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Conservation**

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment



HERTFORDSHIRE & MIDDLESEX BRANCH

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Programme of online winter presentations 2024 - updated

We invite all Butterfly Conservation members and friends to join us for the fourth series of winter evening online presentations.

The presentations are usually on **Wednesday evenings starting at 8 pm and will last approx. 1 – 1 ½ hours**. Please connect to the meetings beforehand to allow for a prompt start – each will be open from 7.50 pm, allowing a short time for informal chat.

Please note we have added a new presentation on Tuesday 12th March which will start at 7pm.

New to Zoom?

If you have not used Zoom before, then it needs to be installed on your device prior to the meeting, in order for the meeting link provided below to work. Zoom can be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/support/download>. Although many of you will now be familiar with the Zoom meeting concept, full instructions on how to join the meetings are available on the branch website at: <https://hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/JoiningInstructions-WinterPresentations.pdf>

Can't make the date?

All our talks will be recorded and posted on the Herts & Middlesex Butterfly Conservation **YouTube channel** within 2-3 days of the event. You can watch previous year's talks and other fascinating videos now. You can subscribe to the Channel for free to learn when new videos are posted.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaCAEhhxWklw7iTJA9G5GA>



Tuesday 12th March 2024 - NEW - Please note the start time is 7pm

'Landscapes for Lepidoptera' – Stephen Lofting

Steven Lofting is Butterfly Conservation's Conservation Manager for SE England, and has just started working on a new landscape plan for central London. He will give an update on BC's work for butterflies and moths on a landscape scale in South East England.

Working at a landscape-scale, with partners, is fundamental to improving conditions for wildlife, and BC's strategy includes a goal to improve the condition of some of the most important landscapes for butterflies and moths. Read more at <https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/our-strategy>.

This is one of a series of Zoom talks presented by the Surrey & SW London Branch of Butterfly Conservation and will require pre-booking through Eventbrite.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/landscapes-for-lepidoptera-tickets-803962011017>



Wednesday 27th March 2024

'What did we see in 23 and what's in store for 24?' – Andrew Wood, Branch Records Collator

A look back to butterflies and moths in 2023 and what we might expect in 2024

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81911163056>



Saturday 6th April 2024

We will be holding our Members' Day on Saturday 6th April 2024 at a new venue - at Orton Hall, Greenwood Park Community Centre, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, St. Albans, AL2 3HW. Doors will open at 10.30am

Keynote speaker will be Peter Eeles, Chairman of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Branch, keen photographer and author of 'British & Irish Butterfly Rarities' Migrants, Extinctions & Introductions and 'Life Cycles of British and Irish Butterflies.'

Martin Spray, the new chair of the Trustees will also be talking about his background and thoughts about Butterfly Conservation. Martin would like to hear members' views on Butterfly Conservation and welcomes the opportunity to talk to you during the day.

Full details will be distributed to members shortly but if you can help on the day please let elizabethgoodyear@talk21.com know as soon as possible.



Details of the programme of butterfly walks will be available soon but kicks off on Sunday 5th May 2024 with an afternoon walk at Whippendell Woods, near Watford to see spring butterflies and bluebells.