

Week 9 again saw some very low counts and not only on heathland transects, although the total seen excluding the exploratory Roe Transects was only slightly down on the previous week (456 compared to 464 in Week 8). The number seen per kilometre was also only slightly less than the previous week, at 5.73, which is still good compared to previous years.

Green Hairstreak are still popping up at various places, including Vales Moor for the first time. Three Grizzled Skipper were recorded at Breamore, having previously been recorded here in 2016.



Pearl-bordered Fritillary at Pignal
Jacky Adams

A total of 17 different species were seen this week, with Breamore having greatest diversity (10) followed by Barton Common & Mockbeggar (8) and Fields Heath with 7. The spring flying Pearl-bordered Fritillary (91) was just the most abundant recorded, followed by Brimstone (90), Speckled Wood (90), Common Blue (46), Small White (26), Large White (25), Small Heath (22), Holly Blue (12), Green Hairstreak (11), Green-veined White (11), Orange-tip (7), Red Admiral (7), Small Copper (7), Peacock (5), Grizzled Skipper (3), Brown Argus (2) and Comma (1).



Small Heath at Warren Farm
Richard Branch

Results

Week 8: Total - 480 Week 9: Total - 488. (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

	Weeks			Weeks			Weeks	
	8	9		8	9		8	9
Acres Down	9	2	Hasley	3	0	Normandy Marsh	10	25
Badminton	7	19	Hawkhill	9	3	Perrywood Ivy	42	41
Barton Common	5	21	Hightown	4	1	Pignal	10	18
Beaulieu Heath	0	13	Holmsley	11	14	Pondhead	7	6
Blackwater	3	3	Ibsley	2	5	Pondhead Wood	2	3
Breamore	81	92	Janesmoor	14	4	Rockford	5	0
Broadley	8	11	Janesmoor Plain	10	2	Roe North	8	8
Dibden Bottom	1	3	Keeping Marsh	11	9	Roe South	8	24
Fields Heath	17	30	Kings Copse	60	18	Standing Hat	13	18
Frohawk	35	29	Lepe	27	0	Studland Common	9	13
Godshill	4	8	Little Linford	8	2	Vales Moor	3	1
Great Linford	3	13	Mockbeggar	30	27	Warren Farm	1	2

Definitely look out for Silver-studded Blue this week, and this might be the last chance to record Pearl-bordered Fritillary this year. We had a Painted Lady in the garden a couple of days ago, so eyes peeled, especially on the coastal transects.

Ticks seem to be rife now that the warmer weather is here so please check yourselves over when you get home.

Moth to Spot: This week's focus is on the **Common Carpet** (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/epirrhoe-alternata/>), one of the moths that has been recorded in reasonable numbers by the group in the past. Looking pale and moth like in flight, the colour of the darker stripes can vary from a brownish to more steely grey. Look out for the pale grey line that runs through the outermost white stripe to distinguish this from other 'carpet' moths that may be seen during the day. If you are able to get a photo, sending it through with your record sheet will help us verify that it is a Common Carpet.



Common Blue (female) at Mockbeggar
John Levell