



Butterfly  
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Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

## BC Hants & IoW Branch: New Members' Day – 5 Aug 2023





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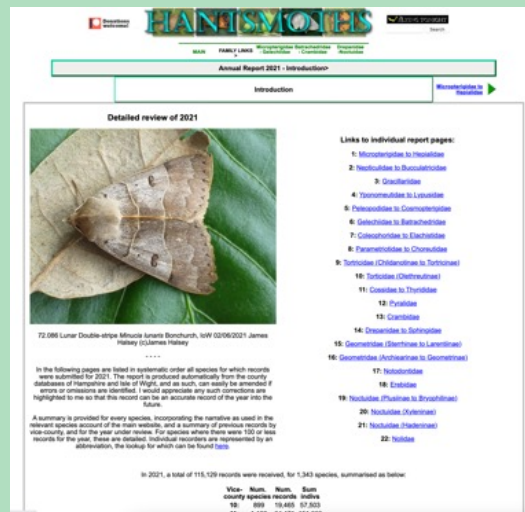
## Newsletters April & October Newsletters



## Annual Butterfly Report



## Hants & IoW moth Report 2021




**HANTMOths**

Annual Report 2021 - Introduction

Introduction

Revised/added to database

Detailed review of 2021



72,096 Lunar Double-stripe Minuscula Aemata Bonchurch, IOW 02/06/2021 James Halsey (GJames Halsey)

In the following pages are listed in systematic order all species for which records were submitted for 2021. The report is produced automatically from the county database of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and as such, can easily be amended if errors or omissions are identified. I would appreciate any such corrections are highlighted to me so that this record can be an accurate record of the year into the future.

A summary is provided for every species, incorporating the nomenclature as used in the relevant species account of the main website, and a summary of previous records by site/county, and for the year under review. For species where there were 100 or less records for the year, these are depicted; individual records are represented by an abbreviation, the lookup for which can be found [here](#).

In 2021, a total of 115,129 records were received, for 1,343 species, summarised as below:

Year	Count	Sp. No.	Sp. No.
19	209	19,485	57,853
11	1,188	64,471	151,686

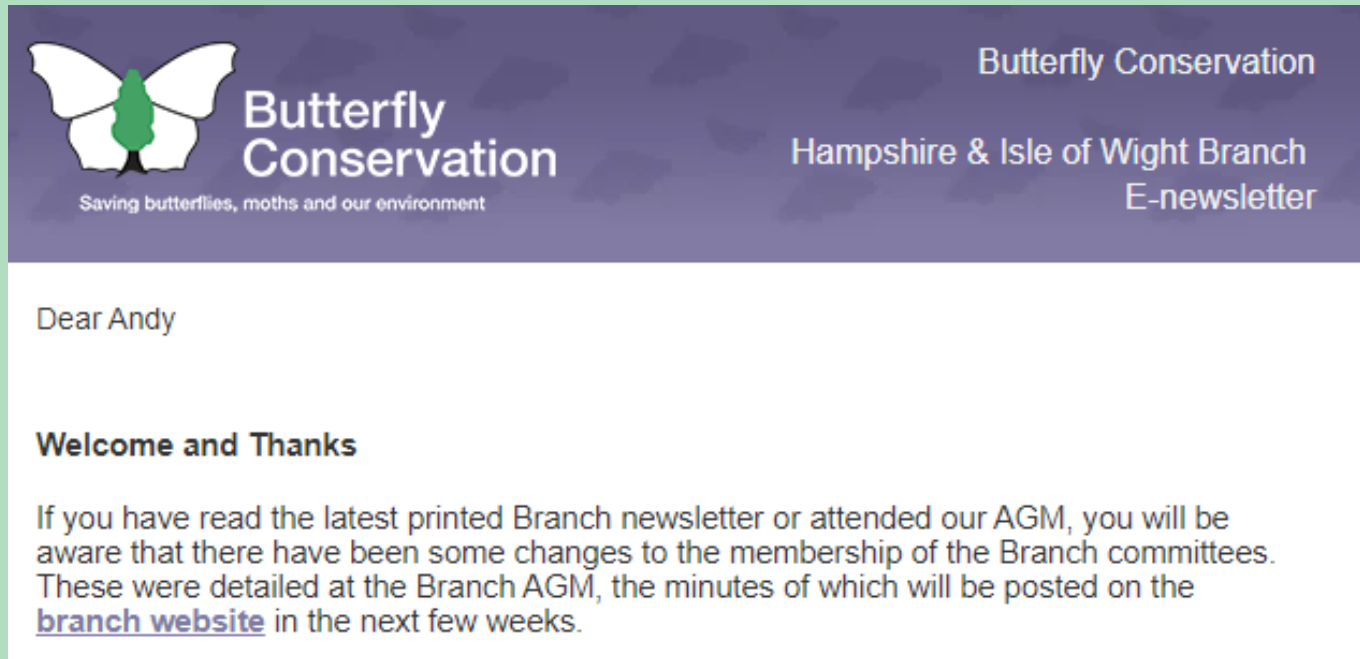
Links to individual report pages:

- 1: Microlepidoptera to Hesperiidae
- 2: Neolepidoptera to Bucculatricidae
- 3: Gracillariidae
- 4: Tponomeutidae to Lycaenidae
- 5: Pteromalidae to Cosmoceratoptera
- 6: Gelechioidea to Bupalidae
- 7: Cosmoceratoptera to Gelechioidea
- 8: Pteromalidae to Chrysoidea
- 9: Tortricidae (Chloritinae to Tortricinae)
- 10: Tortricidae (Chloritinae)
- 11: Cossidae to Thyrididae
- 12: Thyrididae
- 13: Cynipidae
- 14: Cynipidae to Ichneumonidae
- 15: Geometridae (Sclerotinae to Larentiinae)
- 16: Geometridae (Archivalinae to Geometrinae)
- 17: Noctuidae
- 18: Erebidae
- 19: Noctuidae (Pteromalinae to Brachytrichinae)
- 20: Noctuidae (Xyloterminae)
- 21: Noctuidae (Heterocerinae)
- 22: Noctuidae

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# Introduction to the Branch

## e-Newsletters



Feb 2023

Jun 2023

Aug 2023

Dec 2023

Feb 2024

**new e-Newsletter Editor: Jon Holden-Dye**  
**email: [jonhd51@gmail.com](mailto:jonhd51@gmail.com)**

If you do not currently receive the Branch e-Newsletters, but would like to, you need to contact BC Head Office to change your personal mailing preferences: email [membership@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:membership@butterfly-conservation.org)



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**Branch website:** Special thanks to Bob Whitmarsh for maintaining and updating. <https://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/>

Please visit the “News” (latest sightings) page and make your own contribution.

## 26 Jul 2023

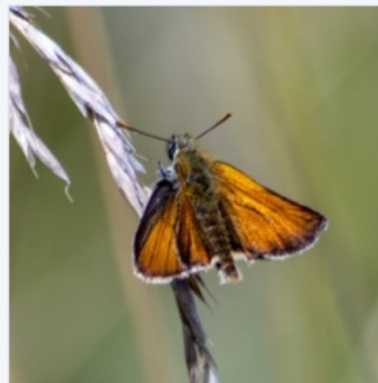
**Havant Thicket.** Today I visited Havant Thicket where the temperature reached 20 degrees. Totals: [Brimstone](#) 2M 6F, [Small White](#) 3, [Gatekeeper](#) 43, [Meadow Brown](#) 24, [Ringlet](#) 3, [Peacock](#) 1, [Red Admiral](#) 2, [Silver-washed Fritillary](#) 4. [Posted by Roy Symonds]

**Monks Walk, Frater Fields & Woods, Gosport.** I write this report with the rain coming down heavily under darkening skies yet this morning enjoying the warm sunshine (22 deg C) some sixteen species were recorded. For four hours from 10 o'clock I slowly investigated the fields, woods and foreshore of Monks Walk both north and south of Heritage Way. We have probably passed the zenith of the butterfly season here but numbers of those seen were very good, 34 [Red Admiral](#), for example. Late in the season here I saw my first [Purple Hairstreak](#) zipping around the top of an established oak surrounded by a copse of dead elm trees - hence no [White-letter Hairstreak](#) this year. The epicentre of the action is undoubtedly the butterfly meadow where the butterflies congregated on the two buddleia bushes. At one time it provided sustenance for 2 [Peacock](#), 7 [Red Admiral](#), 3 [Brimstone](#), 2 [Comma](#) and countless [Gatekeeper](#) and [Meadow Brown](#). Total: [Purple Hairstreak](#) (1); [Red Admiral](#) (34); [Small White](#) 25; [Meadow Brown](#) (37); [Common Blue](#) (M)(13)(F)(1); [Brown Argus](#) (13); [Gatekeeper](#) (109); [Small Copper](#) (4); [Peacock](#) (4); [Comma](#) (10); [Brimstone](#) (M)(3)(F)(3); [Large White](#) (14); [Holly Blue](#) (19); [Speckled Wood](#) (24); [Green-veined White](#) (M)(2); [Small Skipper](#) (2). [Posted by Francis Plowman]



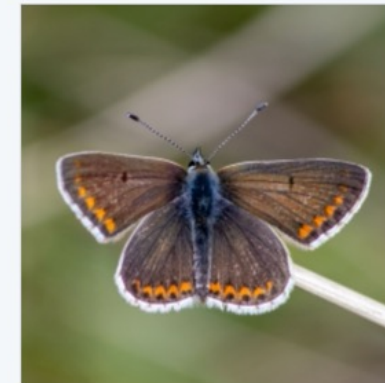
**Brimstone male**

Photo © Francis Plowman



**Small Skipper (last of the few!)**

Photo © Francis Plowman



**Brown Argus**

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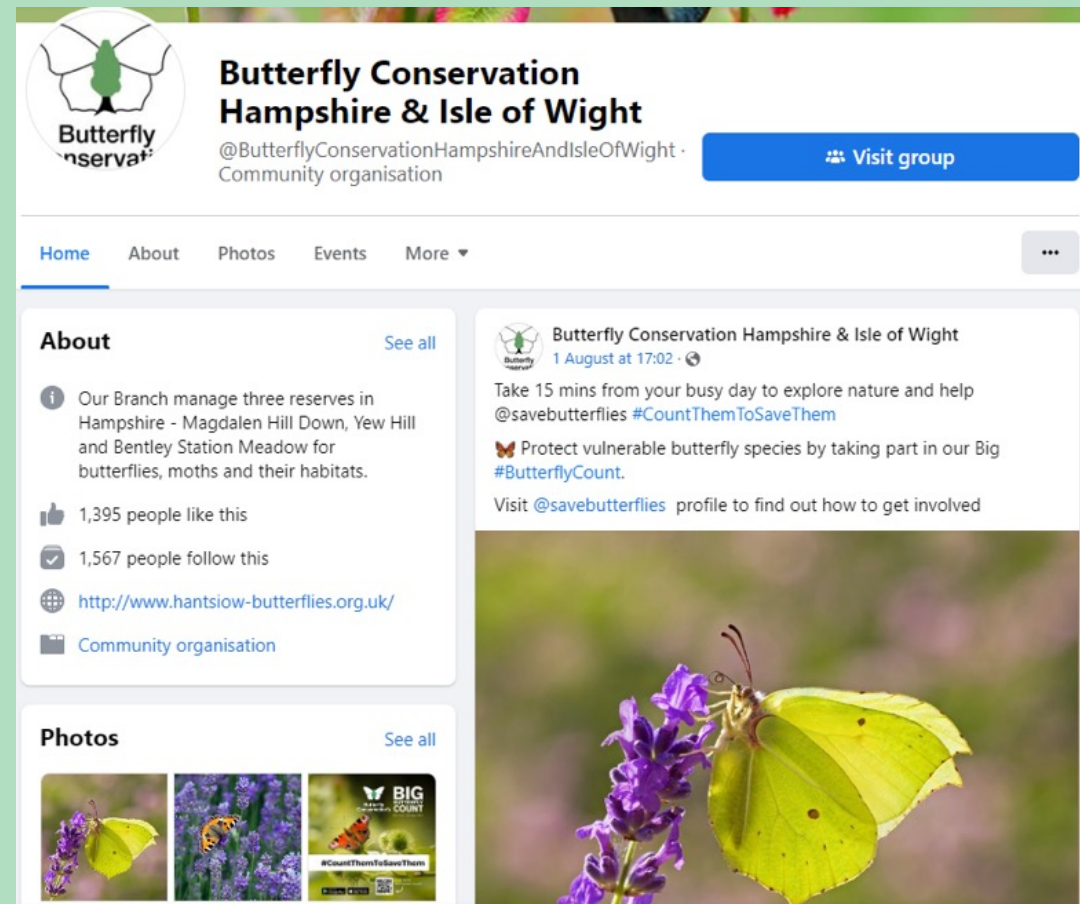
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## Social Media

Thanks to Freya Brown who is the Branch Social Media Editor.

You can play your part...

More contributions are always needed, if we want to keep our social media channels, fresh, dynamic and interesting.



## Social Media links



Branch FB



Our Reserves FB



Branch Twitter



Branch Insta



Branch WWW

## Field Meetings

Special thanks to Ashley Whitlock (Hants) and Kay Shaw & Jim Baldwin (IoW) for organising a full programme of field meetings for 2023.





# Introduction to the Branch

## Records, surveys and monitoring

### Butterflies

Bob Annell (County Butterfly Recorder – Hants & IoW)

Andy Barker (Butterfly Transect Co-ordinator – Hants & IoW)

Jacky Adams (WCBS – Hants & IoW)

### Moths

Mike Wall (County Moth Recorder – Hants)\*

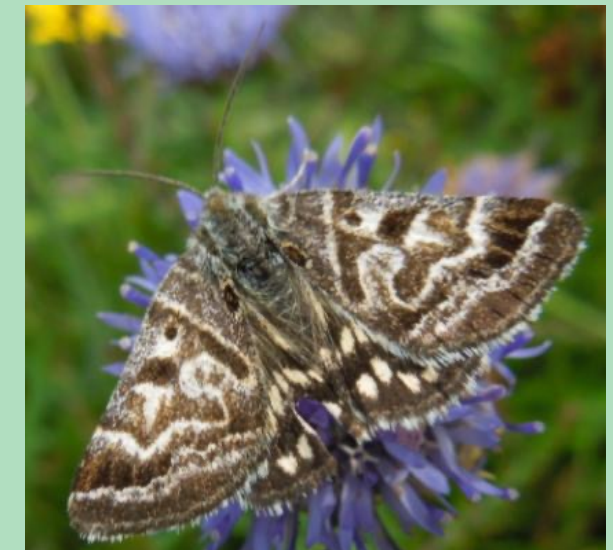
\*not a BC specific role

Jim Baldwin (County Moth Recorder – IoW)

**Thanks** to all those who submit records either as part of formal monitoring schemes, Big Butterfly Count, or simply *ad hoc* records. Your data really helps us understand the status, distribution and trends of Hampshire & IoW butterflies and moths.



Dark Green Fritillary



Mother Shipton

# Volunteering Opportunities

## We need you!!!

- **Main Committee**
  - Branch Treasurer
  - Membership Secretary
- **Conservation and Records Subcommittee**
  - Chair of the subcommittee
- **Engagement Subcommittee**
  - Events Coordinator
- \* These are all Main Committee appointments



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