

With the weather improving, the first two species that overwinter as caterpillars should be seen soon - i.e. Small Heath (on heathland transects and at Warren Farm) and possibly Pearl-bordered Fritillary (Brockenhurst routes). Green Hairstreak could pop up almost anywhere - especially at Barton Common. Holly Blue are being seen as well as Orange-tip, though be careful with female Orange-tip which can easily be confused with Small White or even Green-veined White.

A quick reminder that the Pondhead Open Day is on Sunday 29 April - see flyer below for details.

Results

Week 2 (updated): Total - 260. Week 3 (to date): Total - 408

Weeks		Weeks		Weeks	
2	3	2	3	2	3
Acres Down	0 5	Hasley	9 13	Normandy Marsh	1 8
Badminton	7 22	Hawkhill	7 9	Perrywood Ivy	5 12
Barton Common	4 10	Hightown	3 1	Pignal	1 7
Beaulieu Heath	5 2	Holmsley	6 10	Pondhead	19 13
Blackwater	3 6	Ibsley	0 1	Pondhead Wood	6 10
Breamore	21 50	Janesmoor	2 11	Rockford	R 6
Broadley	8 7	Janesmoor Plain	2 4	Roe North	24 12
Dibden Bottom	0 0	Keeping Marsh	7 9	Roe South	22 8
Fields Heath	10 31	Kings Copse	7 25	Standing Hat	10 6
Frohawk	8 11	Lepe	3 11	Studland Common	7 3
Godshill	27 9	Little Linford	4 7	Vales Moor	0 5
Great Linford	5 23	Mockbeggar	17 34	Warren Farm	0 7

R: result ruled invalid due to weather conditions

To make things easier and less time consuming for the people involved with the transect administration, please take a few minutes to ensure that walks are valid, the preferred file names and forms have been used and that notes in the newsletter have been read and acted upon. Any new recorders who are uncertain about the recording rules (especially weather and time parameters), please contact their team leader for clarification.



Speckled Wood, Normandy Marsh ©Mike Barnes



Comma, Mockbeggar, ©John Levell

It is good to see so many of you have joined Flickr and are submitting images that way, I know you didn't all find it easy so thanks for persevering. If anybody has any improvement suggestions, please don't be shy in making them and anyone who is able to help with some of the Group admin is encouraged to contact Bob to find out how best to get involved.



Peacock Above: Underside Barton Common © Trevor Bumfrey



Left: Kings Copse © Mandy Smith

Moth to Spot: As the weather is improving, start to look out for Speckled Yellow (<http://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/pseudopanthera-macularia/>) - a distinctive day flying moth that has been recorded on a number of our transects in past years. It is most often seen in woodland rides and is easy to spot - it looks like a butterfly! Remember that Orange Underwing (looks like a fluttery orange butterfly in flight) and Emperor Moths, featured in previous newsletters, could also still be around.

Pondhead Conservation Trust

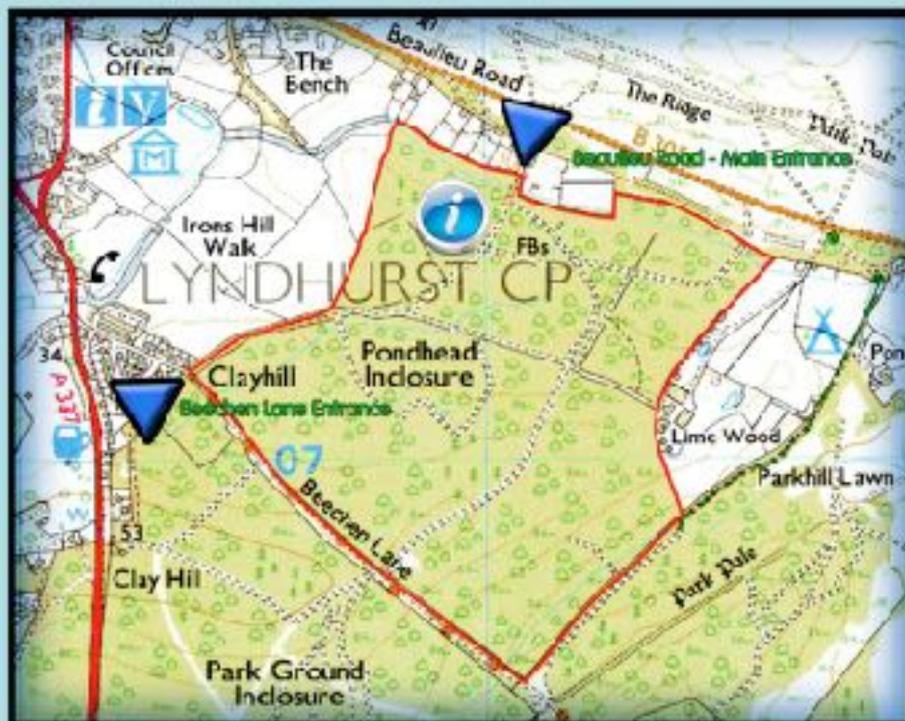


invite you to

A Picnic in the Woods

Sunday 29 April 2016

Pondhead Inclosure, Lyndhurst



Come along to our Open Day & explore your local woodland

ADMISSION FREE

Guided Walks, Demonstrations & Children's Activities

Something for all the Family

(see overleaf for full details of events)

Support Pondhead - your local woodland

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Pondhead Conservation Trust is a registered conservation charity, which was formed to undertake the restoration of the hazel coppice and ride (track) structure of Pondhead Inclosure, Lyndhurst, under license from the Forestry Commission. Our aim is to improve the wildlife habitat and public enjoyment of the woodland.

Our Open Day is an opportunity for the local community to come along and see the work we are undertaking and meet some of our team of volunteers. Our project is undertaken entirely by volunteers and their work has been recognised both locally and nationally with the following awards: -

CPRE Hampshire Countryside (Community & Volunteering) Award

UK National Parks Volunteer Project of the Year

OPEN DAY PROGRAMME

10.00 until 17.00

Woodland Craft & Charcoal Making Demonstrations

Children's Activities & Story Telling

Guided Themed Walks around the Woodland

Waymarked 1 mile Walk for those who prefer to wander on their own

Picnic Area

Hopefully, our bluebells will be in flower.

PARKING

Pondhead is a few minutes' walk from Bolton's Bench (top end) and Park Pale car parks (Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst) and there will be directional signs from each. An alternative pedestrian entrance is situated at the end of Beechen Lane – see map overleaf

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