

It was another week of high counts due to the dominance of Gatekeeper which are now around in huge numbers almost everywhere - only not recorded at Ballard Water Meadows and Black Down this week. The total Week 16 count to date stands at 6,930, equating to 59.9 butterflies/km, the highest density so far this year. Overall there were 27 different species with Breamore having 21 different species followed by Mockbeggar with 19. The top counts were 789 at Breamore, followed by 430 at Perrywood Ivy and 359 at Frohawk.



Grayling counts were well up on Week 15 with a total this week of 42 and hopefully numbers will continue to rise for another couple of weeks at least. This will keep an interest in the heathland routes as Silver-studded Blue continues to decline, although Vales More had a count of 63. Two Painted Lady were seen, the first since Week 9. This time last year this species was abundant all over UK.

Results Week 16 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down38	7	Fields Heath218	15	Normandy Marsh52	9
Badminton.....78	11	Frohawk.....339	13	Perrywood Ivy430	16
Ballard34	9	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal.....326	11
Barton Common72	11	Godshill77	11	Pimlico Fields.....	a/r
Beaulieu Heath38	8	Great Linford135	8	Pondhead.....70	11
Black Down.....72	5	Hasley268	18	Pondhead Wood106	15
Blackwater98	10	Hawkhill66	11	Rockford.....23	7
Blashford North.....144	15	Hightown Common.....39	6	Roe North.....216	10
Blashford South120	17	Holmsley.....181	15	Roe South268	15
Breamore789	21	Ibsley27	6	Roydon The Commons57	9
Broadley92	7	Janesmoor.....76	10	Southern Fields.....110	10
Brockishill359	14	Janesmoor Plain.....38	7	Standing Hat284	11
Broomy Plain39	8	Keeping Marsh36	12	Studland Common222	13
Claypits Bottom31	8	Kings Copse147	14	Vales Moor106	7
Cloven Hill198	15	Lepe181	14	Warren Farm.....65	11
Dibden Bottom.....20	3	Little Linford.....174	11	Wilverley Plain48	8
Dur Hill.....57	5	Mockbeggar.....266	19		

l/d - still subject to lockdown. a/r - awaiting results

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Gatekeeper2,457	46	Silver-washed Fritillary	179	22	Small Heath.....38	11		
Meadow Brown1,089	43	Brimstone.....145	30	Comma.....17	9			
Ringlet.....643	27	Holly Blue.....85	26	Dark Green Fritillary .10	6			
Small White.....400	44	Green-veined White67	15	Small Skipper9	5			
Large Skipper.....382	26	Small Copper67	17	Brown Argus8	4			
Silver-studded Blue.....274	17	Marbled White66	8	Painted Lady.....4	2			
Large White.....240	41	Common Blue65	12	White Admiral3	2			
Speckled Wood.....213	28	Red Admiral.....52	20	Small Tortoiseshell.....2	2			
Small/Essex Skipper188	21	Grayling.....42	10	Essex Skipper.....1	1			
Peacock184	34							



Holly Blue - Dave Strudwick

We hope some of you have been able to complete the Big Butterfly Count which began last Friday. There is still plenty of time as the event doesn't finish until Sunday 9th August - go to <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> for details.

Moth Report: Day flying moth numbers continued to be low in Week 16. Both Silver Y and Six-spot Burnet were recorded, albeit in small numbers, and these should still be around in the coming week. Two more to keep a look out for are the Jersey Tiger and the Hummingbird Hawk-moth - both very distinctive species that have been spotted in local gardens and could put in an appearance on our transects, if we are fortunate