

BUTTERFLY AND MOTH EVENTS

The Branch runs butterfly walks and moth events throughout spring and summer - a list of all the events is circulated each spring and is always on our website. All our walks are ideal for beginners as well as those more experienced. The programme covers a range of locations and habitats and targets both common and more specialised species.

- * Everyone is welcome, regardless of level of experience
- * Our events cover the whole Branch area, so at least one should be close to you
- * Expert leaders will help you identify species and find less common species
- * These are social events, so you can learn from others e.g. about tips for butterfly photography
- * Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult
- * Our walks are free
- * Where we join with other organisations on their trips, their rules will apply, and are detailed in our events list and on the website.
- * Safety tips are provided in our events list.



Peacock

USEFUL CONTACTS

Contact details of Branch Committee members are displayed on the back cover of all Branch newsletters.

The Branch Chair can be contacted at
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Hertfordshire & Middlesex Branch:

Website: www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/index.php

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ButterflyConservationHertsMiddlesex

Twitter: www.twitter.com/Bc_HertsMiddx

Butterfly Conservation :

www.butterfly-conservation.org

Some other useful websites are:

Herts Natural History Society:

www.hnhs.org

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust:

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

London Natural History Society:

www.lnhs.org.uk

Hertfordshire & Middlesex Moth Group:

www.hertsmothgroup.org.uk

The 2016 book '*Butterflies of Hertfordshire and Middlesex*', written by our Records Collator, Andrew Wood, is available from the Herts Natural History Society:
www.hnhs.org/publications



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Branch of
Butterfly Conservation



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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

There are lots of ways we keep you informed:-

- * Our Branch newsletters are issued at least twice a year
- * Every spring we send you a full-colour Annual Report that summarises the fortunes of every butterfly species in our area in the previous year (example page in next panel)
- * Our website is full of information, including about latest sightings, and we are also active on Facebook and Twitter (all link details are in the Useful Contacts panel of this leaflet)

Especially for new members..

We hold an annual 'New Members' Day', usually in July. This event is targeted specifically at those new to butterflies, to provide them with information about butterfly identification, butterfly gardening, butterfly recording etc. There is a dedicated walk where we can discuss identification in the field, and butterfly photography.

Members' Day & AGM

This is our main event of the year, with guest speakers, a photographic competition and lots more. A great opportunity to meet fellow members with a shared interest.

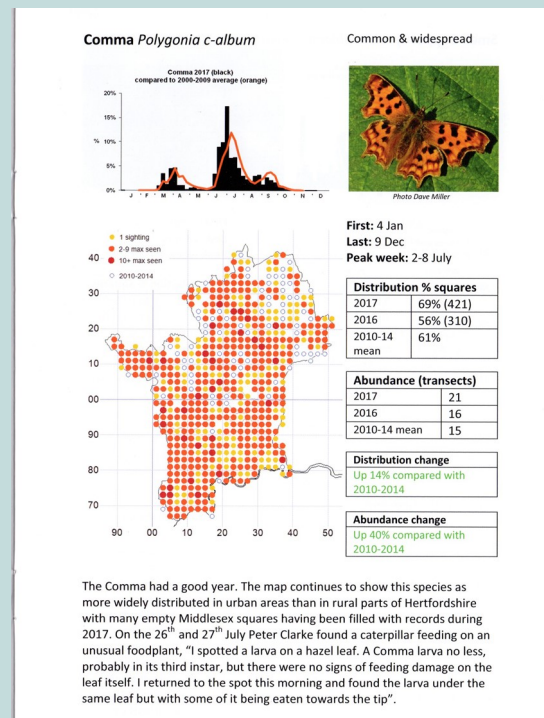
RECORDING

Recording is important - without data, we cannot monitor changes in butterfly populations or gauge the impact of conservation activity or quantify the effect of environmental damage.

- * Everyone is encouraged to keep and to submit records of their sightings
- * All sightings are kept on a Branch database and contribute to the Annual Report
- * Our records are shared with environmental records centres in Hertfordshire and in London, and of course with Butterfly Conservation's national database.
- * You can join more formal recording schemes, e.g. the Wider Countryside Butterfly Scheme or Transect recording - contact our Records Collator for more information (contact details in the newsletter)

SOME GOOD BUTTERFLY SITES

Site	Grid Ref.	Brief Details
Aldbury Nowers	SP951129	HMWT reserve NW of Tring
Alexandra Park	TQ296901	Park around Alexandra Palace in LB Haringey
Balls Wood	TL348106	HMWT reserve at Hertford Heath, near Hertford
Bricket Wood Common	TL131017	Between Watford and St Albans
Broxbourne Woods	TL323070 (west car park)	Large woodland complex W of Hoddesdon and S of Hertford
Fir & Pond Woods	TL277012	HMWT reserve 2 miles E of Potters Bar
Hexton Chalk Pit	TL107299	HMWT reserve S of Hexton, turning off B655
Horsenden Hill	TQ160845	Bisected by Horsenden Lane North between Perivale and Sudbury in LB Ealing
Hounslow Heath	TQ121748	Off Staines Road, Hounslow
Millhoppers Pasture	SP899148	Branch reserve close to Long Marston, near Tring
Nomansland Common	TL170124	Between Wheathampstead and Sandridge
Norton Green (Cannocks Wood / Watery Grove)	TL229231	W of A1M at Stevenage. Accessed from byways south of Norton Green
Patmore Heath	TL443257	HMWT reserve NW of Bishops Stortford
Pishiobury Park	TL475139	A country park just S of Sawbridgeworth
Ruislip Woods	TQ080896	A complex of woods N of Ruislip along Ducks Hill Lane in LB Hillingdon
Southern Country Park	TL473193	St Michael's Mead on the S edge of Bishops Stortford
Therfield Heath	TL347404	Downland W of Royston
Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park	TQ367823	Southern Grove E3, nr Mile End Central line station
Trent Park	TQ280969	Near Cockfosters Piccadilly line station
Waterford Heath	TL318150	HMWT reserve N of Hertford, access via Sacombe Road, not via Waterford



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