

A very varied week with many routes returning low counts, but Breamore certainly did well, as did Kings Copse. The average was slightly under 4 butterflies/km, compared to 5.33 in 2017, but 2016 was even less at 2.08 butterflies/km. The total count (excluding Roes transects) was only 317. Two Green Hairstreaks were seen this week, both on the east side of the New Forest (Lepe & Fields Heath).

Please don't forget to record any moths you come across on transect. This week a Brown Silver-line was recorded at Godshill, as well as a few Common Heath on heathland transects.



Brown Silver-line, Godshill
Alison Avling

Eleven different species were seen this week:
Brimstone (108), Speckled Wood (72), Orange-tip (32), Peacock (31), Green-veined White (29), Small White (24), Large White (6), Holly Blue (6), Comma (5), Red Admiral (2) and Green Hairstreak (2).



Brimstone, Rockford
Judy Hunt

The weather for the coming week looks to be much better so should be easier for those on the rota. For the third week running we are asking you to look out for Pearl-bordered Fritillary on the routes around Brockenhurst. These should really have emerged by now: the latest emergence in recent years in the New Forest is 7 May.

Results

Week 4: Total - 248. Week 5: Total - 328 (Both figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		Weeks		Weeks	
4	5	4	5	4	5
Acres Down	5 0	Hasley	R 1	Normandy Marsh	2 7
Badminton	0 12	Hawkhill	1 15	Perrywood Ivy	21 9
Barton Common	5 4	Hightown	1 0	Pignal	9 7
Beaulieu Heath	0 4	Holmsley	2 23	Pondhead	3 4
Blackwater	1 2	Ibsley	1 0	Pondhead Wood	0 4
Breamore	54 69	Janesmoor	19 6	Rockford	1 3
Broadley	5 12	Janesmoor Plain	9 1	Roe North	7 4
Dibden Bottom	0 0	Keeping Marsh	8 3	Roe South	14 7
Fields Heath	7 28	Kings Copse	1 39	Standing Hat	7 7
Frohawk	14 2	Lepe	16 9	Studland Common	5 4
Godshill	0 12	Little Linford	1 4	Vales Moor	2 0
Great Linford	3 3	Mockbeggar	17 21	Warren Farm	7 2

R: unable to walk due to weather conditions

Moth to Spot: With the weather starting to improve, hopefully more moths will be seen on the wing in the coming week. Speckled Yellow (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/pseudopanthera-macularia/>) should be appearing in woodland rides, while Common Heath (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/ematurga-atomaria/>) have already been spotted. This week's focus is on **The Cinnabar** (<https://www.ukmoths.org.uk/species/tyria-jacobaeae/>), which may be spotted in any grassy open area, including woodland rides. Looking red and fluttery when in flight, its distinctive black wings with red markings are seen when it is at rest. This moth emerges throughout the late spring and early summer so may be seen through until August. Its distinctive orange and black caterpillars may also be spotted feeding on Ragwort.



Speckled Wood,
Barton Common
Trevor Bumfrey

Diary Date Reminders: A couple of dates for your diary, both of which are subject to the weather:

19 May - Pearl-bordered Fritillary count, leaving Standing Hat Car Park (SU314036) at 10.15. Please let Jacky Adams know if you intend coming and car share where possible.

26 May - Meeting at Martin Down (Sillens Lane Car Park (SU057192)) at 10.15, hoping to see some chalk download species, including Marsh Fritillary. Please let Bob and Jean know if you intend coming and car share where possible.