

Whether a member of Butterfly Conservation or not, you are welcome to join us at any of our free butterfly walks or moth events.

The majority of events in 2026 will require advance booking through an online booking provider such as Eventbrite. All events will be listed on our branch website at <https://hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/events.php> and will include any booking arrangements. **IMPORTANT – events will be added and, in some cases, amended over the summer so please refer to the most up to date version – see top right corner or visit the branch website.**

Additional butterfly walks and moth events may be arranged by the following wildlife organisations:

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust - <https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events>

London Wildlife Trust - <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events>


London Natural History Society - <https://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/activities/fieldmeetings>

BNA Herts Branch - <https://hertfordshire.bna-naturalists.org/>

BUTTERFLY WALKS ARE FOR EVERYONE! You most emphatically do NOT have to be an expert to come on a butterfly walk. Butterfly walks can be enjoyed by anyone with any level of knowledge (or none). Photographers, children (with adult supervision), first-time participants, you are ALL welcome. Butterfly Conservation does not ask for any donation or payment to attend their walks; however, some of the walks included in this programme when organised by other organisations may request a donation and/or a fee.


Neighbouring branches also have a wide-ranging programme of walks; some are quite close to our branch borders. The full list of Butterfly Conservation events can be viewed on the national website: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/events>

Please read the important information at the end of the programme

	
Date:	Tuesday 12th MAY 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly walk for Grizzled Skippers and to see the recent restoration work undertaken in the winter 2026. The walk is being organised by the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust jointly with the branch.
Site:	Waterford Heath HMWT Reserve
Grid ref/postcode:	TL316150 [Landranger Map 166] or postcode SG14 3LU
Time/Meeting place:	10:30 Reserve car park on Vicarage Lane to finish at approx. 12:30
Transport:	Nearest station is Hertford North (Great Northern from Moorgate) Then taxi or a 2-mile walk. Park in car park on Vicarage Lane which should be accessed by Sacombe Road, Hertford, not off the A119 through Waterford village. Sacombe Road can be accessed from the A602 between Ware and Watton at Stone or B158 through Hertford
Information:	Join butterfly experts Andrew Wood and Liz Goodyear for a wildlife walk at Waterford Heath Nature Reserve, home to a wide variety of butterflies, moths and plants. We will particularly looking for the rare Grizzled Skipper butterfly. Sturdy footwear and we would recommend trousers due to brambles etc. No dogs allowed on this walk.
Booking details:	Booking essential https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/butterfly-walk-12may26 The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event if weather conditions are considered unfavourable.

	
Date:	Saturday 16th MAY 2026
Event Title:	Guided walk for spring butterflies at Shrub Hill Common looking for Dingy Skipper and day flying moths
Location:	Shrub Hill Common, Hemel Hempstead
Address &/or grid ref:	Varney Road, Hemel Hempstead - nearest postcode HP1 2LR - TL035074 [Landranger Map 165]
Time/meeting place:	14:00 – Meet at Common entrance off Varney Road to finish approx. 16:00.
What3words:	https://w3w.co/scar.ideas.globe
Transport:	Nearest station is Hemel Hempstead approx. 1.25 miles (West Midlands Trains from London Euston).
Directions:	Directions for Varney Road: coming from the M25, use the left lane to take the A414 slip road to Hemel Hempstead, continue into Hemel Hempstead and after .5 miles turn left onto London Rd/A425; at the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on London Rd/A4251; at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit

	onto Fishery Rd and then at the next roundabout take the 1st exit onto Northridge Way. Go through 1 roundabout then at the next roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Long Chaulden, after 0.8 miles, and turn right into Varney Road. There will be some on street parking on the right side.
Information	Most of the site is easy walking. The site can be very muddy after rain so appropriate footwear is advised.
Contact details	Chris Ridley 07463821287 (on the day only) or email: chrisridley57@gmail.com
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-at-shrub-hill-common-for-spring-butterflies-incl-dingy-skipper-tickets-1985831094260

	
Date:	Saturday 30th MAY 2026 at the invitation of the Ruislip & District & Hillingdon Natural History Societies
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Stafford Road Open Space for late spring butterflies
Location:	Stafford Road Open Space in the London Borough of Hillingdon
Address &/or grid ref:	Start Point on Yeading Brook footpath TQ0960285505. [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	Start 10:30 on Stafford Road Open Space at the sign post on the Yeading Brook footpath TQ0960285505. Finish at this location 13:00. For those arriving by train, bus, or parking in the stations small car park you may meet the leader earlier at the entrance to Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line) DEPARTING at 10:15 for the 600m walk along the Yeading Brook to the event start point where we will meet those that have made their own way there.
What3words:	Stafford Road Open Space meeting point https://w3w.co/daring.sticks.eaten Google GPS co-ordinates 51°33'28.3"N 0°25'13.2"W
Transport:	On Central Line, also E7 bus (every 20 minutes) from Ruislip (Metropolitan & Piccadilly) to Ealing Broadway (District and National rail). Very limited pay and display parking at station, some off-street parking plus car parks at Sidmouth Drive (HA4 ODA) and Ruislip Gardens shops at New Pond Parade, West End Road (HA4 6LR).
Information:	Join Dick Middleton for bank holiday weekend walk around Stafford Road Open Space looking for late spring butterflies.
Contact details:	Dick Middleton mobile no: 07597 369067 or email middleton198@btinternet.com
Booking details:	No booking required

	
Date:	Saturday 30th MAY 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Heartwood Forest - looking for the rare Small Blue butterfly ~ organised by the Woodland Trust. This is a very popular walk and places will be limited.
Location:	Heartwood Forest
Address:	Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
Time/meeting place	11:00 - 13:00
What3words:	https://what3words.com/cheat.post.half
Transport:	Nearest station St Albans City (Thameslink from London St Pancras Intl.) approx. 2.45 miles. There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.
Directions:	Directions from the south. Head north from St Albans along the B651 towards Wheathampstead. Pass through the village of Sandridge along the main road and turn left at the brown road sign for Heartwood Forest (TL172110). Park in the main car park, situated off the B651, (Postcode AL4 9DQ).
Information	Guided walk in Heartwood Forest with local butterfly experts Andrew Steele and Malcolm Hull. We will look for a range of species including the rare Small Blue.
Walk leaders	Andrew Steele & Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spring-butterfly-walk-at-heartwood-forest-tickets-1983762477973



The 2026 Great Big Green Week (GBGW) will be taking place throughout our branch area between Saturday 6th JUNE and Sunday 14th JUNE
Branch events on Saturday 8th JUNE:
St Mary's Church, Watford <https://greenwatford.uk/event/>
Fletcher's Lea Hall by Ware Priory, Ware 11:00 – 16:00
More information can be found here: <https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/>





Insect Week is 22nd to 28th June 2026
Events are being organised across our branch area
<https://www.insectweek.org/events/>

Date:	Sunday 21st JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly walk for summer butterflies with the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Trust – part of the Discover Letchworth Festival Programme of events
Site:	Fields off Hillbrow, Letchworth
Address &/or grid ref:	TL207319 [Landranger Map 166] or postcode SG6 3RF
What3words	https://w3w.co/cage.torn.maps
Time/Meeting place:	15:00 – 16:30 meeting at the top of the field next to the playground which is down a small entrance road off Hillbrow (Between house numbers 55 and 57) in Letchworth. This entry road is signposted for the Letchworth Garden City Greenway and leads past some garages and a playground through an accessible gate. Approx. 2 hours walk
Transport:	Hillbrow can be accessed from the town centre down Station Way, and High Avenue and Burnell Rise. There is no car park and these are narrow suburban roads so you may have to park a little way away. The nearest bus is 53 operated by Landmark Coaches. This goes from Letchworth Station to Grange Estate every hour; the nearest stop is West Road a 0.3 mile walk from the entrance to the site. Nearest station is Letchworth Garden City (Thameslink from London Kings Cross)
Information	Join Andrew Wood for a generally easy walk around this important butterfly site. Do wear sensible footwear as there may be some mud and grassland may be damp. No dogs allowed on this walk.
Contact details	For more information visit https://www.discoverlethworth.co.uk/festival/
Booking details	To be confirmed https://www.discoverlethworth.co.uk/festival/

Date:	Tuesday 23rd JUNE 2026 * NOTE CHANGE OF DATE *
Event Title:	Guided Butterfly Walk at Alexandra Park North (LB of Haringey), for meadow species including Marbled White, and with the potential to see Purple Hairstreak with the Friends of Alexandra Park
Location:	Alexandra Park, London, N22
Time/meeting place	13:30 at Bedford Road entrance to the park, next to the layby. This is next to one of the exits to Alexandra Palace Railway station. On exiting the train station ticket hall you need to turn left and immediately left to cross a long footbridge to the other side of the tracks. On leaving the footbridge turn left and after a minute you will see a layby on the left. We will meet at the far end of the layby near the entrance to the park, by some wooden gates. Walk to finish at approximately 15:00
What3words:	https://what3words.com/monks.table.slick
Transport:	Nearest station is nearest station is Alexandra Park Overground station. Great Northern trains from Moorgate/Finsbury Park or from various stations in Hertfordshire such as Hertford North, Welwyn, Stevange. Tube: nearest tube Wood Green (Piccadilly Line) and either walk or take bus W3 or 184 to

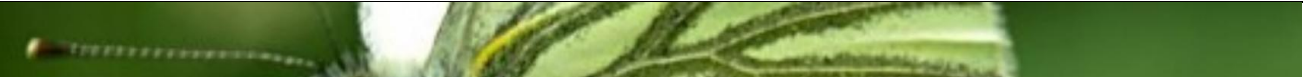
	Alexandra Palace Station. Parking: There is a cpz near the walk start with hours 12-2. If you are driving you are best to park on the other side of the park which has no restrictions and walk through the park to get to the walk start (allow 10-12 minutes walking past the boating lake heading straight down the hill past Go Ape continue to a Alexandra Palace Way, turn left down the hill to the bottom and meeting point) Suggested roads for parking The Avenue, Vallance Road, Dukes Avenue, Lansdowne Road N10. There is paid parking in the East Court car park near the television mast and ice rink which is a 5 minute walk from the meeting point. https://www.alexandrapalace.com/visitor-information/car-parking/
Information:	Terrain is uneven in places especially in the anthill meadow and other meadow areas so sturdy footwear is advisable. There will also be a small amount of uphill walking.
Contact details:	Dee Cullen 07764 902948 or email deecullen22@gmail.com
Booking details:	Eventbrite booking details will be added in due course

	
Date:	Thursday 25th JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly walk at Chorleywood Common for early summer grassland species and day-flying moths including hopefully the very rare Forester moth
Location:	Chorleywood Common, Chorleywood.
Address &/or grid ref:	Nearest postcode WD3 5FL - TQ032966 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place	10:30 – 13:00 approx. Meet in the main carpark on the north side of the Common along the Rickmansworth Road (just after the Cricket Club). Approx. 2 - 2 ½ hour walk depending on the weather
What3words	https://w3w.co/offers.gear.sticks
Transport:	Nearest station is Chorleywood (Metropolitan Line). Please consult a map for walking directions to the meeting point which is a 20 minute brisk walk uphill!
Information:	Generally easy walking but wear reasonable footwear as there may be some mud and grassland may be damp. No dogs allowed on this walk.
Contact details:	Philip Gibbs ~ 07759 958804 or email: philip.gibbs2@gmail.com
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-at-chorleywood-common-looking-for-early-summer-butterflies-tickets

	
Date:	Saturday 27th JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk and examining the contents of the previous night's moth trap with the Holland Park Ecology Centre lead by Andrew Wood
Location:	Holland Park (The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea)
Address &/or grid ref:	Holland Park, Ilchester Place, W8 6LU - TQ246796 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	10:00 – 11:30 at Holland Park Ecology Centre. At the western side of Holland Park by the adventure playground and next to the Abbotsbury Road Car Park. Entrance to the park is via Ilchester Place Gate, Abbotsbury Road Car Park, the Duchess of Bedford Gate or from Holland Walk and Holland Park Avenue.
Transport:	Bus routes that serve Holland Park are 9, 23, 27, 28, 49, 328 and C1 (Kensington side) and 31, 94, 148, 228 (Holland Park Station side). London Underground stations: Holland Park (Central line) and Kensington High Street (Circle and District). Overground station: Kensington (Olympia)
Information:	We strongly advise using public transport if possible – this is a free event but Booking is essential
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/holland-park-ecology-centre-6717291179

	
Date:	Saturday 27th JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Guided walk at Heartwood Forest to look for summer butterflies including Purple Emperor ~ organised by the Woodland Trust.
Location:	Heartwood Forest
Address:	Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
Time/meeting place:	11:00 to 14:00
What3words:	https://what3words.com/cheat.post.half


Transport:	Nearest station St Albans City (Thameslink from London St Pancras Intl.) approx. 2.45 miles. There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.
Directions:	Directions from the south. Head north from St Albans along the B651 towards Wheathampstead. Pass through the village of Sandridge along the main road and turn left at the brown road sign for Heartwood Forest (TL172110). Park in the main car park, situated off the B651, (Postcode AL4 9DQ).
Information	Guided walk in Heartwood Forest with our local butterfly experts Andrew Steele and Malcolm Hull. We will look for a range of woodland & grassland species including the elusive Purple Emperor. Voluntary donation of £5 payable to the Woodland Trust https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/donations/
Contact details	Andrew Steele & Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-woodland-butterfly-walk-at-heartwood-forest-tickets-1983762723708




Date:	Saturday 27th JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk to visit Butterfly Conservation's only reserve in the Herts & Middlesex area and see a range of summer butterflies and hopefully look at the moths recorded the previous night.
Location:	Millhoppers Pasture Reserve.
Address &/or grid ref:	Postcode HP23 4PE - SP903142 [Landranger Map 165] (Please note this is the grid reference of the meeting place not the Reserve)
Time/meeting place:	10:30 at Wilstone Village Hall for a short walk across the fields to the Reserve. Walk to last approx. 2 hours after the moths have been looked at.
What3words:	Meeting place https://w3w.co/serenade.busy.guard
Transport:	Nearest railway stations: Tring (West Midlands Trains from London Euston) or Wendover (Chiltern Railways from London Marylebone)
Information	Suitable for children and an ideal opportunity to develop Butterfly identification skills.
Contact details	Email: millhoppers@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk or on the day Chris Ridley ~ 07463 821287
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-butterfly-walk-at-milhoppers-pasture-reserve-nr-wilstone-tickets-1987192383914



Date:	Sunday 28th JUNE 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly Walk for early summer butterflies with the Friends of Cassiobury Park and Watford Borough Council.
Location:	Cassiobury Park
Address &/or grid ref:	Cassiobury Park, Gade Avenue, Watford WD18 7LG - TQ091973 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place:	14:00 – 16:00 meet just into the park from the entrance opposite Langley Way, WD18 3BD
What3words:	https://what3words.com/match.case.bliss
Transport & directions:	Cassiobury Park is a 2 minute walk from the Watford Metropolitan line station. Exit the station onto Cassiobury Park Avenue and turn right, after about 150 metres turn left onto Shepherds Road – the park is straight ahead of you. Alternatively, Watford Junction (1.3 miles) and Watford High Street (2.1 miles) are the two closest Overground stations. There is one official car park for Cassiobury Park at the end of Gade Avenue near the bottom of Cassiobury Park Avenue (WD18 7LG is the nearest postcode). It should be noted that the car park does get very busy if the weather is good and there is a small charge these days. So best to arrive early to avoid parking problems. There is street parking at weekends along the roads off Langley Way, such as Parkside Drive.
Information	There are toilets at the 'Hub' although the café in the park can get quite busy therefore it is suggested you bring your own refreshments.
Contact details	Peter Fewell ~ 07814 282356 or email: p.fewell@yahoo.com
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-walk-for-summer-butterflies-as-cassiobury-park-tickets-1987192837270



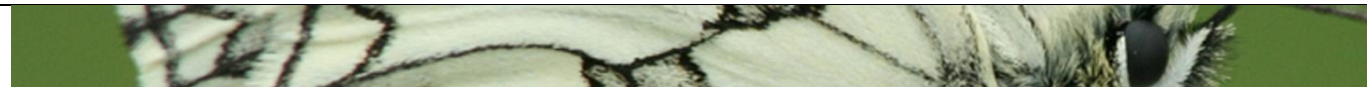
Date:	Date at the end of June/early July to be confirmed nearer the time.
Event Title:	Purple Emperor experiment with the Friends of Cassiobury Park and Watford Borough Council
Location:	The Lime Walk, Cassiobury Park
Address &/or grid ref:	Along the Lime Walk at Cassiobury Park - TQ0869297610 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place:	Time to be confirmed but along the Lime Walk – you’ll see the table!
What3words:	https://w3w.co/bank.indeed.rainy
Transport & directions:	Cassiobury Park is a 2 minute walk from the Watford Metropolitan line station. Exit the station onto Cassiobury Park Avenue and turn right, after about 150 metres turn left onto Shepherds Road – the park is straight ahead of you. Alternatively Watford Junction (1.3 miles) and Watford High Street (2.1 miles) are the two closest Overground stations. There is one official car park for Cassiobury Park at the end of Gade Avenue near the bottom of Cassiobury Park Avenue (WD18 7LG is the nearest postcode). It should be noted that the car park does get very busy if the weather is good and there is a small charge these days. So best to arrive early to avoid parking problems. There is street parking at weekends along the roads off Langley Way, such as Parkside Drive.
Information	The experiment conducted is to try and attract a Purple Emperor down from the Lime trees - this might not succeed but we hope to give people the opportunity to learn a little more about Purple Emperors. We will also put on a few other butterfly excursions on during the day. There are toilets at the ‘Hub’ although the café in the park can get quite busy therefore it is suggested you bring your own refreshments.
Contact details	For enquiries contact Peter Fewell ~ 07814 282356 or email: p.fewell@yahoo.com
Booking details:	No booking is required



Date:	Thursday 2nd JULY 2026
Event Title:	An exploration of Norton Green Common to look for butterflies including Purple Hairstreak, Silver-washed Fritillary and Purple Emperor plus many grassland butterflies such as Marbled White and the Skippers
Site:	Norton Green Common near Stevenage
Address &/or grid ref:	TL229227 [Landranger Map 166] Nearest postcode: SG1 2DS
Time/meeting place:	10:30 Norton Green. Walk to last approx. 2 ½ hours.
What3words	https://w3w.co/belong.undulation.goals
Transport:	The nearest station is Stevenage (Thameslink from London King’s Cross or Great Northern from Moorgate).
Directions:	From the A1M Junction 7 take the A602. Turn left at the first roundabout onto the A1072. After about a mile, take the left turn signed to Norton Green. Pass under the motorway and follow the road round to the left. The meeting place is half a mile further on in the car park layby in the hamlet of Norton Green. <i>Parking details to be confirmed</i>
Information	Bring binoculars
Contact details	Peter Clarke ~ 07749 592619 - texts only please or email: peter.clarke4@ntlworld.com and Bob Clift ~ 01279 658243 or email: bobclift@ntlworld.com
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-for-woodland-butterfly-species-at-norton-green-nr-stevenage-tickets-1989220806982



Date:	Saturday 4th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Guided walk at Bishops Wood to look for summer butterflies including White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary.
Location:	Bishops Wood Country Park near Harefield - part of NW London Urban Fringe Landscape
Address &/or grid ref:	TQ069915 [Landranger Map 176] nearest postcode is UB9 6PZ
Time/meeting place:	11:00 – 13:00 in the Bishops Wood Country Park Car Park, White Hill, Harefield
What3words:	https://w3w.co/dwell.family.spots
Transport:	There are regular buses along White Hill from Harefield and Northwood. Bishops Wood is a 40 minute walk from Northwood Station on the Metropolitan Line
Information:	Bishop's Wood is owned and managed by Three Rivers Council. It supports populations of White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary.
Contact details:	Paul Busby mobile 07749 709422 or email buzz113@hotmail.co.uk
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-at-bishops-wood-nr-harefield-to-look-for-summer-butterflies-tickets-1989221758829



Date:	Saturday 4th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Hampstead Heath Survey Section: Hampstead Heath – Leslie Williams at the invitation of the London Natural History Society
Site:	Hampstead Heath (London Borough of Camden)
Address &/or grid ref:	Kenwood Walled Garden, by the old stable block (TQ2729987513). [Landranger Map 156]
Time/meeting place:	10:30 – 13:00 meet at the entrance to the Kenwood Walled Garden by the old stable block
Transport:	It is recommended you use public transport. The nearest station is Hampstead Heath (London Overground) then approx. ½ mile walk. The 210 bus and 310 bus from Archway (or from Golders Green tube) will drop you right there (stop is 'Stormont Road').
Important Information:	Noted from LNHS programme: Due to high demand we are asking people to register to attend some of the Hampstead Heath Survey Section walks by simply e-mailing hampsteadbookings@lnhs.org.uk (with the date and subject of the walk you wish to join in the title of your e-mail)
Event leader:	Leslie Williams
For more information:	https://www.lnhs.org.uk/images/Programmes/LNHS_Programme_Mar-Aug_2026.pdf



Date:	Sunday 5th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Whitewebbs Park (LB Enfield) at the invitation of the Friends of Whitewebbs Park for Small Heath and other grassland butterflies
Location:	Whitewebbs Park, Enfield
Address &/or grid ref:	Beggars Hollow, (off Clay Hill), Enfield, EN2 9JN - TQ326988
Time/meeting place:	Meet at the Café at 10:30 next to the car park at Beggars Hollow, morning walk to finish approx. 12:30
What3words:	https://what3words.com/cafe.insert.toast
Transport & directions:	Nearest station is Gordon Hill Train Station (Moorgate to Hertford North) (17-minute walk). By car follow Theobalds Park Road to Beggars Hollow (EN2 9JN) which is situated close to the Rose and Crown off Clay Hill, or via the A10 and Carterhatch Lane to Clay Hill.
Information:	We are hoping to spot Small Heath butterflies along with a range of other grassland species such as the Small, Essex and Large Skippers on the former golf course meadows.
Contact details:	Email the Friends of Whitewebbs using the email address whitewebbspark@gmail.com with Butterfly Walk in the subject line.
Booking details:	No booking is required



Date:	Sunday 5th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly Walk looking and identifying summer butterflies at Gillespie Park in partnership with Islington Council and the Friends of Gillespie Park
Location:	Gillespie Park (London Borough of Islington)
Address:	Islington Ecology Centre, 191 Drayton Park, London N5 1PH
Time/meeting place:	10:30 to 12:00 meet at the Islington Ecology Centre (note revised finish time)
What3words:	https://what3words.com/laws.finds.congratulations
Transport:	Nearest underground station is Arsenal (Piccadilly Line) alternatively Finsbury Park (National Rail Network and TfL). Also any buses that go to Blackstock or Holloway Road (then 12 minute walk)
Information:	Join Paul Busby and the Friends of Gillespie Park for a guided butterfly walk around this wildlife friendly London park. Paul Busby mobile 07749 709422 or email buzz113@hotmail.co.uk
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-walk-with-an-expert-guide-free-tickets-1988706881818




Date:	Saturday 11th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Bricket Wood Common for White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary.
Location:	Bricket Wood Common, Hertfordshire
Address &/or grid ref:	Nearest postcode AL2 3PJ - TL136021 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place:	10:00 in the car park at St Stephen's Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood. Morning walk to finish approx. 12:30 – <i>see below for afternoon extension details</i>
What3words	St Stephen's Parish Centre https://w3w.co/legend.visit.spray
Transport:	Nearest station is Bricket Wood Station (London Northwestern Railway – Watford Junction to St. Albans Abbey Station)
Directions:	From the roundabout at Junction 6 on the M1, take the slip road signed M1 south. Take the left turn halfway along this road (Mount Pleasant Lane), do not join the motorway. After a few twists & turns after about a mile you pass under a railway bridge. Continue along the road which bends sharply to the left. Pass Bricket Wood Station and the parish centre car park is on your right just after the junction with Drop Lane.
Information	Optional extra - We will also be looking to repeat the sightings of Purple Emperor made in previous years from 12:30 -15:00. Bring packed lunch if you wish to stay for the afternoon and binoculars
Contact details	Chris Newman & Malcolm Hull ~ 07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-butterfly-walk-at-bricket-wood-common-tickets-1986968516320




Date:	Sunday 12th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Tower Hamlets Cemetery with the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (London Borough of Tower Hamlets)
Location:	Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and Local Nature Reserve
Address &/or grid ref:	Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, E3 4PX - just on the right as you enter via the main gates on Southern Grove - TQ367823 [Landranger Map 177]
Time/meeting place:	13:00 to 15:00 The Cemetery Park Lodge, the red brick building straight ahead of you as you enter via the main gates on Southern Grove E3 4PX
Transport:	Mile End Underground Station (Central, District and Hammersmith and City Lines) is approx. 5 minute walk from the Tube entrance/exit.
Information:	An opportunity to be shown around this famous urban, closed cemetery, now a public park and a designated local nature reserve. Weather permitting, we'll be at the peak of the summer butterflies, and could see up to 17 species, including, Meadow Brown, White-Letter Hairstreak, Silver-washed Fritillary, Comma, Gatekeeper and 3 kinds of Skipper. In poor weather, we'll look at habitats, caterpillar food plants and nectar plants. Donations will be appreciated.

Booking details:	https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefriendsoftowerhamletscemeterypark/2134065
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Date:	Thursday 16th JULY 2026
Event Title:	An early morning walk at Claybury Park looking for the elusive Brown Hairstreak <i>at the invitation of Cambs & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation.</i>
Location:	Claybury Park, Woodford Bridge, London Borough of Redbridge
Address &/or grid ref:	Nearest postcode IG8 8NQ - TQ4248391229 [Landranger Map 177 or 167]
Time/meeting place:	08:30 – 12:00 - Please meet outside the gates to the park on Roding Lane North at TQ4248391229 (just south of the junction with Vicarage Road). There is plenty of unrestricted free parking along Roding Lane North
What3words:	https://w3w.co/offers.forms.loaded
Transport:	Public transport: Woodford Green tube station (Central Line) is a 15-20 minutes' walk from the meeting point.
Information	The Brown Hairstreak had been missing from the Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch area for generations eggs were discovered in Claybury Park in December 2022. This last winter, there was a very strong egg count which suggests that Brown Hairstreak is now well established at Claybury Park. Join us for an early start to try and see this beautiful and elusive butterfly. This guided walk will locate likely assembly trees to catch the morning activity of the Brown Hairstreak males. Along the way we will be keeping an eye out for any females that may be lower down on blackthorn or nectaring on adjacent flowers.
Contact details:	Ian Watts ~ ian@ianwatts.co.uk
Booking details:	The walk is limited to 10 attendees – please contact Ian Watts to confirm your place


	
Date:	Saturday 11th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Demonstration of moth trapping at Heartwood Forest with the Woodland Trust and Heartwood Volunteers lead by local moth expert Mark Sterling and Richard Lewis
Location:	Heartwood Forest
Address:	Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
Time/meeting place:	21:00 to 24:00
What3words:	https://what3words.com/cheat.post.half
Transport:	Nearest station St Albans City (Thameslink from London St Pancras Intl.) approx. 2.45 miles. There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.
Directions:	Directions from the south. Head north from St Albans along the B651 towards Wheathampstead. Pass through the village of Sandridge along the main road and turn left at the brown road sign for Heartwood Forest (TL172110). Park in the main car park, situated off the B651, (Postcode AL4 9DQ).
Information	Free event but donations will be appreciated to help support the management of the woodland. Come prepared for potentially cold and wet weather and dress appropriately in warm clothes and wear suitable footwear. Children welcome. Bring a torch (head torch best if you have one). Arrangements can be made if you need to leave earlier. No dogs please
Contact details	When booking please also email heartwood@woodlandtrust.org.uk with your mobile phone number so that the walk organisers can contact you in the unlikely event of cancellation due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances.
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heartwood-forest-moth-trapping-demonstration-tickets-1984973269483



Date:	Saturday 25th JULY 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Therfield Heath for Chalkhill Blue and summer butterflies with Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch (with kind permission of the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens). This walk should be close to the peak of the Chalkhill Blue season.
Location:	Therfield Heath, near Royston
Address &/or grid	TL347405 [Landranger Map 154] postcode SG8 5BG (Postcode is same for 3 car parks on the Heath make sure you are at the main one near tennis courts not Golf Club or small one without any buildings near McDonalds)
Time/meeting place:	10:30 at the main Therfield Heath car park. (morning walk to finish before 13:00). Please meet on the grass by the green Rugby Changing Rooms at the far end of the car park from the entrance. Refreshments available from adjacent Heath Cafe Bar before or afterwards. The leader will be at the start whatever the weather, but there will not be many butterflies to see in wet weather so do not travel far if the forecast is poor.
What3words:	https://what3words.com/original.lawyer.deliver
Transport:	Nearest station: Royston (Thameslink from London Kings Cross to Cambridge)
Directions:	From the A505 just west of Royston, take the exit to Royston (old road) that runs beneath the Heath; the car park is approx. 1km on the right.
Information:	There will be some steep slopes. The use of close focusing binoculars might be beneficial when looking at the close detail of some of the smaller butterflies
Contact details:	Nick Keep ~ 07305 241796 ~ for queries
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-butterfly-walk-at-therfield-heath-for-chalkhill-blue-summer-species-tickets-1989222346587



Date:	Sunday 2nd AUGUST 2026
Event Title:	Butterfly Identification Walk at Gladstone Park with the Friends of Gladstone Park
Location:	Gladstone Park, Dollis Hill (Brent Council)
Address &/or grid ref:	1 Kendal Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10 1JH - TQ221855 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	11:00 – 13:00 meet at the green railway bridge opposite 1 Kendal Road
What3words:	https://w3w.co/dwell.family.spots
Transport:	The nearest tube station is Dollis Hill (Jubilee Line) a short walk from the meeting place or you can park in the street. There are always places along Kendal Road. If you take the tube please turn right after the ticket turnstiles, go up the steps, across the zebra crossing and along Hamilton Road directly opposite the station exit, then at the park turn left.
Information:	
Contact details:	Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details:	No booking required

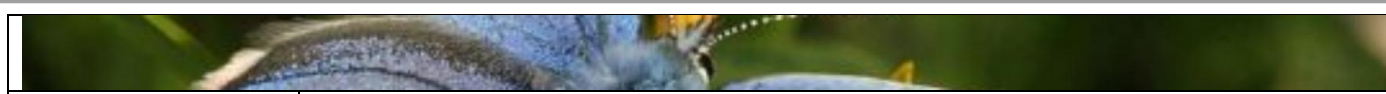


Date:	Sunday 9th AUGUST 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Stafford Road Open Space for summer butterflies and the hope of seeing the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly in the blackthorn scrub
Location:	Stafford Road Open Space in the London Borough of Hillingdon
Address &/or grid ref:	Start Point on Yeading Brook footpath TQ0960285505. [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	Start 10:30 on Stafford Road Open Space at the sign post on the Yeading Brook footpath TQ0960285505. Finish at this location 13:00. For those arriving by train, bus, or parking in the stations small car park you may meet the leader earlier at the entrance to Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line) DEPARTING at 10:15 for the 600m walk along the Yeading Brook to the event start point where we will meet those that have made their own way there.
What3words:	Stafford Road Open Space meeting point https://w3w.co/daring.sticks.eaten Google GPS co-ordinates 51°33'28.3"N 0°25'13.2"W
Transport:	On Central Line, also E7 bus (every 20 minutes) from Ruislip (Metropolitan & Piccadilly) to Ealing Broadway (District and National rail). Very limited pay and display parking at station, some off street parking plus car parks at Sidmouth Drive (HA4 ODA) and Ruislip Gardens shops at New Pond Parade, West End Road (HA4 6LR).

Information:	Strong shoes are advisable – those attending must be mindful that blackthorn has sharp thorns so care should be taken if taking photos. Walk length approx. 5km.
Contact details:	Email Nick Furtek nick_furtek@yahoo.co.uk
Booking details:	Eventbrite booking details will be added in due course



Date:	Date to be confirmed
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Merry Hill, Bushey for summer butterflies and the hope of seeing the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly with the permission of the Woodland Trust Part of the Big Butterfly Count programme of butterfly walks.
Location:	Merry Hill off Merry Hill Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire
Address &/or grid ref:	Nearest Postcode WD23 1DF - TQ136943 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	Meet at 11:00 at the upper footpath entrance on Merry Hill Road just past number 125 - we aim to finish by 14:00.
What3words:	https://w3w.co/apples.wallet.chair
Transport:	The nearest mainline station is Bushey (London Northwestern Railway from London Euston (approx. 1 mile walk) alternatively it is possible to walk across the site from Carpenders Park (London Overground). Buses are reasonably frequent and stop at Merry Hill Road (eastern end). The 258 runs from Watford Junction to South Harrow station and the 142 runs from Watford Junction to Brent Cross – both call at Bushey Station. It is approx. 8 minute walk along Merry Hill Road to the meet point. We suggest you park in Victoria Road just off Merry Hill Road a short distance from the meeting point.
Information:	Brown Hairstreak were first confirmed at this site in 2024 making it the first known modern Hertfordshire site
Contact details:	Peter Fewell mobile: 07814 282356
Booking details:	Eventbrite booking details will be added in due course



Date:	Tuesday 18th AUGUST 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Clothall Common, Baldock for ‘Summer Blues’ including hopefully second brood Adonis and Small Blue with Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation
Location:	Clothall Common, Baldock
Address &/or grid ref:	TL257342 [Landranger Map 153] – postcode SG7 6SU (Aleyn Way)
Time/meeting place:	11:00 at the entrance to the Open Space at the north end of Aleyn Way - this is a residential street (morning walk to finish about 13:00).
What3words:	https://w3w.co/fame.powder.upper
Transport:	Nearest station: Baldock (Thameslink from London Kings Cross to Cambridge)
Directions:	From the A505 just east of Baldock, take the slip road exit to Baldock (old road) into the town and at the traffic lights turn left onto the A507 (directions Buntingford). Just before you cross the Baldock Bypass there is a roundabout; take the first turning onto Wallington Road marked as a dead end. Follow the road around, then at a small roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Yeomanry Drive and then turn right onto Aleyn Way – the meeting point is at the end of the road. Parking will be on street so please respect local residents.
Information:	Join Andrew Wood and Liz Goodyear for a guided butterfly walk around Clothall Common which was created when the Baldock Bypass was built and now become established as a very good site for ‘blue’ butterflies!
Contact details:	Liz Goodyear ~ email: elizabethgoodyear@talk21.com or 078155819834 on the day only.
Booking details:	Eventbrite booking details will be added in due course



Date:	Saturday 29th August 2026
Event Title:	Guided butterfly walk at Therfield Heath for Adonis Blue and other second brood butterflies with Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation (with kind permission of the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens)
Site:	Therfield Heath, near Royston

Address &/or grid ref:	TL347405 [Landranger Map 154] postcode SG8 5BG (Postcode is same for 3 car parks on the Heath make sure you are at the main one near tennis courts not Golf Club or small one without any buildings near McDonalds)
Time/meeting place:	10:30 at the main Therfield Heath car park. (morning walk to finish before 13:00). Please meet on the grass by the green Rugby Changing Rooms at the far end of the car park from the entrance. Refreshments available from adjacent Heath Cafe Bar before or afterwards. The leader will be at the start whatever the weather, but there will not be many butterflies to see in wet weather so do not travel far if the forecast is poor.
What3words:	https://what3words.com/original.lawyer.deliver
Transport:	Nearest station: Royston (Thameslink from London Kings Cross to Cambridge)
Directions:	From the A505 just west of Royston, take the exit to Royston (old road) that runs beneath the Heath; the car park is approx. 1km on the right.
Information:	There will be some steep slopes. Separate your blues - at this event last year we saw 5 species of Blue (Adonis, Chalkhill, Common, Holly and Brown Argus). We are still hopeful that the Small Blue will colonise from nearby sites on private land to make six. Maybe this year? The use of close focusing binoculars might be beneficial when looking at the close detail of some of the smaller butterflies.
Contact details:	Nick Keep ~ 07305 241796 ~ for queries
Booking details:	Eventbrite booking details will be added in due course

Important advice for an enjoyable butterfly walk or moth event in 2026

- Please do not attend if you have had a positive COVID-19 test within 7 days prior to the meeting; you have any COVID symptoms or feel unwell.
- Always wear strong shoes
- You should wear trousers or ensure legs are covered
- Bring sun protection cream and a sunhat in hot weather
- Bring something to drink
- Bring insect repellent
- Dark glasses should be worn at evening moth events
- If you decide to leave an event before the end, please tell the leader that you are going
- It is recommended you bring binoculars especially if looking for woodland butterflies
- If new to butterfly identification bring along a field guide*

*The Branch sells the FSC Identification Guide to Butterflies. Contact Malcolm Hull for more information (07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk)

Children

Children are welcome at our events, but if under 16 they must be accompanied by at least one adult for two children. It is the responsibility of the accompanying adult(s) to ensure that the event is within the children's ability.

Dogs

Dogs are normally welcome on walks but must be kept under control. Any exceptions are shown in the individual event details.

Bad weather

Leaders of Branch-led walks will be at the meeting point whatever the weather, but may cancel the event if conditions are unsuitable. Any exceptions are shown in the individual event details. Other organisations and BC branches have different policies. Please contact the named leader for the walk before travelling if you have any concerns.

Lyme Disease

We recommend that all attendees understand the symptoms of Lyme Disease and take the relevant precautions. For more information visit the branch website:

https://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/Health_and_Safety/Lyme%20Disease%20awareness%202023.pdf

Special needs

Unfortunately, most field trips will not be suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Please contact the named leader in advance if you have any concerns about accessibility.

What3words

We have tried to include the What3word link for each event. To download the App visit: <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

Public Transport

We have tried to give as much information as possible, although unfortunately some of the Hertfordshire events are not easily accessible by public transport. Train times should be checked, as timetables change and engineering works take place on Saturdays and Sundays. **We recommend using public transport for all events in London. If using your car please check you are ULEZ compliant <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>**

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