

New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 16

Due to technical problems there was no newsletter for week 15.

Slightly fewer butterflies this week, 5719 at density of 76.7 butterflies/km, 50% better than last year, but less than the same week in 2015 (87.21).

Eight routes had their highest counts of the year - Badminton, Barton Common, Blackwater, Broadley, Ibsley Common, Pondhead Wood, Vales Moor & Warren Farm.

Gatekeeper have taken over top spot and good to see a few more Grayling.

Second generation Common Blue are now emerging

First 2017 transect Clouded Yellow & Purple Hairstreak, both at Warren Farm.

Also a surprise White Admiral at Dibden Bottom and although their numbers are reducing, still seen on six routes, including Godshill.

All Brown Argus were recorded at Mockbeggar.

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	38	Janesmoor Plain	43
Badminton	138	Keeping Marsh	109
Barton Common	65	Kings Copse	177
Beaulieu Heath	25	Lepe	126
Blackwater	148	Mockbeggar	504
Breamore	615	Normandy Marsh	144
Broadley	64	Perrywood Ivy	712
Dibden Bottom	24	Pignal	254
Fields Heath	177	Pondhead	119
Frohawk	516	Pondhead Wood	301
Godshill	63	Rockford	76
Hasley	157	Standing Hat	196
Hawkhill	32	Studland Common	103
Holmsley	118	Vales Moor	84
Ibsley	34	Warren Farm	435
Janesmoor	122		

Species	Count	Species	Count
Gatekeeper	1869	Comma	46
Meadow Brown	1560	Green-veined White	43
Ringlet	580	Large White	41
Silver-washed Fritillary	271	Small Copper	40
Small/Essex Skipper	238	Grayling	14
Large Skipper	238	White Admiral	11
Speckled Wood	185	Dark Green Fritillary	10
Brimstone	153	Small Skipper	9
Small White	91	Small Heath	8
Common Blue	76	Holly Blue	7
Peacock	75	Brown Argus	5
Marbled White	67	Small Tortoiseshell	3
Red Admiral	59	Clouded Yellow	1
Silver-studded Blue	46	Purple Hairstreak	1
		Painted Lady	1

Images



Painted Lady in Mockbeggar– John Levell



Gatekeepers in Broadley - Ron Taylor



Ringlet in Holmsley – Trevor Bumfrey