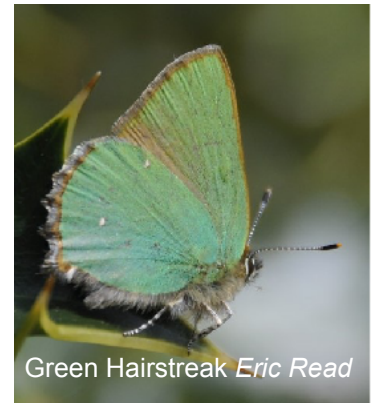


Over 1,000 butterflies in total this week at a record density for Week 3 of 9.63 butterflies/km. In fact this is the highest density recorded before Week 11 (10th June) since the group started in 2010. Breamore returned a total of 113, another record as the highest ever Week 3 count for the group.



Brimstone *John Lawrence*

Brimstone remain the most abundant species, accounting for nearly 47% of the total recorded during the week. Fifteen different species overall, nine different at Badminton, eight at Breamore and seven at both Cloven Hill & Mockbeggar. 'Additional' Species appearing during Week 3 were Green Hairstreak (Barton Common), Small Copper (Badminton & Warren Farm), Small Heath (Warren Farm) and Painted Lady (Cloven Hill). A



Green Hairstreak *Eric Read*

Clouded Yellow was also recorded at Mockbeggar. Full numbers were Brimstone (466), Speckled Wood (269), Peacock (107), Orange-tip (79), Small White (28), Green-veined White (13), Holly Blue (13), Red Admiral (12), Large White (4), Small Copper (4), Comma (4) Painted Lady (2), Clouded Yellow (1), Green Hairstreak (1) and Small Heath (1). Small Copper & Small Heath are multi-voltine species (more than two generations during the year) and should be around now for the rest of the recording period.

**Results for Week 3**

2019		2018		2019		2018		2019		2018	
Acres Down.....	11	5	Fields Heath .....	54	31	Mockbeggar.....	47	34			
Badminton.....	51	22	Frohawk.....	27	11	Normandy Marsh.....	15	8			
Ballard .....	1	-	Furzey Gardens.....	9	-	Perrywood Ivy.....	26	12			
Barton Common .....	18	10	Godshill .....	47	9	Pignal .....	18	7			
Beaulieu Heath .....	0	2	Great Linford .....	31	23	Pimlico Fields.....	18	-			
Black Down .....	*	-	Hasley .....	6	13	Pondhead.....	26	13			
Blackwater .....	13	6	Hawkhill.....	22	9	Pondhead Wood.....	33	10			
Blashford North.....	26	35	Hightown Common.....	2	1	Rockford.....	7	6			
Blashford South.....	57	25	Holmsley.....	21	10	Roe North.....	23	12			
Breamore .....	113	50	Ibsley .....	5	1	Roe South .....	41	8			
Broadley .....	27	7	Janesmoor.....	18	11	Roydon Commons.....	11	-			
Broomy Plain.....	*	-	Janesmoor Plain .....	13	4	Southern Fields .....	14	6			
Claypits Bottom.....	*	-	Keeping Marsh .....	11	9	Standing Hat .....	26	6			
Cloven Hill .....	24	-	Kings Copse.....	45	25	Studland Common .....	7	3			
Dibden Bottom.....	0	2	Lepe .....	8	11	Vales Moor .....	5	5			
Dur Hill .....	*	-	Little Linford.....	17	7	Warren Farm .....	10	7			
						Wilverley Plain .....	*	-			

\*'Single species' transects due to start in Week 9. n/w - not walked  
 - New transects for 2019 / not monitored in 2018

A host of new recorders walking this week, so good luck to you all.

**Moths to Spot:** One of our top moths from last year, Common Heath, were first spotted in Week 4 and then seen almost continuously until about mid-June. About the size of a Silver-studded Blue butterfly, these little moths are quite variable in colour, from a warm yellowish brown through to light grey, with distinctive darker cross bands. Although seen most frequently flitting over heathland, they can also be found in woodland rides where they might rest on a blade of grass, with wings open. Remember that the Emperor Moth should also still be on the wing.



Common Heath *John French*

**Date for Diary:** Weather permitting, the annual Pearl-bordered Fritillary walk will take place on Saturday 18 May. Please let Jacky Adams know if you would like to join this walk.