdz.co.uk or by post. Make cheques payable to Paul Wetton, 9 Aldwych Close, Nuthall, Nottingham. NG16 1QH.

Ampfield Wood Butterfly Transect

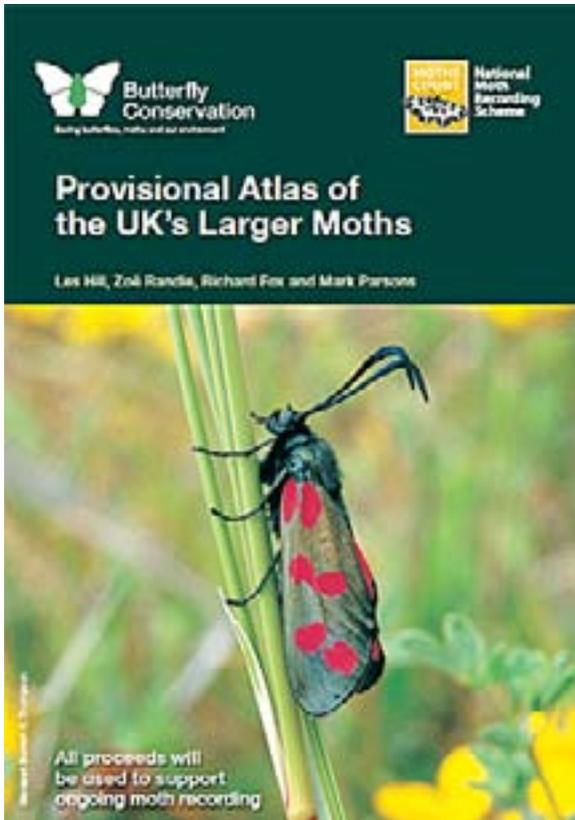
Help required

This transect has been walked every year since 1979 but we do not have enough transect walkers to cover all the weeks this year. It would be a great shame to interrupt this long run of butterfly data. Would anyone be able to help out with this transect?

If you can help please contact me; details on back page.

Linda Barker, Butterfly Recorder

REVIEWS



Provisional Atlas of the UK's Larger Moths

This new atlas was published by Butterfly Conservation in January. It is the product of four and a half years of hard work by the Moths Count team at Head Office and the many hundreds of recorders around the country who send in their moth records through the County Recorders. The project was established partly as a response to the worrying declines uncovered by the analysis of the data from the Rothamsted Insect Survey.

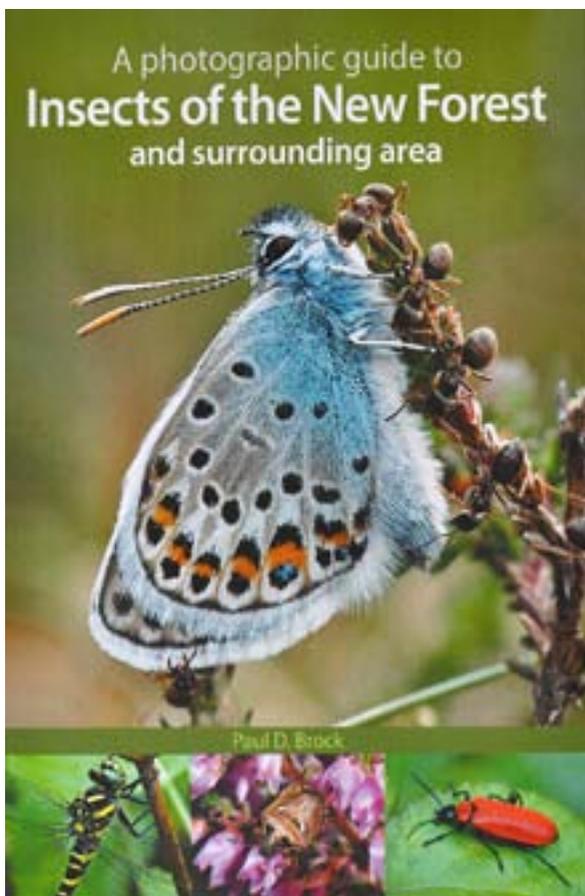
The new atlas contains maps of over 860 larger moth species that occur naturally in the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands;

the maps are based on 11.3 million moth records collated into the National Moth Recording Scheme over the past few years. They show historical (pre-2000) as well as modern (year 2000 onwards) records.

Copies of *Provisional Atlas of the UK's Larger Moths* can be purchased from Butterfly Conservation for £20 + £5 p&p. It can also be bought on line at <http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/product/5146/mothatlas.html>

All proceeds will be used to support ongoing moth recording.

Tim Norriss, Moth Officer and Report Editor



Insects of the New

Forest: a photographic guide by Paul Brock

Branch member Paul Brock's new book on the insects of the New Forest will be published in May. It can be ordered by using the flyer included with this Newsletter.

Many members will have met Paul on field trips and been impressed by his knowledge and enthusiasm, as well as grateful for his generosity in sharing his excellent photographs. This book is the result of three years' work; from the description on the flyer and the sample shieldbug plate reproduction it looks sure to be a winner.

Although many photographs are by the author, various Branch

members have assisted with images, notably Gary Palmer (butterflies and moths), and Richard Coomber and David Green (moths). Many others are recognised in the acknowledgements and a lucky few might see themselves in the habitat and other sections! But the main focus is, of course, on the insects and it is hoped that the photos will inspire butterfly specialists to broaden their interests.

A contribution from sales will be made to Butterfly Conservation.

Juliet Bloss, Newsletter Editor

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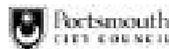
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Newsletter Deadline

Many thanks to all contributors for their articles. The deadline for the next Newsletter is 14 September 2011.

We now use Arial 10pt for text, 12pt for headings; paper size A5; bold for emphasis (not underlining). It is helpful (but not essential) for contributors to format their offerings in this way.

The opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of Hampshire and IoW Branch.



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