

The total number of butterflies recorded this week (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects) was comparable to last week (597/599) with even more Speckled Wood around (55% of this week's total count). Small Copper numbers have nearly doubled, with slightly higher numbers of Small



Small Heath at Vales Moor
John French

Heath and even similar counts of Common Blue and Holly Blue to last week's. 32 of the 74 Small Copper were recorded at Mockbeggar and 15 at Barton Common, with 20 of the 41 Small Heath seen at Warren Farm. A zero at Dibden, but the other heathland transects did yield a few butterflies. This weeks density of 7.50 butterflies/km is actually the highest for Week 24 since the group commenced formally in 2011.



Common Blue at Barton Common
Eric Read

Fifteen different species were seen overall: Speckled Wood (325), Small Copper (74), Small White (70), Small Heath (41), Common Blue (30), Holly Blue (16), Large White (14), Meadow Brown (11), Brimstone (3), Brown Argus (3), Red Admiral (3), Comma (3), Green-veined White (2), Clouded Yellow (1) and Grayling (1).

Lets hope this weather continues to give us all a fair chance of completing the year with some reasonable counts.

Results

Week 23: Total - 658 Week 24: Total - 653 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		Weeks		Weeks	
	23	24		23	24
Acres Down	3	4	Hasley	22	11
Badminton	20	15	Hawkhill	14	11
Barton Common	6	37	Hightown	0	3
Beaulieu Heath	4	10	Holmsley	52	28
Blackwater	2	11	Ibsley	3	3
Breamore	70	33	Janesmoor	12	15
Broadley	12	6	Janesmoor Plain	6	5
Dibden Bottom	2	0	Keeping Marsh	8	11
Fields Heath	16	39	Kings Copse	21	11
Frohawk	3	2	Lepe	25	39
Godshill	13	9	Little Linford	15	9
Great Linford	34	39	Mockbeggar	110	116
			Normandy Marsh	39	4
			Perrywood Ivy	14	15
			Pignal	8	4
			Pondhead	7	4
			Pondhead Wood	14	15
			Rockford	7	10
			Roe North	22	25
			Roe South	37	31
			Standing Hat	2	15
			Studland Common	16	16
			Vales Moor	3	4
			Warren Farm	16	43

All proposed Grayling transects have now been approved, so if anyone would like to help or get more information, please contact Bob & Jean or Nigel Owen. Recording on these 'single-species' transect routes will commence on Week 9 or 10 next year.

- Broomy Bottom (starting from Cadnams Pool)
- Claypits (starting from Telegraph Hill)
- Wilverley Plain
- Yew Tree Heath



Small Copper at Perrywood Ivy
Jacky Adams

Moth to Spot: If the weather stays warm, with southerly winds, look out for Hummingbird Hawkmoths. These medium size moths are most notable when they hover in front of flowers to sip nectar, kept steady by their rapidly beating wings, just like a tiny hummingbird. These regular migrants to the UK have already been seen earlier in the year and can be seen during autumn months, especially in the south of the country.



Meadow Brown at Mockbeggar
John Levell