

There was another fall in overall numbers this week, now down to 4,596 at a density of 44.21 butterflies/km. Gatekeeper accounted for over 50% of the butterflies recorded and was present on all transects, with 182 seen at Roe South and 169 at Frohawk. At last Clouded Yellow have been seen, recorded on Sections 5 & 8 at Breamore. Now that Silver-studded Blue have all but disappeared, Grayling (42 at Broomy Plain this week) and the multi-voltine (brooded) Small Heath should still provide interest on heathland routes.



Silver-washed Fritillary (Valezina form) - John French

**Results Week 18** (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down .....36	9	Fields Heath .....193	8	Normandy Marsh .....38	6
Badminton.....93	8	Frohawk.....199	8	Perrywood Ivy .....142	9
Ballard .....48	9	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal .....48	6
Barton Common .....20	1	Godshill .....22	6	Pimlico Fields.....49	7
Beaulieu Heath .....53	4	Great Linford .....58	10	Pitts Wood.....78	11
Black Down.....48	5	Hasley.....113	12	Pondhead.....88	8
Blackwater .....104	8	Hawkhill .....89	3	Pondhead Wood .....105	10
Blashford North.....58	6	Hightown Common.....19	5	Rockford.....29	3
Blashford South.....74	10	Holmsley.....141	12	Roe North.....149	12
Breamore .....446	20	Ibsley .....28	5	Roe South .....237	12
Broadley .....105	8	Janesmoor.....115	12	Roydon The Commons....88	9
Brockishill .....171	8	Janesmoor Plain.....45	5	Southern Fields.....163	14
Broomy Plain .....83	8	Keeping Marsh .....25	6	Standing Hat .....130	8
Claypits Bottom .....35	6	Kings Copse .....76	11	Studland Common .....75	6
Cloven Hill .....72	12	Lepe .....142	11	Vales Moor .....44	4
Dibden Bottom.....13	1	Little Linford.....50	4	Warren Farm.....45	6
Dur Hill.....87	7	Mockbeggar.....146	15	Wilverley Plain .....81	5

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
Gatekeeper .....2,592	50	Common Blue .....86	16	Red Admiral .....31	14			
Meadow Brown .....602	40	Silver-washed Fritillary ..75	21	Small Copper .....17	9			
Speckled Wood .....167	31	Small/Essex Skipper ....68	15	Brown Argus .....12	3			
Grayling.....153	13	Large Skipper.....61	18	Marbled White .....12	1			
Small White .....149	28	Small Heath.....35	10	Comma .....9	6			
Brimstone.....121	21	Green-veined White .....34	11	Small Tortoiseshell.....7	1			
Holly Blue .....114	26	Silver-studded Blue .....34	12	Painted Lady.....3	2			
Ringlet.....91	14	Peacock .....34	8	Clouded Yellow .....2	1			
Large White.....87	28							



Holly Blue - Tony Wickham

Do you fancy a final project for this year? If anyone has time it would be good to find some Grayling colonies on heathland other than on our registered transect routes. Bob and Jean have looked in Fawley Inclosure and Crockford and plan on visiting a few more locations. John F has done an extensive search covering the north-west of the Forest. So if you see any whilst out and about then please record them on the Hants Casual Sheet, Living Record or iRecord. A few more dots on the Hampshire map would be very welcome.

Time is also beginning to run out for taking part in this year's Big Butterfly Count which ends on 9 August. Please submit your results at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

**Moth Report:** It was another quiet week for day flying moths, although there are an interesting range of species around. Keep a look out for Silver Y and Six-spot Burnet. Tiny 'mint moths' may also be spotted. Please look carefully as there are two different species that can be seen - the Small Purple and Gold and the Common Purple and Gold which has an additional gold blob on the trailing edge of the forewing. At the other end of the scale the Bordered Grey, similar in size to a Meadow Brown, may be seen on heathland over the next week or two.