

First of all a HUGE thank you to you all for all of your efforts this year. Once again an excellent weekly coverage with only a few transects missed during the difficult month of April. A total of 44,143 butterflies have been recorded over the twenty-six week period, including 36 different species. A special thank you to those who record on the heathland transects which sometimes do not yield very high numbers. These records are as important as those where butterflies are far more abundant.



Speckled Wood at Acres Down
John Lawrence



Painted Lady at Mockbeggar
John Levell



Brimstone at Kings Copse
Mandy Smith

Week 26 yielded only 475 butterflies (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects) at a density of 5.96 butterflies/km - still a very respectable rate for Week 26 (the best was 6.3/km in 2017). Three Clouded Yellow were seen this week at Warren Farm, Frohawk & Ibsley Common and Painted Lady were recorded at Mockbeggar & Studland Common.

Sixteen different species were seen overall: Speckled Wood (269), Small Copper (64), Small White (35), Brimstone (33), Common Blue (16), Red Admiral (16), Large White (13), Brown Argus (9), Comma (4), Clouded Yellow (3), Peacock (3), Small Heath (3), Holly Blue (2), Painted Lady (2), Meadow Brown (2) and Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Results

Week 25: Total - 652 Week 26: Total - 518 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		Weeks		Weeks	
	25	26		25	26
Acres Down	7	2	Hasley	14	17
Badminton	9	2	Hawkhill	22	16
Barton Common	5	8	Hightown	6	2
Beaulieu Heath	9	1	Holmsley	24	22
Blackwater	0	3	Ibsley	9	1
Breamore	49	23	Janesmoor	16	10
Broadley	39	12	Janesmoor Plain	10	8
Dibden Bottom	1	0	Keeping Marsh	7	8
Fields Heath	42	42	Kings Copse	9	14
Frohawk	19	15	Lepe	35	28
Godshill	6	23	Little Linford	19	2
Great Linford	8	5	Mockbeggar	99	98
			Normandy Marsh	5	5
			Perrywood Ivy	32	28
			Pignal	4	4
			Pondhead	5	0
			Pondhead Wood	22	1
			Rockford	11	12
			Roe North	21	18
			Roe South	24	25
			Standing Hat	8	15
			Studland Common	25	21
			Vales Moor	0	2
			Warren Farm	31	25

Moth to Spot: As this is the final newsletter of the season, no new 'moth to spot' this week just a very big thank you to all of you for taking time to read this part of the newsletter and for looking out for moths as part of your transect walks. From results entered so far, it looks as if at least one moth has been spotted on almost all transects this year. A compendium moth report for the transect group will be pulled together this year - please let Jacky have feedback on your experience with 'moth spotting' on transects this year, or reasons why you may not have participated and any thoughts as to how this is taken forward in the future.



Small White at Mockbeggar, John Levell