

Field Trip Programme 2019

April 2019

Sunday 28th April

Hawkhill Inclosure (New Forest) (SU355023) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Emperor Moth

Leader: Ashley Whitlock 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: M27 Junction 1 Cadham A31 west to the A337 Lyndhurst Brockenhurst B3055 Hawkhill Inclosure, or Junction 2 off of the A27 Motorway - A35 Ashurst Junction East A326 to A35 then the B3056 Beaulieu Road Hatchet Pond on left B3055 Park on Right at Hawkhill Inclosure. Please bring lunch.

This venue has changed due to ground nesting birds

May 2019

Sunday 5th May

Little Butser Hill/Pillow Mound (SU720205) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Duke of Burgundy, Grizzled Skipper, Cuckoo

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: From the (A3) motorway, Butser Hill is well signposted, come off of motorway at Clanfield; look for the telecommunications tower on top of the hill, meet at the Butser Hill car-park where there is a charge. A chance to visit another area of Butser Hill where there is a substantial colony of Duke of Burgundies, a walk from the car-park with Skylarks and Buzzards, this has spectacular views over towards Ashford Hill and the Meon Valley. Very steep in places, and bring Lunch as we will be visiting another part of Butser in the afternoon.

Thursday 9th May

Stockbridge Down (SU380350) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Pearl-Bordered Fritillary & Duke of Burgundy

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: On the A272 from Winchester in the East, Stockbridge Down is 6 miles from the city centre. Good parking on both sides of the road. Good walks around the area please bring lunch.

Sunday 12th May

Pignal and Ramnor Inclosures (SU315040) Meet at 10:30am

**Target Species: Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Cuckoo and other good
flora and fauna**

Leader Ashley Whitlock [Tel:02392 731266](tel:02392731266) Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: Meet at the Standing Hat car-park, come along the motorway of the A27 leave at junction (1) towards Lyndhurst, busy market town allow for traffic queues. Look for signs for Brockenhurst along the A337. Turn left at the Bulmer Lawn Hotel, and follow dusty track up to car-park. A different area to observe the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, starting at Standing Hat Car-Park, this is one of the largest colonies of this species in the New Forest. Bring Lunch

Thursday 16th May

West Wood (SU426296) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Pearl-Bordered Fritillary & Duke of Burgundy

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: Well signposted along the old Roman Road known as the Sarem Road signposted Farley Mount from Winchester, the area has many car-parks, but park at the Pitt Down car-park known as Spindle Tree Car-Park.

Saturday 18th May

Old Winchester Hill (SU640208) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Adonis Blue, Duke of Burgundy

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: The reserve can be found from the north through West Meon on the A32 well-marked as a NNR Reserve, also from the south throughout the village of Droxford, again along the A32, very steep hillsides in places.



Wednesday 22nd May

Martin Down (SU045195) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Marsh Fritillary, Adonis Blue, and good Flora & Fauna

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: Approach the site from the A354 look for the signpost for Blandford Forum; car-park is a mile or so from the turning off from Martin village on the Fordingbridge road along the B3078. A large tract of open chalk-grassland, with good species of butterflies and moths, including Adonis Blue, Small Blue, with good flora and fauna and excellent birds, and wildflowers. Bring Lunch we may well look for the Duke of Burgundy near to the other car-park in the afternoon.

Thursday 30th May

Coulter's Dean (SU747230) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Green Hairstreak, excellent Orchids

Leader- Ashley Whitlock [Tel:02392 731266](tel:02392731266) Mob: 07752 182340

***Directions:** The site is the same car-park as for Head Down or Holt down, follow the A3 signposted Buriton, and follow the road known as Greenway lane to the Village Inn then turn sharply right into Kiln Lane (narrow road) under Railway Bridge and car-park is in front of you. A small reserve within the confines of Queen Elizabeth Country Park, no parking at the site but park at Head Down car-Park with a walk to the site, excellent Cowslip and good Dingy and Grizzled Skipper with Green Hairstreak, with the possibility of a Duke of Burgundy*

June 2019

Sunday 2nd June

Bentley Wood (SU235283) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Argent and Sable Moth

Leader Ashley Whitlock 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

***Directions:** From the West Dean Village from Romsey in the East, approach from the West via Salisbury to East Grimstead, from the north and south can be found from the M3 via Winchester/Stockbridge, along the A30 to Winterslow all well signposted.*

Good invertebrates and birdlife. Bring Lunch

Thursday 6th June

Portsdown Hill (SU622067) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Small Blue, Common Blue, and spectacular views

Leader: Ashley Whitlock: Tel 02392 731266 mob: 07752 182340

Directions: From the (A3) south into Portsmouth look for sign for Queen Alexandria Hospital. Southwick Hill Road very steep up to B2177 onto James Callahan drive roundabout where the car-park is. From the M27 find Junction 12 Southampton road (A3) then signposted to Queen Alexandria Hospital along London Road turn left at traffic lights, past hospital steep hill look for James Callahan Roundabout where the car-park is. Spectacular views over the Solent

Friday 7th June

Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU469578) Meet at 10:30

Target Species: Small Blue, Dingy Skipper and Wood Tiger Moth

Leader Mervyn Grist [Tel:01264 358737](tel:01264358737)

Directions: Enter in the old station farmyard to left of gate. This is reached by a rough lane, south off minor road through Old Burghclere between the manor house and old railway bridge. The large quarry is a short walk further. Joint with HIWWTrust.

Saturday 22nd June

Butser Hill (SU712205) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Dark Green Fritillary, Marbled White, good Orchids

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: From the (A3) motorway, Butser Hill is well signposted, come off of motorway at Clanfield; look for the telecommunications tower on top of the hill, meet at the Butser Hill car-park where there is a charge, a walk from the car-park with Skylarks and Buzzards, this has spectacular views over towards Ashford Hill and the Meon Valley. Very steep in places, and bring Lunch as we will be visiting another part of Butser in the afternoon.

Sunday 23rd June

Broxhead Common (SU803373) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Silver-Studded Blue

Leader: Arthur Greenwood [Tel:01428 604730](tel:01428604730) Mobile: 07920 803900

Directions: Follow the main road A 325 north or south until you reach Bordon camp go right follow the Lindford road signposted Lindford /Headley. Broxhead Common can be found the first left as you go along the B3004. Meet at the parking area on Broxhead Common Road by the entrance to the HCC Nature Reserve. See signpost for Broxhead Common Nature Reserve Park in the cricket ground. **N.B. change in map reference from original posting.**

July 2019

Tuesday 2nd July

The Purple Emperor experience at Havant Thicket (SU715105) Meet at 09:30am

Target Species: Purple Emperor and other good flora and fauna

Leader: Ashley Whitlock: Tel 02392 731266 mob: 07752 182340

Directions: Along the A3 Motorway exit at junction 2 follow road known as Manor Lodge Road towards Rowlands Castle all signposted. Parking is on the right Forest of Bere. From the A27 Follow signs just past Portsmouth at Junction 5 head north to Junction 2 on the A3 and follow signs as above. Following in the success of the field trip in 2015, hope is high that this year could be better! We will visit Southleigh Forest in the afternoon to look at a Purple Emperor Assembly Point.

Saturday 6th July

Butterwood (SU715523) Meet at 09:30am

Target Species: White-Letter Hairstreak, Purple Emperor, and Purple Hairstreak

Leader: Ashley Whitlock: 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: OS maps: Landranger 186, Explorer 144

Follow signs along the M3 motorway at junction (5) follow A287 then first right turn follow signpost to Greywell. Meet in the car park of the Fox and Goose in The Street, Greywell, RG29 1BY

Please bring lunch or we could visit the pub afterwards for a debrief...

Monday 8th July

Creech Wood (SU640110) Meet at 09:30am

Target Species: Purple Emperor, possible Dark Green Fritillary

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mobile: 07552 182340

Directions: Follow the A27 Motorway east then north along the A3 until signposted Waterlooville at Junction (3) then follow the B2150 and over four roundabouts until you see a sign for Denmead/Hambledon Road. Turn Left onto Bunkers Hill and the wood will be in front of you. Car-park is on the left.

Thursday 11th July

Butterfly Safari with the Romsey Naturalists group

Crab Wood & Pitt Down (SU435295) Meet at 09:30am

**Target Species: Purple Emperor, Dark Green Fritillary, &
Scarlet Tiger Moth**

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: Well signposted along the old Roman Road known as the Sarem Road from Winchester, the area has many car-parks, but park at the Pitt Down car-park known as Spindle Tree Car-Park. This is a long day so bring lunch, in the morning we will circum-navigate West Wood and look in on Crab Wood, and then in the afternoon look at Pitt Down.

Sunday 14th July

West Walk (SU590130) Meet at 09:30am

Purple Emperor, Silver-Washed Fritillary, White Admiral

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: From the Motorway the M27 find the A32 at Junction 10 and then find Wickham village on the B2177 follow signs for hundred acres wood. Car-park is on the left. Bring lunch

There is a car park charge.

Wednesday 17th July

Queen Elizabeth Country Park (SU735190) Meet at 09:30am

Purple Emperor, Silver-Washed Fritillary

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: On the A3 Motorway signposted Buriton, follow Greenway lane to the Village Inn turn right into Kiln Lane (Very narrow) under the railway bridge, and the car-park is in front of you as you approach the woodland. Fabulous Beech woodland, part of the Queen Elizabeth Country Park complex with a mix of other trees, with good ride side flora and fauna, bring lunch as we will visit Holt Down in the morning and then Head Down in the afternoon, as they are very close proximity to each other.

August 2019

Sunday 11th August

Broughton Down (SU294327) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Silver-Spotted Skipper, Dark Green Fritillary

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Direction: From Romsey follow the A3057 north for signs to Spearywell, from B3084 follow north until you see a sign for Broughton. Turn left along a rough track Broughton Down is in front of you. Or from A343/A30 from the north follow A30 until you see a sign for the B3084 for Broughton.

Thursday 15th August

Shawford-St Catherines Hill Down (SU470250) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Adonis Blue, Silver-Spotted Skipper

Leader: Ashley Whitlock 02392 731266 Mobile 07752 182340

Directions: Follow signs off of the Motorway the M(3) for Shawford and then follow the signs for Shawford Railway Station where there is parking by the nature reserve. We will then follow the Itchen navigation canal to Winchester and St Catherine's Hill Down along the toe-path. This is a long walk so please bring lunch.

Sunday 18th August

Ramsdean Down (SU712205) Meet at 10:30am

Target Species: Possible Silver-Spotted Skipper

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: From the (A3) motorway, Butser Hill is well signposted, come off of motorway at Clanfield; look for the telecommunications tower on top of the hill, meet at the Butser Hill car-park where there is a charge. Silver-Spotted Skippers are known to be at this site but may prove to be somewhat elusive! Bring Lunch

Thursday 22nd August

Shipton Bellinger (SU222465) Meet at 09:30am

Target Species: Brown Hairstreak

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 731266

Directions: Meet at the Village Hall car-park, and then it is straight walk up to the Blackthorn thickets, where hopefully Brown Hairstreaks will be observed. From the A303 (T) the main Amesbury to Andover road, look for the A338 Shipton Bellinger/Tidworth road, this road goes underneath the main road of the A303 (T). The village of Shipton Bellinger is 2-3 miles on the left on the A338. **Bring lunch as we will visit another site in the afternoon**

Sunday 25th August

Noar Hill (SU745316) Meet 10:30am

Target Species: Brown Hairstreak, Brown Argus, Clouded Yellow

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mobile: 07752 182340

Directions: Follow the A3 (T) north or south until you come to the roundabout signposted Selbourne then follow the B3006 to Selbourne. Before Selbourne there is a sharp turn in the road which goes up the hill towards Noar Hill. There is very little parking, park on side of the road on the grassy verges. Bring Lunch

September 2019

Sunday 1st September

Beacon Hill (SU605227) Meet at 10:30am

Silver-Spotted Skipper, Clouded Yellow, Brown Argus

Leader: Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 Mob: 07752 182340

Directions: Located just off the A32 the Wickham road from the south drive through Droxford village, and Corhampton Villages, then turn immediately left into the village of Exton (Easily missed) Past the public house called the Shoe Inn and along the narrow tracks up to Beacon Hill, to where the car-park is. Please bring lunch

Message from the field trip co-ordinator

Footnote: *If the weather looks inclement then please phone the leader of the field trip advertised. I will personally change the date of my field trips if the long range weather suggests the weather is going to be wet and windy, on the Hants Butterfly website page a few days before and also on the Hampshire Butterfly Facebook page.*

