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## Friday 27th January

David Tinling reports from Jellicoe Avenue, Gosport (SZ598995) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

## Wednesday 25th January

Charles Cuthbert writes: "I was surprised to find an Angle Shades moth in the hallway of my house in Alresford this morning. It seemed fresh and perfectly healthy and flew off strongly when I released it outside."



Angle Shades

## Saturday 21st January

Rachel Hartland reports from Wooson's Hill, New Forest (SU251078) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Sunning on dead bracken in conifer plantation"). "11.26am also photographed".

## Wednesday 18th January

Lynn Fomison writes ...Mark Tutton's report of hunting for Brown Hairstreak eggs is a useful reminder to people that these winter months are an excellent time to look for eggs. The Upper Thames Branch are very active in doing this - report can be seen at [http://upperthames-butterflies.org.uk/Reports/HairstreakEggSurveysReport2008\\_DWilton.htm](http://upperthames-butterflies.org.uk/Reports/HairstreakEggSurveysReport2008_DWilton.htm) Their searches have discovered that Brown Hairstreak is present in many more grid squares than originally recorded. With regard to Purple Hairstreak - a good report from Kent & searching tips exists at <http://www.quercus2.co.uk/> It is helpful if people record and report via this page eggs, larva and pupa found during winter.

## Wednesday 11th January

J. Roberts reports from Dibden (SU405066) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen feeding on a daphne"). "Warm and sunny 12deg".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

David Tinling reports from Privett Gardens, Gosport (SZ595994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU710278) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "a verry faded itom but flying well after being woken up by a short burst of sun and then caught by the wind, had to chase it till it landed".

Mick langridge reports from Gosport Park (SZ612990) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Basking out of the slight breeze"). "In the few years that I have lived in Gosport this is the first butterfly that I have ever seen at this spot."



Red Admiral

Jim Park reports from Monk's Walk, Gosport (SU604024) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying").

## Tuesday 10th January

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Bishop's Dyke (SU3305) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

## Sunday 8th January

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU742319) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (0 Egg). "Took my annual new years visit to Noar Hill to hunt for Brown Hairstreak eggs yesterday. I am disappointed to say that in an hour and a halfs searching I found precisely none. In the previous two years, searching the same areas, I have normally find between 20 and 30. Not sure wether anyone else has found any? I guess this reflects the generally poor season for BH at Noar Hill last year - I know others saw a few at this site but this was the first time in the last six years that I failed to spot any adults. Maybe I was searching in the wrong places but I hope it is not a sign that they have been lost?"

Lynn Fomison reports.... Just to say Tim Norriss & I saw our first butterfly of 2012 in his garden - a Brimstone flying strongly in early afternoon sunshine.

## Saturday 7th January

Simon Marsden reports from Seymour Road (SZ569999) where the following observations were made: Camberwell Beauty (1 "Found in garden and placed in Garage to overwinter.").

## Friday 6th January

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "briefly basking on exterior windowsill this morning.").

#### Thursday 5th January

Janet Jones reports from 20 Cedar Crescent, North Baddesley (SU388203) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

#### Monday 2nd January 2012

brian shaw reports from in my garden at bonchurch rd , milton,portsmouth (su6647) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "basking and gently flitting round the garden").

David Tining reports from Anglesey Gardens,Gosport (SZ606993) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "extremely old & worn,basking & flying").

Dave Pearson reports from Hawkhill Inclosure, New Forest (SU348021) where the following observations were made: [Red Admiral](#) (1 "Flying around the pine trees about 100m north-west of the car park.").

Henry Edmunds reports from Cholderton (SU2443) where the following observations were made: [Brimstone](#) (1).

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### Wednesday 29th February

Jill Lincoln reports from RG25 2JQ (SU631490) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

### Sunday 26th February

Peter E. Hutchins reports from Woodlands, Overton (SU512495) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "The first this year in the gardens, as well as a Honey-bee").

gary palmer reports from fox hunting inclosure (SU387049) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (2 "1 female 1 male"), Red Admiral (1). "During a ride side scrub clearance work party task the butterflies above were seen, on this beautiful warm day."

Peter Hunt reports from Freshwater Isle of Wight (SZ3386) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "in my garden").



Comma

B P & M M Fletcher reports from Weeke, Winchester (SU468311) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2).

Ed Merritt reports from South Oakley Inclosure (Burley, New Forest) (SU220043) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying and basking on a gravel track").

Ed Merritt reports from South Oakley Inclosure (Burley, New Forest) (SU226055) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen on a Gorse bush").

Anne McCue reports from Blashford Lakes (SU155078) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

### Saturday 25th February

David Tinling reports: "STEPHEN HARWOOD has belatedly reported seeing a Speckled Wood at Liphook Golf Course on 15 Feb 2012 ([www.havantnature.net](http://www.havantnature.net)), making this the earliest ever reported Hampshire sighting.

DIGWEED reports from BURSLEDON (TL0438) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Geoff Jones reports from Browndown 'South' Lee on the Solent (SZ582991) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Flying along South-facing bank").

Charles Cuthbert writes: "It was great to see two species of butterfly today, in warm sunshine and calm conditions, details below: Brimstone male seen flying strongly in my Alresford garden at about 2.00 p.m. Peacock flying around a cottage in Cheriton at about 2.30 p.m."

Peter E. Hutchins reports from Overton Hill (SU517497) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Seen while planting a Community Orchard late this morning; the first confirmed butterfly in the Parish this year").

David Lawrence reports from Clayhall Road, Gosport (SZ611985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying in my garden").

### Friday 24th February

Ron bryan reports from Pallant gardens Fareham (587067) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3 "1, am - 2 together, pm"). "Seeing two gavotting round a daphne was amazing. As last year they also sat on the outside of the patio window."

### Thursday 23rd February

Richard Merritt reports from Mottisfont (SU327268) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male").

Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU718093) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Geoff Jones reports from Lee on the Solent (SZ575997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

Brenda Powell reports from Ewer Common, Gosport (SZ607988) where the following observations were made: **Comma** (1).

Sally Pratt reports from Branstone Sandown Isle of Wight (SZ555839) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "Lovely warm day with one red admiral awakened from its sleep!"

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU345153) where the following observations were made: **Small Tortoiseshell** (2). "flying around the sand martin hide not seen by me but they do hibernate within the hide".

Clive Wood reports from Farm land between Noar Hill and Selborne Common (SU738323) where the following observations were made: Brown Hairstreak (47 Egg). "The grid reference marks the central point of a large tract of land lying south and south-west of Selborne village between Noar Hill and Selborne Common. The eggs were found over 2 days in a survey of 66 hedgerows by a party of BCT staff and volunteers supported by National Trust staff and a local resident. A project to manage 'Hedgerows for Hairstreaks' has been in place in the area since 2009 under the direction of the South Downs National Park Authority. This has involved working with local landowners to support the sympathetic management of hedgerows to both encourage good blackthorn growth and prevent the destruction of brown hairstreak eggs through excessive flailing. The 2012 survey used the same methodology as a 2009 survey in the same location that recorded 21 brown hairstreak eggs amongst 73 hedgerows. The 2012 results therefore represent an encouraging trend."

### Wednesday 22nd February

ron bryan reports from Hilliers Gardens, Romsey (378236) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "A large group together on a very sunny day"). "My first butterflies of the year, later than expected".

### Sunday 19th February

Stephen Harvey reports from Botley High Street (SU513130) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "Flying then resting on hanging basket.").

### Thursday 16th February

David Tinling reports from The Rosery, Gosport (SZ605985) where the following observations were made: [Speckled Wood](#) (1 "very fresh, basking & flying"). "This is the earliest ever Hampshire sighting, beating 9th March 1992 at New Milton. I have now seen a Speckled Wood in Gosport in every month except January."

### Wednesday 15th February

Mark Russell reports from Munsley Bog (SZ525823) where the following observations were made: [Peacock](#) (1 "Flying and in good condition"). "Weather mild and sunny."

Martin Hampton reports from Portsmouth city centre (SU641000) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "sunbathing in an almost total 'concrete jungle'").

David Tinling reports from Sandyfield Crescent, Cowplain (SU682112) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "basking & flying").

Mike Wildish reports from Old Burghclere (SU472572) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "First seen by Terry Stevens during a scrub-bashing session for HWT in the quarry. On a sunny bank in the shelter of the wind."

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## Friday 30th March

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down carpark,isle of Wight (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: [Small Blue](#) (2).



Small Blue

Small Blue

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU500292) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (3), Orange-tip (3 "2m 1f"), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (1 "m").

Hazel and Alec Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Orange-tip (4 "3m,1f"), Speckled Wood (2). "A red kite with a trailing wing feather flew overhead."

Mike Gibbons writes: "After reading about Peter Hunt's Large Tortoiseshell at Walter's Copse on the Isle of Wight I thought I would venture over there on Friday. It was a very warm and sunny day when I arrived and I soon found 4 Peacocks, 5 Commas, 2 Brimstones and my first Green-veined White. I met Peter whilst walking around and he told me where he had seen his Large Tortoiseshell previously. He left and I hung around the area. At around 13.00 I was about to leave when I accidentally put up large orange butterfly which then landed again nearby and began imbibing on the mud. This was indeed a Large Tortoiseshell and hung around the area after a few powerful strong flights above the trees. I last saw it at 14.41 when it flew up high above the trees. I have looked at Peter's photos and believe this was a different individual as it had little if any damage to it's wing edges. It was a big beast (probably a female) and allowed close approach once settled. At last I have seen one on the island after trying over the past few years and what a spectacular butterfly it was! Many thanks for your guidance Peter."



Large Tortoiseshell

Brian Fellows reports from Warblington (SU727062) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1). "While cycling back from Havant to Emsworth this afternoon, I got off my bike to cross the busy junction of Southleigh Road and Emsworth Road at Green Pond Corner, Warblington. While there, I spotted what struck me at the time to be an extraordinarily large Tortoiseshell butterfly basking in the warm sunshine on the trunk of one of the trees on the green space immediately opposite the One-Stop store - Grid Ref: SU727062. The butterfly on the tree just did not look right for a Small Tortoiseshell, as well as its large size it was much duller all over than a regular Small Tortoiseshell. Could it be a Large Tortoiseshell? I had never seen one of these and did not know what features to look for. So, I took several photos to check at home with the books. I did not see the hindwing. Features of the Warblington butterfly which would appear to support to Large Tortoiseshell ID are: 1. Large size 2. Overall dull upper wings 3. Hardly any sign of blue spots along the outer edge of the upper forewing. However, edges of the wings were ragged which may account for their absence. 4. The absence of a white spot in the corner of the forewing. An alternative ID is of a rather battered and ragged Small Tortoiseshell."



Large Tortoiseshell

Large Tortoiseshell

Andrew Hill reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU792429) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "1m + 1f"), Peacock (1).

Patrick Fleet reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU499292) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), L. hohen-Wartiana (1 "Rare violet-feeding micro moth").

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (2 "male"). "in the garden in the afternoon found the above".

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "female & male taking Alexanders nectar").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female taking dandelion nectar").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (4).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male taking ground ivy nectar"), Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Melville Street Ryde IOW (SZ595925) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1). "This was the site of the earliest Holly blue in the region last year on the same laurel tree!".

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU658207) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (7), Comma (1). "we only explored the top section of the hill but that was rewarding enough. as we traveled through westmeon 2 orange tips flew across our path".



Speckled Wood



Peacock



Comma

mike skittrall reports from bentley station meadow (su792435) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1).

Richard Hart reports from Warsash Common (SU502057) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "Male").

## Thursday 29th March

Richard Hallett reports from Beacon Hill Warnford (SU6022) where the following observations were made: **Green Hairstreak** (1 "Basking on Yew next to path. Views to less than 1 metre"), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1).

Paul Ritchie reports from Magdalen Hill (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (3), Grizzled Skipper (1), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (5). "On my first proper butterfly excursion this spring, I headed over to Magdalen Hill down, primarily for the Grizzled, but it was a delight to find the Holly Blues".



Grizzled Skipper



Holly Blue

Mike Wildish reports from Park Brow Copse (SU395425) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Dublin Farm (SU395415) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (7), Peacock (1), Small White (3). "Today's records joint with Mervyn Grist".

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Winnall Moors (SU486297) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "nectaring on pussy willow"), Peacock (1 "nectaring on pussy willow").

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Winnall Moors (SU491307) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Roger Powley reports from Walters Copse (SZ430905) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5), Brimstone (2), Peacock (2), Comma (3). "No sign of the Large Tortoiseshell".

Heath Gough-Holt reports from Copse by St. Margaret`s Church (SU289196) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3).

Heath Gough-Holt reports from Own garden (SU292199) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Common Blue (1 (to be confirmed), Peacock (1), Large Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (5). (Would Heath Gough-Holt please contact [webmaster@hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk) regarding the Common Blue sighting)

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (SU640065) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5 "All Males"), Comma (3), Peacock (4), Brimstone (9), Small White (4). "This season is even earlier than 2007!".



Orange-tip

John Goodspeed reports from Portsdown garden (SU671065) where the following observations were made: early gray (6 "Actinic moth trapped"), Hebrew Character (1 "Actinic moth trapped").

A.C.Smallbone reports from Rake Bottom (SU710206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Peacock (7), Orange-tip (1), Grizzled Skipper (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Orange Underwing (1 "seen at SU706214").

Roy Johnson reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Roy Johnson reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU581002) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3).

Roy Johnson reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Small White (2).

David Tinling reports from Monk's Walk,Gosport (SU604024) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Chris rose reports from Andrew lane, Ropley (SU655322) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Comma (2), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1), Small Tortoiseshell (4). "All very active around a periwinkle bed in the late evening sun."



Orange-tip



Small White



Small Tortoiseshell

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5).

peter gardner reports from ITCHEN ABBAS river walk (SU536324) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "plus 2 flying along the road to the site"), Orange-tip (7 "2 females"), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (3), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (0). "a great day and enjoyed it, great, the walk is very good one for early butterflies. if you can put up with chaff chaff singing all the time".



Holly Blue

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "visiting rosemary flowers").

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Roy Symonds reports from Bidbury Park, Bedhampton (SU703064) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small White (1). "Hot day temperature was 19°C."

Anne McCue reports from Meon Shore (SU524028) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Tracy Jones reports from Ryde, Isle of Wight (SZ589922) where the following observations were made: Angle Shades Moth (1).

### Wednesday 28th March

Richard Hallett reports from My garden (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (1), Bee Fly (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Saxon Way (SU355475) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Anton Lakes North (SU362475) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Robert Bryant reports from Hassock Copse (SU538364) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "Sunbathing on patch of dog's mercury"), Peacock (1 "Sunbathing on grassy verge"), Brimstone (1 "Roaming along the edge of hazel coppice").

Roger Powley reports from Combley Great Wood (SZ545888) where the following observations were made: Comma (3), Peacock (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU677063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Speckled Wood (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Peacock (5), Holly Blue (8), Brimstone (3), Comma (2), Small White (5), Orange-tip (4). "The whole reserve seemed devoid of butterflies except the pit furthest from the entrance at the eastern end where nearly all of the sightings were made."

Clive Wood reports from Garden at St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "Three males, rapid flight").

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (1), Comma (1).

Andy Bolton reports from nr. Ham Lane, Baughurst (SU568603) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "About 2 weeks earlier than I've seen one before").

gary palmer reports from barton on sea (SZ244932) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small Copper (1). "whilst in a garden saw the above".



Small Copper

David Tinling reports from Gosport War Memorial Hospital (SZ601998) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Hermitage Garden, Gosport (SU597004) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (2).

### Tuesday 27th March

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (1), Peacock (5), Holly Blue (1), orange/light orange underwing (4 "none netted so unable to get to species on this site where both occur"). "Despite all this fantastic weather numbers of butterflies are rather low particularly brimstone".

Graham Dennis reports from Mortimer West End garden (SU633636) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "first of the year for me in the far north of the county").

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Newtown, Isle of Wight (SZ430906) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (1), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (1), [Large Tortoiseshell](#) (1 "photos available").

Colin Beyer reports from Magdalen Hill Down (Original) (SU500292) where the following observations were made: [Grizzled Skipper](#) (1).

Paul Guymer reports from Broughton Down (SU292329) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Seen flying along a hedgerow near the nature reserve.").

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708207) where the following observations were made: [Grizzled Skipper](#) (3), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (3 "All males"). "After seeing grizzled skippers had been sighted in sussex I thought I would take advantage of the unseasonal weather. At fist I thought that I was out of luck as only a single Peacock showed on the track. However on my first pass of the valley I spotted two males in in combat and then had good views of another perched. Also scored a grand slam of hibernators in one march day which was a first. Couldnt find the skippers again on the return and they were restricted to a very small area. Did have a brief sighting of what may have been a small copper but not positive ID."

Richard Carpenter reports from Droxford (SU6018) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Oddly enough it was flying above the waterweed in the Meon").

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU586350) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Brimstone (5). "wonderful day for chasing butterfly ,avery good place to be".

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"). "Just a single sighting at Chalton Down where the temperature was 18°C. Earlier I had visited Petersfield Heath looking around the wooded areas and saw nothing."

Clive Wood reports from Garden at St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (2). "Flying rapidly on warm, sunny day."

Andy Bolton, Roger & Linda Dobbs reports from Plastow Green, nr. Ashford Hill (SU531616) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), Comma (1). "The earliest I've seen Holly Blue & Orange Tip in north Hampshire, by about a week."

Alan Green reports from Swanmore Garden (SU573165) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "A male"). "I thought this rather early but I see dave Green saw one earlier".

## Monday 26th March

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Basking in warm sunshine under apple tree").

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU674063) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Peter Short reports from Longhatch (SU623247) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male. First for 2012"), Comma (3), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Brimstone (5 "4 Male 1 female").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (3). "Sunny & warm".

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Comma (1).

Sue Lambert reports from ST Boniface Park Rownhams (RownhamsStBonifacePark SU380165) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Orange-tip (1).



Comma

Geoff Jones reports from Gosport (SU617008) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Lynn Kelly reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "female").

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD NORTH ROADS (SU711267) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2). "two peacocks trying to get minerals out of the dried mud".



Peacock

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males").

## Sunday 25th March

Bernard Dempsey reports from Bitterne (SU444129) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), [Large White](#) (1), Peacock (1), Humming-Bird Hawk-Moth (1 "Seen on the 22/03/2012").

Colin Baker reports from Pamber Forest (SU620604) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Peacock (5), Comma (4). "At Pamber Forest today butterflies were enjoying some fine march sunbathing in the intermittent warm patches along the paths . They were joined by the Bee-fly (Bombylius major) which surely would be more aptly named the Sword-fly? Clearly it was cooler in the hazy sunshine today as in 40 miles of driving I only saw one Brimstone along the roadside verges."



Peacock



Comma



Bee-fly

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Small White (1).

Mark Tutton reports from Hook Heath Meadow (SU647077) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (4), Comma (3), Peacock (3), Red Admiral (1).

Geoff reports from The Shrubbery Basingstoke (SU638513) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2 "flying around laurel bushes"), Small White (1), Comma (1 "settled in sun on laurel bush"): "this is the derelict site of the old shrubberies house, off Cliddesden Rd , Basingstoke. In the height of summer it will show easily 10 species, including Marbled white and ringlet."

Richard Hallett reports from My Garden Denmead (SU648118) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Brimstone (1 "Male").

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ472914) where the following observations were made: Peacock (13), Brimstone (6), Comma (4). "The warm, sunny weather has finally induced butterflies to emerge from hibernation in Parkhurst!"

Richard Carpenter reports from Durley (SU5116) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (3), Red Admiral (2), Peacock (5).

Mick Langridge reports from Botley Wood (SU546097) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "male"), Comma (4), Peacock (6).

Mick Langridge reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU541104) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (3), Orange-tip (5 "all males"), Peacock (2), Orange Underwing (1). "My photo of the Orange Underwing made the day for a fellow enthusiast who was out looking specifically for one these. I was unaware of what I had photographed until I showed it to him - he then set off following my directions."



Brimstone



Comma



Orange Underwing

Geoff Jones reports from South Browdown, Lee on the Solent (SZ572992) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 "courting pair").



Small Tortoiseshell

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU658292) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (2). "sts courting in the beautiful warm sun".



Small Tortoiseshell

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "in my garden").

John Willis reports from Blashford Lakes (SU155078) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (1), Comma (2), Peacock (1), Small White (1).

## Saturday 24th March

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Small White (1 "male"). "spent the morning in the garden at shirley holms, in the warm sun saw the above."

Mike Wildish reports from Andover, Gallaghers (SU345455) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males").

Mike Wildish reports from Watson Acre, Andover (SU351459) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

mark tutton reports from langstone (SU722052) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "first of the year whilst watching the egret roost where there were at least 42 birds present at high tide!").

J Goodspeed reports from Portsdown garden (SU671065) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1 "or more"), Orange-tip (2), Angle shades (1 "In the greenhouse").

Susan Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Peacock (4), Brimstone (1).



Peacock

Susan Lambert reports from St Boniface Park Rowhams (SU380165) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1 "Feeding on Bird Cherry").

Mark tutton reports from South moors Havant (SU714049) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

David Tinling reports from Privett Road(west),Gosport (SZ586995) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Peacock (7), Orange Underwing (2).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9 "8 males & 1 female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (9), Comma (4), Orange Underwing (8).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU557333) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (6), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (1). "a very good walk asusual".



Red Admiral



Orange-tip



Brimstone

Peter Hunt reports from Madeiar Lane,Freshwater,isle of Wight (SZ328878) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small White (2), Brimstone (1 "male"). "All in my back garden".

Chris Rose reports from Ovington, River Itchen (SU561317) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock (1). "One Comma seen along the river side. Peacock in the garden of the Bush Inn. Also 2 Brook Lampreys in the river by the bridge clearing stones for spawning, incredible!".



Comma

Clive Wood reports from Garden in St CRoss, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "Basking in bright sunshine.".

Steve Mansfield reports from Binsted (SU7640) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Comma (1), Brimstone (4). "Alton Natural History Society walk.".

## Friday 23rd March

peter gardner reports from froxfield (su713266) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "flew over my head as i opened our back door".

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (794430) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (805403) where the following observations were made: Comma (3 "Definitely not the same one three times!"), Peacock (2). "These two species were both seen basking and flying by turns along the main path in bright sunshine on a very warm afternoon.".

Peter Hunt reports from Woodhouse Copse,Isle of Wight (SZ530930) where the following observations were made: Comma (15), Brimstone (2), Speckled Wood (3).



Speckled Wood



Brimstone

David Holt reports from Snellgrove Close, Calmore (SU341148) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "attempting to nectar at small daffodils at dusk").

Peter Short reports from Longthatch (SU627222) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "All males"), Comma (1).

john hunt reports from bartley heath (SU732534) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Comma (1), Peacock (1). "No sign of any speckled woods at the usual locations".

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (6 "one taking blackthorn nectar"), Comma (2). "Warmer prolonged sunshine & lighter sea breezes have initiated the Great Awakening of hibernating butterflies."

David Tinling,Anne McCue,Mick Langridge & Brenda Powell reports from Browndown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "very fresh"). "Also 2 Commas again."

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "male & female in nuptial flight seen by birder.Later I saw the female.").

Chris Hall reports from Outridden Hill (SU831516) where the following observations were made: Orange Underwing (1), Brimstone (1), Comma (1), Peacock (1). "Outridden Hill is in the Bourley and Long Valley SSSI to the south of Fleet. Part was cleared of trees about ten years ago and has regenerated as heathland."

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor Bridge (SU842528) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1). "On the seventh attempt to see this elusive butterfly this month by visiting nettle beds that sometimes produce one or two. During a three hour walk to the east and south of Fleet in continuous warm sunshine my totals were Brimstones 9, Commas 4 and Peacocks 3."

peter gardner reports from HENWOOD (SU648251) where the following observations were made: Peacock (7), Comma (5), Brimstone (2). "henwood a very good place and time".



Peacock



Comma

Sara Iles reports from Winchester (SU475293) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Roger Powley reports from Shatterford, New Forest (SU348053) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3). "Weather was warm and sunny, temperature 17

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "Weather was warm and sunny, temperature 18°C."

Anne McCue reports from St Vincent's Playing Field,Gosport (SU610002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Anne McCue reports from HMS Sultan Polo Field,Gosport (SZ588001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Mick Langridge reports from Browndown Road(east),Gosport (SZ587990) where the following observations were made: Small White (1).

Anne McCue & Mick Langridge reports from West of River Alver(east),Gosport (SU581001) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

Anne McCue & Mick Langridge reports from West of River Alver(west),Gosport (SU579003) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (1).

Anne McCue & Mick Langridge reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ501878) where the following observations were made: Peacock (4), Small Tortoiseshell (3). "A very warm and sunny March day!"

Chris Rose reports from Swelling Hill Pond (SU663329) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Peacock (2). "The Brimstone were attracted by the warm sun, and flowering periwinkle, and were joined by the peacocks. Also present were several Bee flies (Bombylius Major). If interested I am keeping a blog of Four Marks Wildlife at <http://fourmarksbirding.blogspot.co.uk/>".

## Thursday 22nd March

Paul Pearson reports from Drove Lane, Alresford (SU576323) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Comma (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Hayling Billy Cycle Trail near Langstone Avenue, Langstone (SU718053) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "Seen on the Hayling Billy Cycle Trail at Langstone cycle track at a point where a path deviates to Langstone Mill. My first butterfly sighting in Hampshire this year, temperature was 12°C."

Peter Short reports from Longhatch (SU619266) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males").

gary palmer reports from highcliffe (SZ212937) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "1 male flying across the garden".

gary palmer reports from highcliffe (SZ206936) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "first speckled wood of the season for me, male."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Small Tortoiseshell (2). "Sunny, mild but windy".

David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (3 "males").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Comma (3).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (3).

## Wednesday 21st March

Mike Wildish reports from River Way, Andover (SU375465) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Males").

David Green reports from Weston Colley (SU502390) where the following observations were made: [Orange-tip](#) (1 "Male flying in back garden - Spring is here!").

peter gardner reports from steep (SU667296) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2). "flying aqlong the side of the road".



Brimstone

peter gardner reports from farlington marshes (SU658040) where the following observations were made: [Green-veined White](#) (1), Comma (1), Peacock (1). "good place to walk by peters pond [north of m27] both birds and butterflies".



Peacock

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2). "a short walk after work found the above".

David Tinling reports from Portsdown Hill(south west) (SU630067) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "taking blackthorn nectar").

David Tinling reports from Portsdown Hill(south central) (SU650065) where the following observations were made: Peacock

David Tinling reports from Sandyfield Crescent,Cowplain (SU682112) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Geoff Lanegan writes: "Whilst Bird watching at Beaulieu Road Station,near and just South of the carpark,I and two friends, spotted what could only have been a [Small Copper](#). Unfortunately it did not settle,so was unable to photograph. This sighting was made at 11 AM on the 21st March 2012 in warm and bright conditions. Having been a lifelong enthusiast,and a member of the Hants branch,I feel certain that it was a true and accurate sighting."

Roy Johnson reports from Wildgrounds(east),Gosport (SU581006) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

Roger Barton reports from 7 Forest Gardens, SO32 2LB (SU563153) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (1 "Must have hibernated. R.South confirms odd sightings. "). "There is no mistaking this species especially as I was but 8-10 feet from it as it attempted to feed on a pot of daffodils. R. South The Moths of the British Isles Series 1 does make mention of odd sightings but it is rare.

## Monday 19th March

Peter Hunt reports from Woodhouse Copse,IOW (SZ5392) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Comma (12), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1).



Speckled Wood



Peacock



Comma

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Winnall Moors (SU486296) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Winnall Moors (SU491310) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).



Peacock

Andy Bolton reports from Axmansford, nr Tadley (SU565607) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Comma (1), Red Admiral (1). "Three species active in the garden at lunchtime."

Anne McCue reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying").

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying").

## Sunday 18th March

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Farley Mount (SU426294) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

## Thursday 15th March

Roger Powley reports from East Cowes (SZ508945) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Flying along top of leylandii hedge. Perched for a few minutes in midday sunshine.").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (3 "taking red dead-nettle nectar;male chasing female in nuptial flights;male courting female on red dead-nettles & on the ground with their wings wide open & the male just behind the female,his quivering wings overlapping hers.").

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Comma (2), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2).

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Peacock

Peter Short reports from Longthatch (SU631211) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Adult male"). (1).

Chris Hall reports from Pyestock Hill (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Red Admiral (1).

Chris Hall reports from Bramshot Heath (SU835552) where the following observations were made: Comma (1). "Bramshot Heath (between Fleet and Southwood) has recently been cleared of scrub and young trees by Hampshire Wildlife Trust. It had become badly scrubbed and has probably lost the silver-studded blue colony, but perhaps in time they may recolonise."

peter gardner reports from ropley (SU635316) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "the weather misty sun saw this butterfly fluttering on this flower couldnot pass on it".



Brimstone

## Monday 12th March

David Wallace reports from Brownwich (SU520037) where the following observations were made: **Small White** (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (SU6223) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607989) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1 "basking on Alexanders;my first awakened hibernator of 2012").

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2 "my first of 2012"), Comma (1). "Not yet the Great Awakening but a portent of it."

David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2 "my first of 2012").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU577001) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Peacock (1), Brimstone (3).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Comma (4), Brimstone (3).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ520851) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Near Blackwater"), Comma (1 "on the approach to Merstone Station"). "My butterfly season is underway at last!".

John Webb reports from Privett Gardens,Gosport (SZ595994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3).

Mick Langridge reports from Old Railway Path,Gosport (SZ607989) where the following observations were made: Comma (2 "Enjoying late afternoon sun").



Comma

Mick Langridge reports from Fort Gilkicker,Gosport (SZ606974) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2). "This spot is right on the beach and was a lot cooler than my sightings earlier in the day further inland".



Small Tortoiseshell

Mick Langridge reports from Alver Meadow,Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1 "male"), **Small White** (1 "First of the year.Tussled with the Brimstone briefly & then flew over the River Alver to Browndown North."). "A delightful and productive walk in glorious sunshine.

Mick Langridge reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Peacock (2).

## Sunday 11th March

Mike Wildish reports from Harrow Way / Mark Lane (SU335465) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male").

Mike Wildish reports from Harrow Way East (SU345466) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3 "Males").

Trevor Carpenter writes: "In my Fareham Garden today, beating my 18 year garden record by several weeks."



Holly Blue

Kelvin Richards reports from Hook (SU726546) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Brimstone (1). "Both flying across garden on a sunny afternoon; probably the same Brimstone as spotted yesterday(10th), our first butterfly of the year."

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Exton (SU609209) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Lomer Farm, Beacon Hill (SU593234) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (747320) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "basking briefly on a bank in the warm sun before flying up into a tree."). "My first butterfly sighting of 2012."

Reg & Hilary Paradise reports from Ewer Common, Gosport (SZ608989) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male flying").

Chris Hall reports from Aunts Pool Heath (SU821522) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "A mild, spring-like afternoon. A total of four brimstones seen around Church Crookham, the first on Aunts Pool Heath by Tweseldown, two on the edge of Velmead Common in SU 8252 and 8153, and in my garden."

Richard Carpenter reports from West Meon (SU6323) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

## Saturday 10th March

Barrie Roberts reports from Mottisfont (SU326261) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male flying in warm sun").

Bob Whitmarsh reports from Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "in flight").

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU5834) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3). "very good day".



Brimstone under attack!



Brimstone

Dave Croad reports from Constable Close, Gosport (SZ611986) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking heather nectar in my garden").

Heath Gough-Holt reports from West Wellow, Hampshire (SU292198) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Red Admiral (5), Brimstone (6), Comma (1).

## Thursday 8th March

Mick Langridge reports from Fortb Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Wall (0). "The destruction of one of Stoke Bay's fauna hot spots has started. Among the butterflies that are losing their homes is a small colony of Wall Browns that have delighted Anne McCue and David Tinling for many years. Having ripped out the trees etc. the banks in front of the old fort walls will shortly be removed. I am not in to local politics but all of this is to provide a few seven figure apartments and to make some very rich people even richer. Sad times."



Fort Gilkicker

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "taking wild cherry nectar").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

## Wednesday 7th March

David Tinling reports: "On the 5th March 2012 tree surgeons started removing the bushes and trees from the banks of Fort Gilkicker, Gosport: the first stage in the work to convert the Fort into luxury flats. Enough flats have been "sold" at £1 million each for work to begin. Attempts to sell the remaining flats will be made at an open weekend for potential buyers soon. Removal of most of the bank around the front and sides of the semicircular fort to expose the granite walls and provide windows for the flats is almost certain to exterminate the fort's very small colony of Wall Brown butterflies."

## Tuesday 6th March

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

## Monday 5th March

Mike Wildish reports from Andover Town Centre (SU360455) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "On Prunus blossom in garden").

Fred Smith reports from Wilberforce Road,Gosport (SZ611984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "basking & flying in my garden"), Brimstone (1 "female basking & flying in my garden").

## Saturday 3rd March

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from Worthy Road, Winchester (SU483308) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "In flight".

Clive Wood reports from St Cross, Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying in warm sunshine in urban setting").

## Thursday 1st March

Robert Bryant reports from Northington Down (SU545367) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Flying around in bright sunshine").

Bob Whitmarsh (RWh) reports from 21 Bereweke Avenue, Winchester (SU472305) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1).

Robin Turner reports from Waggoners Way, Grayshott (SU861355) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying round the garden").

Peter Hunt reports from Woodhouse Copse,IOW (SZ5292) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Red Admiral (1). "Beautiful warm sunny afternoon."



Comma

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296984) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3). "on a warm sunny day in the garden, the admirals were nectaring on spring flowering heathers along with bumble and honey bees."



Red Admiral

Chris Hall reports from Velmead Common, Fleet (SU821528) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "My first butterfly of 2012, basking and flying in a sunny ride. Early bumblebees, hoverflies and 7-spot ladybirds have all been frequent around Fleet this week. Also today dense clusters of wood ants Formica rufa on their nest mounds."

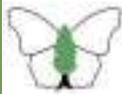
David Tinling reports from Foster Gardens,Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU561348) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6). "first butterflies this year and along comes 6 great".

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## Monday 30th April

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "m"), Duke of Burgundy (9 "including a mating pair"), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (5 "m"), Speckled Wood (1). "How nice to be out in the sunshine with the butterflies again!".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Woodland (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Although the sun came out very few butterflies were seen."

Terry Hotten writes: "Despite the weekend's rain it was encouraging to see a freshly-hatched Holly Blue in my garden in Cove, this afternoon."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I came across this article in the sun today (centre page spread) about our plight in the recession endless rain, but looking on the bright side I noticed a Butterfly on the very familiar to me, and it seems to be ranking alongside the Olympics etc, they are saying that sightings have risen by 65% since 2010. I'm glad that the media are noticing its plight as well and ranking alongside Mo Farah well who could ask any better than that. Seriously though I went to the Duke of Burgundy meeting at Queen Elizabeth Country Park on Saturday in some of the most appalling weather in April I've ever known, and it would seem there are real attempts now to reverse its fortunes at the 11th hour. The weather and general conditions have favoured it immensely over the last three to four years, and good things are happening on several fronts, Habitat loss and reversing many sites where its very borderline have had some very good results over the last couple of seasons, especially in Sussex, where it almost became lost in the 1980's, with a turn around of well over a thousand specimens being seen in 2011! In Hampshire its hoped it will colonise Magdellan Hill Down, and is well on the way to colonise St Catherines Hill Down, these small but important colonies come from nearby sites, and are the consequence of the butterfly becoming more 'mobile' in more favourable years. It is also doing well in several woodland sites over the South Downs, where a close study of it in a well known wood revealed several requirements it needs, and a very close comparison with the chalk downland species revealed just how different the two species are despite the chalk downland species originally coming from wooded areas which had become overgrown and coppicing had ceased. It was a very informative lecture by some of our leading experts on the Duke of Burgundy, and just shows just how much more there is to learn about this delightful butterfly.

This Saturday I will be leading a walk around Butser Hill to see the specie in all its glory ( weather permitting) last year it was gloomy and overcast at 1000 when we all met in the car park but by 1200 it was very sunny and warm, so those people who are a bit 50-50 minded about coming then please give me a ring the night before please. I'm hoping for a good one! "



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy in the Sun!!

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down, Isle of Wight (SZ566870) where the following observations were made: Wall (2 "One male and one female"), Orange-tip (1 "one male"), Small White (1), Dingy Skipper (1).

Kelvin Richards reports from Bourley Hill (SU833505) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU707262) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1). "this brimstone landed in our garden as we were having lunch and got us out of our chair and on the road".



Brimstone

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736456) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "4 males 1 female"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Dingy Skipper (13), Grizzled Skipper (2). "After endless days of rain I visited this site in the sun where the temperature was 15.5°C. Glad to see several Dingy Skippers."

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU509297) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (9), Orange-tip (8), Grizzled Skipper (1), Holly Blue (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1). "the trouble was thy did not stop very often so it ment a lot of chacing around but we got a few [knees got dirty]".



Grizzled Skipper

Mike & Cathy Skittrall reports from Butser Hill Rake Bottom (SU711206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8), Duke of Burgundy (1), Orange-tip (3), Grizzled Skipper (6), Dingy Skipper (3), Small Copper (2 "Mating Pair"), Peacock (1). "Our first visit to Butser Hill after a break in the appalling weather. The conditions at around 3pm were warm and sunny with a brisk southerly breeze. As we were leaving we heard a cuckoo calling in nearby woods, the first we've heard this spring."

Dave Pearson reports from Abbotstone (SU557342) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male in my garden").

David Tinling reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Ruby Tiger (BF2064) (1 "flying in midday sunshine in my garden"), Common Plume Moth (BF1524) (1 "flying in midday sunshine in my garden"). "Again in my garden were male Small White, male Orange-tip, male Holly Blue, Comma & 2 Speckled Woods. Also there was a Large Red Damselfly & in the field 3 tiny fox cubs."

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male").

### Saturday 28th April

Sue Clark writes: "A sunny spell last Friday and an Orange Tip was just about to egg lay in our garden I was poised, only inches away, camera ready to shoot when our tame Robin in a split second swooped, plucked her off the Honesty, landed and swallowed her whole in an instant. I almost couldn't believe it, but a near exact incident happened last year when Robin took a Large White which I was about to photograph. It sat for a moment with beak full of wing and butterfly body, wondering if it was a good idea, before somehow managing to swallow the lot. Back in the 1990's we had a glut of Small Tortoiseshells on our Buddleias one year (those were the days!) A Spotted Flycatcher had tapped into this food source and we found dozens of STS wings discarded under the bush - they ate only the body. Is eating butterflies whole the norm for Robins I wonder and is it common for them to do so or just the canny few. Anyone else had similar experiences? "

### Friday 27th April

Kelvin Richards reports from Basingstoke Canal(Odiham-Barley Mow) (SU758520) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2). "A wet morning 6 mile circular walk along the canal and just two Orange Tips seen flying near Wilk's Water during a gap in the showers."

Mark tutton reports from Pignal Inclosure (SU315039) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (1).

Mark tutton reports from Bentley wood (SU262294) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Green-veined White (1).

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ504865) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "all male"). "A pleasant surprise on an overcast and blustery afternoon!"

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking wallflower nectar in my garden"), Orange-tip (3 "male & 2 females in my garden,including a mating pair"), Speckled Wood (5). "The 3 Orange-tips have been in my garden for 3 more days(25th-27th),taking nectar from wallflower,honesty,bluebell & forget-me-not in sunny intervals between morning showers and in afternoon sunny spells.Today(27th) the pair that mated on 24th mated again,but this time on a bluebell.They separated after about an hour and then the mated female repeatedly rejected further mating by turning up the end of her abdomen."

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "Despite warm afternoon sunshine and a light breeze,this solitary butterfly was the only one seen near the sea at Gilkicker Point,having resisted being blown inland by the recent onshore gales and driving rain."

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(south-east) (SZ608978) where the following observations were made: Epiphyas postvittana (BF998) (1 "female Light Brown Apple Moth flying at sunset").

### Thursday 26th April

gary palmer reports from becton bunny (SZ251927) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (5). "walking after work over barton common and down to becton bunny saw the above, one of which was a pretty extreme aberration *obliterata*".



Small Copper ab. *obliterata*

### Tuesday 24th April

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down,Isle of Wight (SZ566780) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1 "did not want its picture taken!"), Dingy Skipper (2), Small Copper (2).



Small Heath

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking dandelion nectar"), Holly Blue (3 "males"), Speckled Wood (11).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "female").

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male taking dandelion nectar"), Small White (3 "males taking nectar from dandelion,stitchwort & red dead-nettle"), Orange-tip (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (3 "in my garden;mating pair on wallflowers;2nd female taking nectar from,honesty,forget-me-not & bluebell,& later roosting next to the mating pair"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (6). "Also 2 tiny fox cubs.After a night of very heavy persistent rain and SE gales,the 3 orange-tips were still clinging to the flowers of the same wallflower plant,but the mating pair had separated.If they had not been able to survive such dreadful weather,the species would be extinct."

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU733251) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1). "had to grab the short bit of sun we had ,so did the speckledwood by the look of it. how the butterflies manage to survive i dont knoww."



Speckled Wood

Speckled Wood

Michael Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1), Duke of Burgundy (1 "Our first ever sighting of this rare butterfly!"). "Not much sunshine and cold northerly wind but these lovely butterflies were braving the conditions. We have visited this site as often as conditions were favorable and are very pleased to have,(at last), seen the Duke of Burgundy."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Dingy Skipper (1). "Saw my first Speckled Woods of the year. There was a strong breeze temperature 12°C."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Speckled Wood (1). "day spent in the garden above found, the beautiful yellow underwing moth was seen on two occasions nectaring on forget-me-not."

### Sunday 22nd April

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (3 "m"), Duke of Burgundy (4), Small White (1), Small Heath (1). "This was a mid-morning visit and the weather was mainly sunny. This was our first sighting of a small heath this year but another visitor whom we met soon after our arrival at the site told us that he had seen two there earlier."

Colin Baker reports from Odiham Common (SU748520) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7 "3 Females"), Green-veined White (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1). "With the never ending threat of showers I decided on a local visit to Odiham common for some frolics amongst the Cuckoo Flowers trying my luck with Orange-tips for the first time this year. At 10-45am it was still too cold and windy but an hour later females started to appear and at a well-positioned flower by the edge of the stream across the common I watched her deposit a single ova on a flower, preferring the only plant in bud. My first real photo opportunity came when I saw a female settle as the sun went in, and in waiting 15 minutes for some blue sky I was treated to a soaking for my folly. By 1pm the Orange-tips were avidly feeding on the Cuckoo Flower and were soon joined by a couple of Green-veined Whites and a Peacock. When the Green-veined White no longer showed and interest in the Cuckoo Flower preferring Blackthorn blossom I felt it was telling me something and sure enough like a good meteorological presenter the blue sky vanished, almost as quickly as me."



Orange-tip



Orange-tip



Green-veined White

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ470910) where the following observations were made: Peacock (8), Brimstone (4 "all male"), Orange-tip (2 "both male"), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (1). "My best count in Parkhurst Forest this month. On the same walk in similar conditions the previous day I had seen a solitary Peacock."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "The Duke of Burgundy has had a slow start in 2012, not being aided by the cool wet and typically April weather. We have been fortunate over the last 3-4 seasons where the weather has been good and the butterfly has been seen in good numbers at numerous sites in Hampshire. The specie has been Identified at old sites re-visited, and long may this continue, with many recorders now visiting sites well away from the 'well known one'. The season should be a good one if the weather improves, with the Duke being seen in 2011 in new 'territories', these have been marked up and will be re-visited in 2012. In the Meon Valley on the 21 April it was typically seen in a small window of fine sunny weather (2) males were espied, and other species seen were (3) Dingy Skippers, (2) Orange Tips, and a Small White.



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (5), Orange-tip (9 "One female"), Peacock (1), Brimstone (1).

Rupert & Sharron Broadway reports from Stockbridge Down (SU3834) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Grizzled Skipper (4), Small Heath (1).

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU685063) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Holly Blue (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Denny Lodge (SU335049) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (7).



Speckled Wood

David Tinling reports from Kingfisher Path,Gosport (SZ586994) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Small White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (5).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "female"). "were seen during the morning in the garden".

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1). "seen flying past".

Dave Miller reports from Noar Hill (SU742319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (5 "Including one freshly emerged female"), Dingy Skipper (5), Orange-tip (2). "Dingy Skippers in evidence from 0930 when still only around 9 degrees. Dukes appeared about an hour or so later when it had warmed up a bit. I missed the Small Heath reported by others."



Duke of Burgundy



Dingy Skipper

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down car park, Isle of Wight (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Wall (1 "male"), Dingy Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (4), Small Blue (2 "one male and one female"), Grizzled Skipper (3).

Dave Pearson reports from Abbotstone (SU559339) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Brimstone (3 "Male"), Holly Blue (1 "Male"). "All together in one sheltered ride; The three male Brimstones fighting amongst them selves. The only butterflies I saw all day."

### Saturday 21st April

Mike Wildish reports from Bawksbury (SU345445) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1). "On a frustrating week when the temperature has been too low to do my transect, herewith a couple of observations between the frost and the showers."

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater (SZ351855) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Brown-tail Moth caterpillar webs (0 Larval "many active webs"). "Sunny but cool breeze Hairstreaks active in sheltered spot".



Brown-tail moth larvae



Green Hairsreak

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Small White (2), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (2). "Visited the site just after lunch managing to find a window between the heavy showers, where I saw my first Dingy and Grizzled Skippers of the year. The Skippers were flying in the more sheltered areas. Temperature was 12°C in the sun."

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Grizzled Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (1), **Small Heath** (1), Small Copper (1), Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Green Carpet Moth (1), Scarlet Tiger Moth (3 Larval "On Comfrey near top car park"). "The weather was kind for the photographic walk at Magdalen Hill Down led by Roger Buchanan and Maurice Pugh. We were rewarded by seeing 8 species if only singles of most and fleeting glimpses of others. Thanks to Roger and Maurice."



Grizzled Skipper



Green Hairstreak



Holly Blue

Isle of Wight Natural History Society reports from St Catherine's Point (SZ495755) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (1), Clouded Yellow (1), Orange-tip (2). "A very early sighting of a Clouded Yellow!".

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708209) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (16), Green Hairstreak (1), Small White (2), Orange-tip (4).

Tim Norriss reports from Rooksbury Mill LNR (SU355446) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Found my first Orange-tip egg of the year on Ladies Smock by the lake and then realised that there was a female on the adjacent plant . Also saw a male Large White in Anna Valley today. ").



Orange-tip

gary palmer reports from barton on sea (SZ244932) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"). "in the garden, between showers".



Orange-tip



Orange-tip

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female taking wallflower nectar"), Orange-tip (1 "female taking nectar from honesty,bluebell & wallflower"). "in my garden".

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4).

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male basking & flying").

David Tinling reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "male & female").

Andy Bolton reports from Smithley's Copse, Axmansford (SU563608) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Green-veined White (1). "Some consolation to see these after a week that was unsuitable to do a transect walk."

### Friday 20th April

Alan Thornbury reports from Butser Hill (Rake Bottom) (SU710205) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2), Grizzled Skipper (4). "The 2 Dukes were about 100 yards apart close to the valley bottom. The period of bright weather with some sunshine lasted only half an hour, sandwiched between heavy downpours!"



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down,Ventnor,IOW (SZ568780) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (5), Wall (1).



Small Copper

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "male"). "sunny but cool and breezy found the above in the garden."

### Thursday 19th April

On 19th April, Rob Wilson found an early *Eudonia angustea* on the outside wall of Fred & Sue Woodworth's house in Ventnor, IOW. Later, Fred found another micro in the conservatory which Rob tentatively identified as a Skin Moth, *Monopis laevigella* – can anyone confirm this ID? Both photographs were taken by Fred Woodworth

*Eudonia angustea*

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### Tuesday 17th April

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male taking nectar from bluebell,forget-me-not & honesty in my garden").

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"). "the only butterfly seen today in the garden".

### Monday 16th April

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (4), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (2), Peacock (2), Small White (2), Orange-tip (2).

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down Quarry(Carpark)Isle of Wight (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Wall (2 "one male and one female"), Dingy Skipper (3), Green Hairstreak (5), Grizzled Skipper (3), Small Copper (1), Small Blue (1 "one male").



Wall



Small Blue



Dingy Skipper

mark tutton reports from rake bottom (SU707208) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6), Grizzled Skipper (16), Peacock (2), Duke of Burgundy (2). "Having seen the abysmal forecast for the week i thought this would be the best day for butterflies so took the chance and went up to Rake Bottom after work. The clouds were quite thick and on my first pass up the valley saw just the odd lethargic grizzled skipper. On my return I spotted what i thought was a small copper but when it eventually landed it turned out to be a very fresh duke that has not completely expanded its wings. Before I had a chance of a photograph a Grizzled Skipper chased off the intruder! The sun then emerged and it got noticeably warmer and the Grizzled skippers emerged in force, I quickly noticed something 'challenging' a bee fly which turned out to be a pristine DoB. this is my earliest sighting at his site."



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Martin Hampton reports from Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "female egg-laying on Honesty in front garden").

peter gardner reports from PORTSDOWN HILL (SU604064) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Speckled Wood (4), Small White (2). "a mixture of weather dry at least but cold wind on the down".



Orange-tip



Small White



Speckled Wood

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Speckled Wood (4).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male").

John Webb reports from Monckton Road,Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (5). "in my garden".

### Sunday 15th April

Colin Baker reports from Noar Hill (SU741318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1). "It is most unusual to search for butterflies in April and only find one individual on a sunny day, luckily for me it happened to be the one I was looking for, but such was the case on a cold and blustery Noar Hill today where I saw my first Duke of Burgundy of the year. Others had seen a couple of Orange-tips but there were very few butterflies on the wing today and with inclement weather forecast for this week I decided to take my chances, thank goodness."



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down car park, Isle of Wight (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: **Wall** (1 "first sighting this year"), Small Copper (1), Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (1).



Wall

Marion Nesbitt reports from Martin Down (SU036201) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (4). "Heard our first cuckoo of the year near Sillens Lane."

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "very fresh female taking wallflower nectar"), Green-veined White (1 "very fresh male taking nectar from wallflower,bluebell,forget-me-not & pulmonaria").

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU741320) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small White (1).

Ian Pratt reports from Afton Chalk Pit (SZ362855) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), [Wall](#) (1), Small Copper (2). "Earliest wall brown in the past 13 years for me, since my records began!".

peter gardner reports from NOAR HILL (SU729346) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Peacock (3). "dispite a cold wind we managed to find three dukes and three peacocks".



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy



Peacock

## Friday 13th April

mark tutton reports from fort purbrook (SU668044) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Small Copper (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Andy Bolton reports from Sainsbury's car park, Tadley (SU599623) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "m"), Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (4 "3m1"), Small White (1), Duke of Burgundy (1). "This was a mid afternoon visit. I spotted the Duke of Burgundy (my first this season) on the leaf of a small bramble branch. Its wings were open as it basked in the sun. Since it remained very calm I was able to get a photograph of it even on my basic camera. The butterfly was still there on my return journey. This time its wings were closed. As I neared the exit a man asked me if I would like to see a Duke of Burgundy, as he did so he pointed to his companion who had one perched on her nose. So there were at least two Duke of Burgundys at Noar Hill today."



Duke of Burgundy

Sue Lambert reports from Lordswood (SU394166) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Small White (1). "Sunny but cool, but best day this week."

Mark Pike reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Duke of Burgundy (2), Orange-tip (4), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (1), [Dingy Skipper](#) (1).



"Duked!!"



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy

Peter Hunt reports from AftonDown car Park, Isle of Wight (Sz360856) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (3), Small Copper (1).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"). "flying around the back patio of the house whilst a hobby passed by above."

gary palmer reports from becton bunny (SZ252926) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (4). "after work a walk to becton bunny found the above in and around."

peter gardner reports from FROXFIELD AROUND ROADS (SU720262) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Orange-tip (8), Speckled Wood (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "a good result dispite the weather ,these orange tips are the first seen in froxfield this year, its a good job it was both sexes".



Red Admiral

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (4), Holly Blue (5), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (8).

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (4), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tinling reports from Monk's Walk, Gosport (SU604024) where the following observations were made: Angle Shades (1 "basking on 30mph post at 9:25am").

David Tinling reports from Wildgrounds(west), Gosport (SU579011) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Wildgrounds(east), Gosport (SU581006) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (4).

## Thursday 12th April

peter gardner reports from abbotstone tracks (SU567348) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (2). "THUNDER SORMS WITH VERY HEAVY SHOWERS ,BUT A FEW VERY WARM SUNNY PERIODS THAT IS WHEN THE BUTTERFLIES SUDDENLY APPERED,GREAT".



Speckled Wood



Holly Blue

David Tining reports from Ewer Common,Gosport (SZ608989) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4).

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (3 "taking nectar from dandelion,wallflower & forget-me-not").

## Wednesday 11th April

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU706211) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2). "Plus unidentified moth catterpillar".

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down car park,Isle of Wight (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (5), Green Hairstreak (3), Oil Beetle (1 "female burrowing into chalk").

Mark tutton reports from Hucklesbrook (SU153112) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (5), Small White (3).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"). "flying across the garden".

Anne McCue reports from Old Railway Line(south),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male").

Anne McCue reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "males").

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

## Tuesday 10th April

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Common N (SU355345) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6), Speckled Wood (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Stockbridge Common S (SU355335) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small White (1). "Joint with Mervyn Grist".

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (SU643065) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (6 "All males"), Comma (1), Brimstone (2), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (8). "Green Hairstreak is a fresh specimen which flew out from bushes to land right in front of me!".



Green Hairstreak



Orange-tip

Mark tutton reports from Idsworth down (SU736154) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (6), Large White (1), Orange-tip (4), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "taking nectar from lesser celandines").

## Sunday 8th April

Andrew Brookes reports from Longstock Park arboretum (SU366384) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1). "Male O T disturbed from its roost amidst cherry blossom.".

## Friday 6th April

Colin Baker reports from Magdellen Hill Down (SU500292) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (8), Orange-tip (4 "Males"), Holly Blue (1), Green-veined White (2), Green Hairstreak (5), Peacock (3). "With a cold start and forecast of cloud by 1pm I decided this was probably the only Easter weekend day it was going to be possible to see the butterflies, and so like others before me, I decided to visit Magdellan Hill Down recording butterflies in areas 1 & 2. SU500292. Reasonable numbers of Grizzled Skippers were seen early on but as the temperature rose they became active and were difficult to see in flight. Green Hairstreak were another first for the year and the individual photographed appears to have made a difficult entry into life, with a deformed hindwing and considerable scale loss, one can only imagine the reasons why. I had the pleasure of meeting and enjoying an interesting conversation with the warden Patrick Fleet who was most helpful in identifying some of the flora for me. Altogether a good decision with good butterflies and good company. Now where is that Easter Egg? !!!".



Green Hairstreak

Green Hairstreak

Grizzled Skipper

Maddie bone reports from Rake bottom (SU708207) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small White (1), Grizzled Skipper (6), Peacock (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Also spotted a red kite, ring ouzel and hobby - summer is nearly here :)".

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU040195) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Grizzled Skipper (3 "All very fresh individuals"), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (4).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Good Friday. Probably made use of the best day over the weekend, and visited one Duke of Burgundy site but none were seen although they should be out within the week I suspect. I decided to look in and around the Meon Valley where there are small pockets of woodland and meadows especially around Hambledon. I was specifically looking for 'new' sites for woodland species in the summer especially the Emperor. I think I may well have found a good site, further investigating is needed. Looking around the many hedges and footpaths that criss-cross the area. Butterflies seen were as follows Speckled Wood (1) Small Tortoiseshell (1) Peacock (3) Comma (4) Brimstone (7) Small White (5) Orange Tip (15) out of these lovely little butterflies hurtling up and down the hedgerows I only saw one female Orange Tip of the species. I went to one wood where under the 'wayleaves' the ground flora was studded with many Primroses, which is a rare sight these days.



Brimstone



Comma



Orange-tip

Martin Hampton reports from Havant (SU720059) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "in garden (have Garlic Mustard and Honesty)"), Speckled Wood (1 "in garden around long grass at base of hedge").

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down CP IOW (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Peacock (1).

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU717268) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (2). "first time ever in seeing a pair of smalltortoiseshell together , we where looking for holly blue but we found something better".



Small Tortoiseshell



Small Tortoiseshell

David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male").

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (5 "males").

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (4 "males"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (2), Orange Underwing (1).

Anne McCue reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU537103) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (13 "10 males & 3 females"), Peacock (5), Brimstone (2 "males"), Orange Underwing (1).

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (3), Peacock (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505290) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "3 male, 1 female"), Peacock (6), Orange-tip (6 "4 male, 2 female"), Speckled Wood (1), Green Hairstreak (1 "at base of South facing escarpment"), Grizzled Skipper (13 "at base of South facing escarpment"), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Comma (1). "Mainly sunny, but with scattered clouds. Grizzled skippers only flying in the sun, but when sun went behind the clouds they settled on bare earth and on ends of last year's flower stalks."

1 **Clouded Yellow** seen at Lepe Foreshore on Friday 6th April by Keith Plumridge.

## Thursday 5th April

John Roberts reports from Itchin cannal (SU468180) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5), Comma (3), Orange-tip (9).

David Taylor reports from Shepherds Chine (SU446798) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (250 Larval "Many on coastal path near bottom of chine").

## Wednesday 4th April

Alan Deeming reports from Shepards Chine, Atherfield, IW (SZ447798) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (1000 Larval "In excess of one thousand"). "Numerous caterpillars observed feeding on banks alongside the footpath leading down to the sea mainly at the seaward end with greatest concentration near the junction with the footpath from the holiday camp. Observed mid afternoon in warm strong sunlight although it had been cold & frosty inland that morning."

## Tuesday 3rd April

Alan Butterworth reports from Beckton Bunny (SZ254926) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2 "Newly hatched, really bright on the hill side at the top of Beckton Bunny"), Speckled Wood (3 "On a wooded footpath back across the golf course behind the cliffs.").



Small Copper



Speckled Wood

Richard Hart reports from Warsash Common (SU501055) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (13).

David Tinling reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(west),Gosport (SU598002) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place,Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "in my garden").

anne greenhalgh reports from 11 alfred street back garden (SZ591916) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1 "only realised what it was after the article in the county press").

## Monday 2nd April

Terry Hotten reports a single male Orange Tip seen at Foxlease Meadows, Fleet SU833564 this afternoon.

Roger Powley reports from My garden, East Cowes (SZ507945) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Green-veined White (1 "Male").

Peter Short reports from Longthatch (SU639217) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5 "Males"), Comma (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (2), Brimstone (1 "Male").

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "in my garden").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (7).

Dan Hoare reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU502292) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (13), Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (5), Brimstone (1). "Delighted to see my first Grizzled Skippers of the year and a single Green Hairstreak, all on the slopes of the original reserve".

Sue Davies reports from Walter's Copse, Newtown, IOW (SZ430907) where the following observations were made: Large Tortoiseshell (1 "photographed"), Comma (6), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (3). "Warm sunny still afternoon, probably two Large Tortoiseshells flying in same glade, but only one landed and positive identification with photographs."



Large Tortoiseshell



Large Tortoiseshell

## Sunday 1st April

Alan Thornbury reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505291) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (2), Grizzled Skipper (7), Peacock (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "One Green Hairstreak in flight, the other perched high in hawthorn on original reserve."



Grizzled Skipper



Green Hairstreak

Steve Mansfield reports from Frenchmere Copse, Selborne (SU733350) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Steve Mansfield reports from Long Lythe, Selborne (SU7434) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Orange-tip (2 "males").

Ed Merritt reports from Minstead (SU289108) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male").

Ed Merritt reports from Deerleap Inclosure (SU348090) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

peter gardner reports from NOAR HILL (SU7433) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "males"), Small White (1). "a very quiet day only just these 5 butterflies ,thats your lot".



Small White

Peter Short reports from Longthatch (SU633215) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7 "Males"), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8).

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ606986) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

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## Thursday 31st May

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU729277) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Holly Blue (1). "good jib the sun come shining through and brought the butterflies out into our garden".



Orange-tip



Holly Blue

Mike Wildish reports from Monxton Lane (SU316455) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), Brimstone (1).

Richard Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "6 Males 1 Female"), Small White (2), Holly Blue (2 "1 Male 1 Female"), Common Blue (6 "All males"), Speckled Wood (3), Small Heath (14), Dingy Skipper (11), Grizzled Skipper (6), *Pyrausta aurata* (8), *Pyrausta nigrata* (3). "Visited this site while on a trip up from Cornwall in company of my father. In the hazy sunshine several Dingy Skippers were taking to the skies with Small Heaths, with the paler Grizzled Skippers (both species my first sightings this year). Many looked to be freshly emerged individuals. Once back home, I hope to be able to post a few photos of the Skippers I took."



Dingy Skipper



Grizzled Skipper



Holly Blue

John & Julie Moon reports from Shipton Bellinger (SU218456) where the following observations were made: Wood Tiger (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan (north-west)(including Fort Rowner),Gosport (SU592011) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (18). "Also Large Red & Azure Damselflies,female Black-tailed Skimmer Dragonfly & an Alder Fly."

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from HMS Sultan (south-west)(including Fort Grange),Gosport (SU589001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Red Admiral (5 "in very good condition, basking on nettles in very weak sunshine"), Speckled Wood (5), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (7 Pupal "pupae"), Cinnabar (6).

## Wednesday 30th May

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU471572) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Common Blue (10), Dingy Skipper (20), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (3), Small Blue (60), Speckled Wood (1), green carpet (5), Lesser treble-bar (1), Silver Y (2), Yellow Shell (1), *Oxyptilus parvidactylus* (1).

Peter Short reports from Warnford (2362) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Large White (1), Small White (1), Red Admiral (1).

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Small Heath (10), Small Blue (2). "Also observed numerous Burnet Companion moths, 1 Mother Shipton & 2 Cinnabars. Possibly a Speckled Wood in the woods but wasn't able to confirm it. The Kidney Vetch has started flowering so hopefully we'll see more Small Blues."



Small Blue



Common Blue



Common Blue

Peter Short reports from Longthatch, Warnford (2362) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3).

gary palmer reports from becton bunny (S2252926) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (5 "1 female egg laying"), Small Heath (4), Green Hairstreak (2), Small Copper (3), Speckled Wood (5). "found in and on the track leading to."



## Green Hairstreak

Richard Levett reports from Castle Shore Park (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (5).

## Tuesday 29th May

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Down (SU345485) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Foxcotte (SU345475) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Speckled Wood (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited several sites in the Meon Valley today Old Winchester Hill being the first on my list, and the following were seen on the wing in very warm and thundery conditions :Small Heath (45) Common Blue (7) Red Admiral (1) Holly Blue (1) Dingy Skipper (13) Small Blue (2) Small White (3) Speckled Wood (3) Grizzled Skipper (5) Brimstone (12) Orange Tip (2) and last but not least Duke of Burgundy (4) Several Treble Bar Moths Silver 'Y' and Mother Shipton. I also visited another site and the following were observed : Duke of Burgundy (30) still in very good shape, the butterfly seems to have rallied to my call in the last quarter of the month of May, several Males and Females still being very fresh. Small Blue (55) Brimstone (5) Small White (1) Small Heath (65) the butterfly of the day very common indeed. Grizzled Skipper (6) Dingy Skipper (15) Green Hairstreak (3) Common Blue (18) Silver 'Y' and Mother Shipton Moths



Brimstone egg



Common Blue



Dingy Skipper

Stuart Read reports from parkhurst forest (SZ4790) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2m 2f"), Common Blue (2), Grizzled Skipper (2), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2), Red Admiral (2), Small Heath (20), Speckled Wood (6), Wall (1), Small White (2). "I headed out to Tucker's Gate on reports that a PBF had been sighted there. I didn't see that one, but did see two PBFs, one close to the entrance to the forest at Camp Hill and a second in the vicinity of the pond. I'd almost given up hope of seeing any. The colony lives on!".

Tim Graham reports from Alresford (SU568315) where the following observations were made: Large White (2), Burnet Companion (1). "Too late in the day at 6pm, but still 22 C."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4), Small Blue (2 "First sighting this year"), Large White (2), Small White (1), Orange-tip (3 "all male"), Brimstone (1 "male").

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU707208) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (56 "Included 25 roosting on one patch of forget me not"), Small Heath (7), Duke of Burgundy (2), Duke of Burgundy (8 Egg), Grizzled Skipper (3), Brown Argus (5), Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (1), Wood tiger (1), Cinnabar (8). "A beautiful evening spent in the last rays of sun watching the butterflies roost. Spotted two young fox cubs playing in field as the sun went down. One large roost of common blues was at least 25+ and included one specimen with almost all of the black spots on the underside reduced to just white patches."

Steve Keen reports from Hurst Castle (SZ3189) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (6), Common Blue (2), Small Heath (2), Yellow Belle (2), Lime-speck Pug (1), Yellow Shell (1). "During about a one hour search from 3.30pm".

Sue Davies reports from Mill Copse Yarmouth (SZ356889) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Green-veined White (1), Small Heath (11), Small White (1), Wall (1), 1076 Celypha lacunana (1), 1097 Endothenia gentianaeanana (1). "Sunny afternoon but strong wind F4-5."

peter gardner reports from ABBOTTSTONE DOWN (SU561364) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (4), Orange-tip (3), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1). "so sad we never saw any brown argus ,we were disapointed in the number we saw, it may be because of cloud cover at times but it was still very warm".



Common Blue



Speckled Wood

Mike & Cathy Skittrall reports from Magdalen Hill Down (su511294) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (6 "4xM 2xF"), Brimstone (3), Small Heath (11), Small Blue (4). "Very warm and humid afternoon. Saw most of the species recorded on the path between Magdalen Hill Down North and the Extension. Heard cuckoo calling from trees in the cemetery."



Small Blue

Mike & Cathy Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (12), Holly Blue (1), Small Heath (19), Orange-tip (4), Duke of Burgundy (3), Dingy Skipper (2), Grizzled Skipper (1).



Common Blue



Dingy Skipper

DAVID GOWER reports from MILL LANE, BROCKENHURST (SU303020) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2).

DAVID GOWER reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (13 "enjoyed a day trip on foot/train from watford"), Speckled Wood (9).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Sue Lambert reports from Titchfield Haven (SU535023) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (5), Holly Blue (4), Red Admiral (1). "While looking at the flowers at Titchfield Haven saw these - plus one unidentified white on the meadow."



Red Admiral

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Small White (2), Grizzled Skipper (1 "Flew off before able to take a photo"). "The Grizzled Skipper is the 19th species I have seen on this site in the last year, not bad for a former football field!"

David Buckler reports from Wheeler's Bay, Ventnor (SU570775) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (20), Adonis Blue (10).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (3 "2 females"). "found in the garden".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "female ovipositing on garlic mustard"), Holly Blue (2), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Orange-tip (3 "2 males & 1 female"), Brown Argus (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (4), Small Heath (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Large White (1 "male"), Small White (2), Common Blue (11 "10 males & 1 female"), Holly Blue (5), Speckled Wood (13), Small Heath (13), Mother Shipton (2).

## Monday 28th May

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU656063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Male"), Small White (1), Holly Blue (2), Common Blue (3 "2 Male 1 Female"), Speckled Wood (3). "Grid reference approximate. Walked from car park around Fort Widley to Southwick Hill Road roundabout and returned via footpath along the ridge behind Queen Alexandra Hospital. Temperature 23°C."

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Common Blue (12 "One female"), Holly Blue (6), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (4), Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (2), Small Blue (8 Egg "Also found damage on two flowers that looked like larvae").

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited one of my favourite sites today Kitts Grave and Martin Down (Bockerley Dyke), and with the temperature slightly tempered it was more pleasant walking around. I went to Kitts Grave to find my specie the Duke of Burgundy and failed again a third year on the run. But the following were seen on the site, Small Blue (6) Brimstone (21) Small Heath (9) Orange Tip (2) Adonis Blue (3) Grizzled Skipper (4) Dingy Skipper (7) Speckled Wood (7) Peacock (1) Small White (2) Brown Argus (1) Holly Blue (1) Common Blue (11) Mother Shipton (1) Silver 'Y' and a Cuckoo. Over the road the butterflies were out in force, I only walk in one place as the site is so large but the following were seen in Bockerley Ditch, Brimstone (15) Green Hairstreak (1) Small Heath (100+) Small White (1) Small Blue (hundreds!) they were like confetti in and around the cross paths that go over to the Wiltshire border, on the grassy banks. Orange Tip (1) Common Blue (17) Holly Blue (1) Adonis Blue (8) Brown Argus (11) Small Copper (2) Peacock (2) Dingy Skipper (6) Grizzled Skipper (4) plenty of Yellowhammers and Stonechats, and another couple of Cuckoo's."



Common Blue



Kitt's Grave



Small Copper

Keith Marston reports from Binnel Bay, Isle of Wight (525758) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (8 "nectaring on thrift & Bird's foot trefoil on and below the cliff edge"). "8 Glanville fritillaries were recorded, all flying up to 200m east of Binnel Bay."



Glanville Fritillary

peter gardner reports from butser hill lower north slopes (SU678204) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (3), Speckled Wood (1), Dingy Skipper (15), Duke of Burgundy (12), Common Blue (38), Small Heath (30), Grizzled Skipper (7), Brown Argus (6), Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (1), Small Copper (1). "a beautiful brezz keeping it barable butterflies all over the place great".



Common Blue



Duke of Burgundy



Small Copper

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12 Egg), Brimstone (10 Larval), Common Blue (7 "All males"), Holly Blue (1 "Ovipositing on dogwood flowers"), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (2 "Both females, in good condition, searching for host plants"), Orange-tip (10 Larval "Already > 25 mm in length, on Garlic Mustard seedpods").

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street garden, Portchester (SU622049) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (1 "Ovipositing on Honesty and Sweet Rocket"), Brimstone (1 "Female, searching for buckthorn"), Red Admiral (1), Small White (1).

Peter Short reports from Chappetts Wood West Meon (SU625263) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (1).

## Sunday 27th May

Martin Greenland reports from Bentley Wood (SU259292) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3), Brimstone (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5), Argent and sable (1 "Settled briefly on birch sapling before flying off"), Speckled yellow (1), Crambus lathonellus (1), Brown silver-line (3), Speckled Wood (3).

Mike & Cathy Skittrall reports from Bentley Station Meadow (su792435) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Comma (1), Green-veined White (1). "Warm afternoon (28 degrees c) with a light breeze. We also heard a Cuckoo calling from the woodland adjoining the meadow."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today in my back garden the following butterflies were observed: A male Orange Tip, Speckled Wood, a very fresh looking Comma, Peacock, several Holly Blues, which seemed to be very interested in my painting of the garden furniture! and multitudes of Small Whites."

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4), Common Blue (9), Holly Blue (5 "Two females laying on dogwood"), Small Blue (3), Small Copper (1).

Mark tutton reports from Portsdown (SU672062) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4), Large White (1), Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (2), Common Blue (3).

Mark tutton reports from Beacon hill (SU604226) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Green Hairstreak (1), Dingy Skipper (8), Common Blue (8), Small Heath (12).

Mark tutton reports from Bishops waltham (SU563177) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "Very determined individual heading north across a football pitch!"

gary palmer reports from steamer point (SZ196928) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (1), Common Blue (2). "a visit to steamer point found the above."



Small Blue

Peter Vaughan writes: "At Odiham Common today, visited between 13.00 and 13.30, I saw two Forester Moths, together with a Burnet Companion and a Silver-Y, but no butterflies. I think the Foresters may be the first of the season? - I found none at the site on Friday and the Ragged Robin flowers on which they settle have only just started to open."

peter gardner reports from MAGDALEN DOWN (SU5328) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Brimstone (6), Brown Argus (1), Orange-tip (3), Common Blue (14), Holly Blue (4), Small Heath (10), Small Blue (2), Red Admiral (1). "a beautiful day just enough wind to keep us cooland the butterflies hanging about, sorry to see the kidneyvetch has gone from the dell ,but managed to find two smallbues outside the dell".



Brown Argus



Green Hairstreak



Small Blue

Mike Skittrall reports from Bentley Station Meadow (su792435) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1).



Green-veined White

Ed Merritt reports from Foxhunting Inclosure/Crabhat Pound (SU391050) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Yellow (3).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Martin Down (SU047189) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (100 "too many to count"), Common Blue (5), Brown Argus (5), Small Blue (15), Orange-tip (1), Grizzled Skipper (9), Dingy Skipper (9), Adonis Blue (18), Brimstone (12), Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Pyrausta aurata (1), Burnet Companion (1), Mother Shipton (1), Wood Tiger (1). "24C. 12:30 - 4 pm. Cloudless".

David Buckler reports from Newtown, I.O.W. (SU418908) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (15 "In field at end of road. Looking very fresh."), Wall (1).



Glanville Fritillary

Martin King reports from Martin Down (SU058186) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (1).

## Saturday 26th May

Keith Cutler reports from Dean Hill (SU228258) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (7), Small Heath (1).

Keith Cutler reports from Bentley Wood (SU255289) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (12), Grizzled Skipper (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU608069) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Common Blue (4). "Half Hour Dog Walking visit at 9.30 am".

shaun barrett reports from broughton down (SU299328) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (16), Small Heath (21), Dingy Skipper (26), Grizzled Skipper (14), Brown Argus (14), Brimstone (12), Small Blue (5), Small White (3), Large White (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Copper (1), Orange-tip (2), adela reaumurella (8), purple bar (1), silver y (2), yellow shell (1).

Keith Marston reports from Parkhurst Forest (473897) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (1 "An unusual sighting of a Glanville Fritillary in Parkhurst Forest at 473897. The species is rarely seen north of the Island's central chalk ridge, especially in a season when numbers of adults on the wing are very low. ), Grizzled Skipper (1 "Feeding on Herb robert"), Dingy Skipper (1 "Feeding on Herb robert"). "The Glanville Fritillary was feeding just 100m from the Tuckers Gate entrance to the Forest".



Glanville Fritillary

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Female"), Holly Blue (2), Small White (1), Small Copper (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU383345) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (18 "only 3 females"), Orange-tip (10 "7 females and 3 males"), Grizzled Skipper (3), Dingy Skipper (2), Common Blue (16), Small Heath (30), Small Copper (1), Brown Argus (1), Small White (2), Comma (4). "A complete contrast from last Sunday when not a single butterfly had been seen.".



Common Blue



Grizzled Skipper



Orange-tip

Keith Marston reports from Carisbrooke Castle (489877) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (5 "Individuals flying in the outer moat of the castle, within 200m of this grid reference"), Dingy Skipper (1), Orange-tip (2 "males").



Glanville Fritillary

John & Julie Moon reports from Isle of wight Hill, Porton Down (SU2437) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Common Blue (15), Grizzled Skipper (5), Dingy Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (5), Green Hairstreak (5), Brown Argus (1), Holly Blue (2), Small Heath (2), Small Copper (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5 "between SU247370 & SU247372"), Duke of Burgundy (5 "between SU247370 & SU247372").

John & Julie Moon reports from Isle of wight Hill, Porton Down (SU2537) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Small Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (4), Small Copper (8), Common Blue (23), Brown Argus (2), Peacock (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Holly Blue (1), Green Hairstreak (2), Dark Green Fritillary (1 Larval "Eating Hairy Violet leaf"), Small Heath (9), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small White (1).

Mark tutton reports from Old Winchester hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (65 "Almost too many to count"), Cinnabar moth (1), Common Blue (25), Dingy Skipper (8), Grizzled Skipper (3), Holly Blue (5), Small White (7), Duke of Burgundy (9), Orange-tip (3), Comma (2), Peacock (3), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (4), Mother shipton (1). "Small heaths doing particularly well almost too many to count! Common blues are building nicely but I didn't see any females. Some of the Dukes were very worn and some fresh so they will be around for a while yet - interestingly I couldn't see much cowslip in the area they occupied? Also had great close up views of a Red Kite using the updraft over the top of the hill - wonderful.".

Mike and Cathy Skittrall reports from Butser Hill (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (37), Small Copper (7), Dingy Skipper (15), Grizzled Skipper (24), Small Heath (38), Common Blue (16), Peacock (2), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (10), Green-veined White (1). "A very hot day with a blustery wind but what an amazing array of butterflies on the wing making the most of the sunshine, including mating pairs of both common blue and grizzled skippers,a fantastic afternoon. We also saw 6 cinabar moths.".

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ485876) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (2), Red Admiral (1), Common Blue (12), Dingy Skipper (4), Small Heath (12), Speckled Wood (1), Glanville Fritillary (3). "Good to see that Glanvilles are still here!".

Ed Merritt reports from Foxhunting Inclosure (SU389047) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Holly Blue (1), Grizzled Skipper (3 "There may have been four or five but I can only be certain of seeing three at any one time"). "I was pleased to see the Grizzled Skipper. I probably haven't been to the right places but I haven't ever seen any of these in the New Forest before and there seemed to be at least three of them here."



Grizzled Skipper



Grizzled Skipper

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Hurst Castle (SZ315901) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (13), Common Blue (7), Small Heath (6). "25 C, cloudless, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm".

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "3 males & 2 females"), Orange-tip (2 "males"), Large White (1 "female"), Small White (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (14 "9 males & 5 females"), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2). "Also in Botley Wood were Large Red Damselflies, 5 Beautiful Demoiselles, 5 Azure Damselflies, 2 Broad-bodied Chasers & a mating pair of Hairy Hawkers."

## Friday 25th May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today I braved the elements and visited Bentley Wood and surrounding areas, in somewhat stifling conditions, which I think the butterflies feel a bit uncomfortable with I saw the following on the wing: Brimstone (6) Small White (1) Orange Tip (2) Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (24) **Small-Pearl Bordered Fritillary** (5) Speckled Yellow (10) In the rides I saw Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (7) Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (2) and Brimstone (4) I then went on to Stockbridge Down and visited the recently coppiced woodland by the side of the road and the following were seen: Pearl-Bordered Fritillary (2) Duke of Burgundy (1) this Duke had the look on its face of sheer exhaustion! Brimstone (6) Orange Tip (2) Grizzled Skipper (2) Peacock (1). This is a lovely piece of coppiced woodland and I recommend it if you want to watch butterflies in some of the shadier patches throughout the area."



Duke of Burgundy



Recently coppiced woodland



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

R Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "meandering in warm sunshine"), Brown Argus (1 "sunning itself on buttercup flower"). "2 very warm highland cows now in residence".

Sue Davies reports from Freshwater Cliffs IOW (SZ351855) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (4), Dingy Skipper (8 "including 2 mating pairs"), Glanville Fritillary (5), Green Hairstreak (7), Grizzled Skipper (1), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (11), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (5), Small White (2), Fox Moth (1 "F"), Garden Tiger (1 Larval), Brown-tail (4 Larval "away from webs"). "First IOW Field Trip of the year, 25 present. Started with moths trapped on Freshwater Cliffs overnight- 22 species, Walk on Freshwater Cliffs followed by Afton Chalkpit car park, in glorious sunshine. 13 butterfly species seen."



Cliff-top walk

Sue Davies reports from Afton Down Chalkpit Car Parl (SZ365854) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (4), Grizzled Skipper (1), Small Blue (5), Green Hairstreak (1), Glanville Fritillary (5), Wall (3), Brown-tail (1 Larval), Large White (1). "No sign of Adonis Blue on Afton Down".

Stuart Read reports from Newport-Sandown cycleway (SZ5087) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (8), Red Admiral (3), Small White (3), Wall (1). "Orange tips were on wing at the end of March and there are still plenty about!".

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Eastern Clearing) (SU260293) where the following observations were made: **Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary** (3), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Dingy Skipper (1), Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (1). "The fritillaries were very active in the heat of the afternoon. Pearl-bordered are just starting to fade, in contrast to the pristine Small Pearls which are just emerging."



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Chris Cobb reports from Wallington River (SU588075) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (4). "4pm 30 min visit to site walking dogs".

Chris Cobb reports from Portsdown Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "9am 30 min visit Walking dogs").

Chris Cobb reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU645211) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (8), Grizzled Skipper (4), Small Heath (36), Large White (9), Brimstone (4), Common Blue (8), Small Copper (1). "A follow up to earlier visit this week when 4 DOB seen - none seen this time. visit at 12 pm for 1.5 hrs."

Anne McCue reports from Martin Down (SU040180) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (14), Dingy Skipper (19), Brimstone (18 "13 males & 5 females"), Small White (4), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Blue (2), Brown Argus (3), Common Blue (14 "including 2 mating pairs"), Adonis Blue (5), Holly Blue (3), Peacock (1), Small Heath (29). "I have never seen Martin Down so sparsely covered with butterflies in late May: most were in the shelter of Bokerley Dyke. The Adonis Blues appeared to be just emerging. It was lovely to see & hear so many Yellow Hammers and to hear Quail in many areas."

### Thursday 24th May

Graham Dennis reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU472574) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Common Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (25), Grizzled Skipper (6), Orange-tip (1), Small Blue (11).

Steve Goodwin reports from Bradley Wood (SU517495) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (3 "At least three were seen along 100m stretch"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1 "See photo"), Duke of Burgundy (1 "Fleeting sight of a Duke - did stop to be photo'd"), Speckled Wood (5 "All over the site"), Peacock (1), Brimstone (4 "Mostly males"), Pierids (10). "We only had a fleeting view of the fast flying Duke. I have photo'd Dukes on the site last year."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Common Blue (5), Small Copper (4), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (5), Small Heath (42), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (1 "male"). "a walk in the afternoon across barton common to becton bunny found the above".



Common Blue



Small Heath



Green Hairstreak

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU037196) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10), Brown Argus (4), Common Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (30), Green Hairstreak (8), Green-veined White (1), Grizzled Skipper (30), Holly Blue (3), Orange-tip (2), Small Blue (12), Small Copper (3), Small Heath (32), Small Tortoiseshell (1). "Time of visit was 0900 to 1445, weather was very misty & overcast until around 1150 when the sunshine appeared and so did the butterflies, and in good numbers!".



No description



No description

Mike & Cathy Skittrall reports from Bentley Wood (SU262292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (21), Brimstone (8), Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (2). "A very hot afternoon, we also saw an Argent and Sable & Speckled Yellow moths. A Nightjar was churring in some trees at the edge of the clearing, (at 2pm)? and a cuckoo and a Tawny Owl were heard nearby. We also saw two common lizards."



Brimstone

Roger Pendell reports from Horseshoe Bay\_ Wheelers Bay IOW (SZ565773) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (10), Brown Argus (4), Holly Blue (5), Glanville Fritillary (20 "Glanvilles seen flying the undercliffe all the way from Horseshoe to Wheelers Bay"), Small White (2), Orange-tip (3).



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary

### Wednesday 23rd May

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Winchester Hospital Carpark (SU470293) where the following observations were made: Lime Hawk-moth (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited several sites in the Meon Valley today the first was on top of Butser Hill, once the sun got up and the species were flying the specie count was as follows : Small Heath (6) Brimstone (4) Green-Veined White (1) Green Hairstreak (2) Small Copper (1) Common Blue (3) Dingy Skipper (8) Grizzled Skipper (7) I then went onto Pillow Mound and the sun was just creeping up and over this North-west facing slope but it was still very warm the following were seen: Speckled Wood (1) Small Heath (5) Duke of Burgundy (18) Brimstone (4) Green Veined White (1) Orange Tip (1) Green Hairstreak (1) Dingy Skipper (3) Grizzled Skipper (15) I then went onto Beacon Hill NNR and by this time the mid-day sun was belting down, and the butterflies seemed to be a little lethargic like me!. I saw as follows: Speckled Wood (3) Small Heath (20) Peacock (3) Brimstone (22) Orange Tip (10) Green Hairstreak (2) Small Copper (2) Common Blue (9) Holly Blue (1) Brown Argus (1) Dingy Skipper (13) Grizzled Skipper (15)"

Stuart Read reports from newport-cowes cyclepath (SZ5091) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (2), Small White (4), Small Heath (4 "in the adjoining field at Medham"), Green Hairstreak (1). "Very much more like butterfly-weather!"

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Tree Hill (SU455265) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small Heath (39), Brimstone (20), Orange-tip (5), Small White (7), Holly Blue (3), Dingy Skipper (5), Adela Reumerella (20). "24C - 20 minute walk at 12:30".

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU564616) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (7), Small Copper (5), Green-veined White (3), Brimstone (2), Peacock (1), Comma (1). "Drab Lopper also now on the wing."

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (5), Brimstone (2), Common Blue (1), Large White (2), Skipper (1 "Unable to get a photo to distinguish type of skipper").



Small Heath

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Female"), Comma (2), Green-veined White (2), Large White (3), Orange-tip (5 "4 male, 1 female"), Small White (1), Small Heath (1).

mark swann reports from new forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (68 "north sites"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (32 "south sites"). "Numbers well down from last year not many females seen. bugle is going over most pbf s were using wood spurge ."

Mervyn Grist reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU472574) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (30), Grizzled Skipper (2), Brimstone (1).

Mervyn Grist reports from Old Burghclere Lime Quarry (SU472574) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (30), Grizzled Skipper (2), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Blue (13), Common Blue (3), Peacock (3), Green Carpet Moth (1), Wood Tiger (1). "A group of 15 folk from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, some also BC members enjoyed a visit to this small reserve in warm sunshine . The numbers total what we saw. Osmia bicolor bees that nest in old snail shells were carrying small grass stems to camouflage the shells - first time I have seen this behaviour."

Roger Pendell reports from Newtown IOW Hay Meadow (SZ421909) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Wall (1), Small Heath (43), Small Copper (4), Glanville Fritillary (1 "Didn't really expect to see a Glanville here"), Orange-tip (2).

## Tuesday 22nd May

Alan Butterworth reports from New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (5 "Feeding on bugle"), Holly Blue (1), Brimstone (2). "First hot sunny day for long time, but quite a strong wind. Pearl Bordered Fritillaries were in an open area at the corner of two tracks. Very active, occasionally feeding on the few specimens of bugle, so only obtained a couple of poor photos. Walked much of inclosure but no others noticed."



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Brimstone

Hazel Pratt reports from Rake Bottom (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "f"), Brown Argus (1), Common Blue (2), Dingy Skipper (12), Grizzled Skipper (10), Small Heath (8), Large White (2), Duke of Burgundy (20), Cinnabar moth (1).

Alan Butterworth reports from Pennington Marsh (SZ317924) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Wall (6 "The only one that stopped flying for more than a second was nectaring on vetch(?) on the wrong side of a barbed-wire fence. So photographed from a distance.").



Wall

c piatkiewicz reports from st catherines hill (su483274) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (3 "2 near car park "), Duke of Burgundy (1 "very fresh near restored land close to canal"), Common Blue (3 "one near bar end car park "), Small Heath (1), Holly Blue (4).

Lee Hulin reports from Perham Down Ranges (SU256481) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2 "Seen in flight and then 1 basking."), Small Heath (2 "Resting on ground, then spiralling with another."), Brown Argus (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1 "male along woodland edge"), Peacock (1 "along woodland edge, field margin"), Orange-tip (1 "m along woodland edge, field margin"). "Circular walk along the county boundary and Perham Ranges. very warm afternoon, BF's seen during lull in the breeze. Photo of Dingy Skipper taken and double checked on return home."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Holly Blue (4), Green Hairstreak (4), Speckled Wood (1), Brimstone (2 "1 male 1 female"), Orange-tip (3 "1 female 2 male"), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Large White (2). "things starting to pick up in the garden as the temperature goes up, the female orange tip was egg laying on honesty, three beautiful yellow underwing moths nectaring on forget-me-not. also seen 1 honey buzzard and the first broad bodied chasers on the ponds."

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4791) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "2m 4f"), Comma (1), Dingy Skipper (2 "in a part of the forest I've never seen them before"), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Small White (2), Wall (2), Small Heath (5). "I've conducted an extensive search of the forest for PBFs this month and there is sadly no evidence that the colony still exists. The poor weather hasn't helped, but numbers has been dangerously low for a some years."

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down, Isle of Wight (SZ566780) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (50), Brown Argus (10), Common Blue (6), Dingy Skipper (3), Holly Blue (1), Large White (1), Orange-tip (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (3). "Beautiful sunny day and Adonis Blues out in force."

Alan Thornbury reports from Portsdown Hill (Paulsgrove Quarry) (SU634066) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (3 "Fresh males"), Common Blue (1 "Male").



Small Blue

Small Blue

Chris Cobb reports from Old Winchester hill (SU646211&SU646209) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3 "SU646211"), Duke of Burgundy (1 "SU646209"), Small Heath (14 "SU 6421"), Orange-tip (7 "su 6421 Males").

Chris Cobb reports from Old Winchester hill (SU646211&SU646209) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (3 "SU646211"), Duke of Burgundy (1 "SU646209"), Small Heath (14 "SU 6421"), Orange-tip (7 "su 6421 Males"), Orange-tip (1 "Su 646211 female"), Peacock (1 "SU 648212"). "Full Sun - Visited from 12am to 1.15 pm".



Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Burgundy

mark swann reports from martin down (SU058190) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (1 "male"), Small Blue (2), Brimstone (13), Peacock (5), Holly Blue (1), Common Blue (3), Grizzled Skipper (30 "5 mating pairs"), Dingy Skipper (30), Small Copper (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (11), Orange-tip (9), Green-veined White (2), Large White (7), Small White (4). "spring finally arrived 16 species on the wing with marsh frits emerging well but the most common species being dingy and grizzled skippers".

mark swann reports from stockbridge down (SU377347) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (30 "inc 2 females egg laying"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3), Brown Argus (1), Grizzled Skipper (12), Dingy Skipper (8). "managed 20 species for the day this time last week only 1 duke and 1 grizzled at this site near stockbridge".

Mike Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (6), Green Hairstreak (3), Small Heath (8), Grizzled Skipper (3), Dingy Skipper (5), Common Blue (3), Brown Argus (1), Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1), Brimstone (2).

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Holly Blue (6), Orange-tip (2), Small White (2), Small Copper (1), Brimstone (3).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (10 "7 Male 3 Female"), Green-veined White (1), Small Heath (3), Common Blue (1), Dingy Skipper (7), Grizzled Skipper (1). "Sunny afternoon where the temperature was 23°C".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU409235) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (12), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (5), **Large Skipper** (1). "22 C - 100% sun".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU407234) where the following observations were made: Speckled Yellow moth (3), Adela Reumerella (50), Small Red Damsel (1 "Mostly flying in small clearing in dark wood - near brackish stream"), Broad-bodied Chasers (7), Common blue damselfly (3). "24C, very sunny. Next to newly created Forestry Commission pond in Ampfield Wood".

Roger Pendell reports from Carisbrooke Castle moat (SZ485877) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Small Heath (12), Dingy Skipper (4), Common Blue (4), Small Blue (1), Wall (3), Speckled Wood (1), Small White (1), Orange-tip (6).

## Monday 21st May

John Roberts reports from Stockbridge Down (SU373345) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Orange-tip (4), Green Hairstreak (1), Holly Blue (3), Brimstone (17), Small Heath (8), Small White (3).

Kelvin Richards reports from Pyestock Hill/Pondtail (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "(1m, 1f, 2?)"), Orange-tip (4 "(4m)"), Speckled Wood (2).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small White (2), Holly Blue (1). "in my garden".

## Saturday 19th May

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Bentley Woods (SU262292) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (28), Speckled Yellow Moth (6), Adela reaumurella (100). "14C 10am Mostly sunny. Eastern Clearing for PBFs".

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited some of the New Forest Inclosures and it was a struggle to find any butterflies let alone my quarry the Pearl-Bordered Fritillary. When the sun did shine which wasn't very often there was very few in number, and I literally had to hunt them in the areas where they have been seen in good numbers in the past. I managed (36) this was over a period of 3-4 hours, I remember this time last year I counted about that number in the first 30 minutes. It certainly is poor year for everything, the other species seen was a Speckled Wood and a pair of Brimstones a White Plume Moth, and Speckled Yellow."



## Pearl-bordered Fritillary - female Pearl-bordered Fritillary - male

gary palmer reports from barton common (sz249930) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (4), Small Copper (3). "a walk across the common down to the bunny found the above."

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Small White (5 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "female"), Orange-tip (1 "female taking sea radish nectar"), Small Copper (3), Small Heath (3).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown Field (SZ574995) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "female"), Small White (6 "taking sea radish nectar"), Green-veined White (2 "taking sea radish nectar"), Small Heath (1).

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Orange-tip (2 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (1), Adela reaumurella (50 "long-horn moths").

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (4 "3 males & 1 female,including a mating pair"), Orange-tip (3 "males"), Peacock (1), Small Heath (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Roe Inclosure (SU199089) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1).

Ed Merritt reports from Berry Beeches (SU217060) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1 "Flying and basking on a forest track").



Peacock

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm, Boarhunt (SU598092) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Brimstone (20 Egg), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1).

Mervyn Grist reports from Shipton Bellinger (Beacon Hill) (SU215453) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Grizzled Skipper (8), Small Heath (1). "Just a few species at 14 degrees C and no sun."

## Friday 18th May

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Despite the cloudy weather and little hope of any sun, I visited Butser Hill and when the sun tried to come out the temperature noticeably went up, and I found (4) quite fresh Duke of Burgundies,one settled on my hand for about 10 minutes imbibing on my sweat, also there were several female, Duke's, making feeble attempts at flying.Also (2) Small Heath and a single Grizzle Skipper, roosting on a dead twig. I then ventured up and around Ramsdean Down, and then down opposite Little Butser Hill, and then up round past the tower to the car-park, not seeing anything on the wing at all. I did hear the Cuckoo for the first time this year, and the Skylarks were a joy to hear. But it was very disappointing, just about sums up the butterfly season so far I think...."

Tim Graham reports from Bentley Woods (SU262292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2 "3:30 pm and below 12C"), Speckled Yellow Moth (4).

## Thursday 17th May

Anne McCue reports from Newport Road,Gosport (SZ597004) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (1).

David Tinling reports from Crescent Road,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Pyrausta aurata (2).

## Wednesday 16th May

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "m"), Grizzled Skipper (3), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (4 "2m,2f"), Peacock (1), Large White (1), Small Heath (1).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (10), Orange-tip (1 "f"), Peacock (1), Small Heath (4).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Small White (1). "Sunny, occasionally cloudy & windy".

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU408234) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (3), Speckled Yellow Moth (1). "On Ampfield transect. Hardly anything, unlike last week. 3 x Broad Bodied Chaser Dragonfly 1 x Four-spotted Chaser 1 x Damselfly - plain light brown, no markings. Looked like Winter Damselfly (except that is extremely rare, so it's unlikely to be that)."

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (3 "males").

David Tinling reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3 "males").

David Tinling reports from Browndown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Small Heath (1). "Cuckoo calling repeatedly in Alver Valley."

Anne McCue reports from Noar Hill (SU743318) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Duke of Burgundy (9).

Anne McCue reports from Beacon Hill,Warnford (SU600225) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (10), Grizzled Skipper (2), Brimstone (5 "4 males & 1 female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Common Blue (3), Brown Argus (3), Peacock (1), Small Heath (28).

shaun barrett reports from martin down (SU047186) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (3), Grizzled Skipper (5), Small Copper (1), Small Heath (2), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1), mother shipton (1).

Chris Cobb reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU643215) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Brimstone (2). "Patchy sun, visit ojust 1 hour duration".



Brimstone



Grizzled Skipper

## Tuesday 15th May

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Large White (1), Orange-tip (2 "1 male 1 female"), Small Copper (1). "a day in the garden found the above."

shaun barrett reports from bentley wood (SU262292) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Duke of Burgundy (2), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), common lizard (12).

shaun barrett reports from magdalen hill (SU501292) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (9), Green Hairstreak (6), Small Heath (8), Dingy Skipper (1), Brimstone (6), Peacock (6), Small White (2), Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (2).

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down Isle of Wight (SZ566780) where the following observations were made: Adonis Blue (3), Brown Argus (4), Dingy Skipper (1), Wall (2), Common Blue (2).

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Small White (3), Orange-tip (1). "Wind very strong, butterflies flying above about 3 feet were blown across the field."



Green-veined White

## Monday 14th May

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Adela reaumurella (200 "long-horn moths").

## Sunday 13th May

Ashley Whitlock writes, today was another outing into Duke of Burgundy territory, and they were certainly making Hay while the sun shines, and many of the females had only just emerged, and with that I found two sets of mating pairs within a couple of feet of each other, despite the weather I still think numbers are well down on many of the sites for this specie. They probably wont peak until next week (weather permitting of course) Numbers seen of species were as follows Duke of Burgundy (64) Small Heath (33) Orange Tip (7) Dingy Skipper (9) Peacock (4) Brimstone (7) Holly Blue (1) Comma (1) Green-Veined White (1)



Duke of Burgundy



Duke of Burgundy



Small Heath

Mike Skittrall reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Dingy Skipper (1), Small Heath (6), Orange-tip (2), Duke of Burgundy (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from Homerhill & Pigeonhouse Coppices, Boarhunt (SU590095) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (4), Large White (2), Brimstone (1).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250929) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (1), Peacock (2), Small Copper (5), Green Hairstreak (1). "a walk across the common to the bunny found the above".

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU709206) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (5), Green-veined White (2), Dingy Skipper (24), Duke of Burgundy (8), Small Heath (3), Grizzled Skipper (10), Peacock (2), Brimstone (6), Cinnabar moth (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4791) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Im, 1f"), Comma (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (2 "both male"), Peacock (1), Small White (1), Speckled Wood (1). "Two consecutive sunny days and I could not resist a further visit to Parkhurst Forest! If PBFs are still present in the forest, the adults should be on wing within the next week or so. No sign of them this afternoon, though."

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill(quarry chalk pit) (SU635066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6 "4 males & 2 females"), Small White (3), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (7 "5 males & 2 females"), Small Blue (2), Holly Blue (3), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Wall (1 "photographed").

Anne McCue reports from Portsdown Hill(bottom path) (SU641066) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (7 "4 males & 3 females"), Small White (4), Green-veined White (4), Holly Blue (4), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (2).

Anne McCue reports from Fort Widley,Portsdown (SU655067) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Alverstoke Crescent Garden,Gosport (SZ604984) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tinling reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat,Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "male & female"), Speckled Wood (1), Adela reaumurella (20 "long-horn moths").

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south west),Gosport (SZ579998) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2 "males"), Peacock (1).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male"), Comma (1), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578998) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (1 "male"), Small Heath (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (2), Peacock (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU741318) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1), Duke of Burgundy (28), Dingy Skipper (4), Holly Blue (1), *Pyrausta Aurata* (2).

## Saturday 12th May

Andy Butler reports from Bonchurch Down,Isle of Wight (SZ566780) where the following observations were made: **Adonis Blue** (1 "1 male").

john hunt reports from back garden (SU727543) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "1000hrs 11deg c").



Holly Blue

Colin Baker reports from Martin Down & Bentley Wood (SU045195 & SU258294) where the following observations were made: Speckled Yellow (3), *Adela reamurella* (150), Argent and Sable (2), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (25), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (6 "2 MD & 4 BW"), Small Copper (1), Grizzled Skipper (7), Dingy Skipper (9). "The sun was shining but the wind was blowing a "Hooley"at Martin Down, which kept the temperatures, and the butterfly numbers down, but seeing Dingy Skippers for the first time this year is always a bonus. At four locations the dainty *Adela reamurella* were practicing formation flying and on the odd occasion they were doing it where they settled as the photo below clearly shows. Butterflies seen included 9 Dingy Skipper , 7 Grizzled Skipper , 2 Brimstone ,1 Small Copper and 1 Green-veined White. An estimate of*Adela reamurella* would be 150 individuals. On the way back I popped into Bentley Wood to see how the Pearl-bordered Fritillary were emerging and was surprised numbers had risen to about 25. It a pleasure seeing these butterflies especially when one has to wait a year to see them but today a 50 year wish came true when I saw and photographed 2 Argent and Sable moths, something I last saw when I was a teenager. Poor Mike Gibbons suffered my excitement but then for someone who saw a Large Tortoiseshell earlier this year he was very understanding. Also seen was 3 Speckled Yellow."



Argent and Sable



Argent and Sable



*Adela reamurella*

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park, Portchester (SU622050) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Holly Blue (1), Green-veined White (2).

Ashley Whitlock writes: At last some decent sunshine to get some reasonable butterflying in, visiting a site quite near to Queen Elizabeth Country Park today the following observations were made at Oxenbourne: Brimstone (15) Orange Tip (6) Common Blue (1) Grizzled Skipper (2) my first of the season! Comma (1) Peacock (1) Duke of Burgundy (6) Small Heath (3) Green Hairstreak (1) Dingy Skipper (5) Small Copper (1) another first today, despite the weather I don't think there was a great many species flying about here today. I then went over to Chalton Down and Idsworth Downs and here the following were seen: Dingy Skipper (12) Brimstone (18) Small White (1) Common Blue (1) Holly Blue (2) Grizzled Skipper (5) Orange Tip (6) Green-Veined White (4) another first today with a mating pair and Peacock (2)."



Duke of Burgundy



Green-veined White



Grizzled Skipper

Ian Pratt reports from Wheelers Bay Bonchurch (SZ569775) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Glanville Fritillary (2).



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary



Common Blue

gary palmer reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (2 "female"), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (3 "male"). "a walk in a local inclosure this morning in the new forest found the above on the rideside."



Brimstone



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ573784) where the following observations were made: Small Copper (1), Brown Argus (1).



Brown Argus



Brown Argus



Small Copper

Andrew Brookes reports from Urchins Copse & meadow, Portchester (SU624043) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Comma (1), Brimstone (2).

Andrew Brookes reports from St Mary's Churchyard, Portchester (SU625044) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Huntbourn Wood (SU619129) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Orange-tip (3), Green-veined White (2), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (1).

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4691) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (8 "4m, 4f"), Speckled Wood (3), Wall (1), Small Heath (2), Orange-tip (4 "all male"), Grizzled Skipper (2), Green-veined White (1), Red Admiral (1), unidentified whites (3), Peacock (1), Small White (1). "A lovely afternoon and butterflies emerged from their rain shelters! Also heard and saw a cuckoo."

Stuart Read reports from Carisbrooke Castle (SZ4887) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (12), Green Hairstreak (2), Holly Blue (1), Wall (4), Small Heath (20), Peacock (1), Green-veined White (3), Orange-tip (1 "female"). "The moats at Carisbrooke Castle support a satellite colony of Glanvilles and they'll hopefully be on wing within the next couple of weeks."

peter gardner reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Speckled Wood (1), Comma (1), Pearl-bordered Fritillary (9). "thanks paul great walk pleased to see so many on the walk ,we are glad the sun behaved itself".



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Brimstone



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (2).

Ed Merritt reports from the New Forest where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (1).



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Ed Merritt reports from Roydon Woods (SU321004) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Peacock (1).

Sue Davies reports from Kingston Boatyard E.Cowes (SZ504944) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (2), Small White (1), Peacock (1), Wall (1), 1076 *Celypha lacunana* (2), 1365 *Pyrausta despicata* (5). "Brownfield site with SW vetch rich grassy slope, brambles and sallows. Usually Small Copper, Common Blue and Dingy Skipper, but none seen."

*Pyrausta despicata**Celypha lacunana*

Mark tutton reports from Farlington (SU684057) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (3), Speckled Wood (1), Orange-tip (1).

Chris Rose reports from Noar Hill (SU744324) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Duke of Burgundy (15 "Appeared to be all over the reserve"), Holly Blue (2), Orange-tip (4), Peacock (1), Small Heath (2), Large White (2). "A very pleasant afternoon if you could get out of the wind. The Dukes once initially found were everywhere. The Dingy Skipper was a little more difficult but nice to find."

Sue Lambert reports from Lower Test NR (SU362138) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (4), Red Admiral (1), Small White (1).

David Tining reports from Exbury Gardens(north-east) (SU423004) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (2 "males").

David Tining reports from Exbury Gardens(south-east) (SU423999) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Exbury Gardens(south-west) (SU419999) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (1 "male"), Small Copper (2), Green Hairstreak (2), Dingy Skipper (5).

Mervyn Grist reports from Conholt Hill (SU330557) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "Lone species on Hants side of border on cold morning").

Mervyn Grist reports from Kiblet Down (SU334556) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2), Peacock (1). "Only a few species were seen by a wildlife Trust group at the base of this small chalk hillside in the northwest corner of the County".

## Friday 11th May

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (5 "1 male, 4 female"), Green-veined White (1), Orange-tip (1 Egg "On Cuckoo Flower"), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1).

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4 "2m,2f"), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (3).

Peter Hunt, reports from Wheelers Bay, Isle of Wight (SZ577778) where the following observations were made: [Glanville Fritillary](#) (1 "Our first sighting at Wheelers Bay in 2012"), Clouded Yellow (1), Dingy Skipper (3), Common Blue (2), Peacock (2), Small White (1). "The Glanville Fritillary was observed by myself, Andy Butler, and Rob Wilson."



Glanville Fritillary



Clouded Yellow

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU805403) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (2), Orange-tip (11 "6m 5f Some of the female orange tips appeared to be egg laying."), Speckled Wood (2). "The weather here was sunny with a light breeze and I could hear a cuckoo calling nearby."

Sue Lambert reports from St Boniface Park Rowhams (SU380165) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (3), Large White (1), Small White (1), Peacock (1), Holly Blue (1), Orange-tip (1).

peter gardner reports from butser hill lower slopes (SU657202) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1), Dingy Skipper (6), Grizzled Skipper (6), Small Heath (4), Duke of Burgundy (6), Peacock (2), Brimstone (3), Orange-tip (4). "although a chill wind the sun made up for that and got the butterflies out, could not find a green hairstreak."



Dingy Skipper



Duke of Burgundy



Grizzled Skipper

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Street, Portchester, garden (SU621049) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Large White (1), Holly Blue (1).

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Small White (5 "males"), Holly Blue (2 "males").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607989) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "taking alkanet nectar"), Green-veined White (1 "taking dandelion nectar"), Holly Blue (2 "males").

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2 "males").

## Thursday 10th May

Clive Wood reports from Garden at St Cross Winchester (SU476284) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1). "First time I've seen a Holly Blue in my garden, and on a cold, blustery, rain-filled day too! Basked on newly laid shingle in a very brief but bright interlude."

## Tuesday 8th May

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU731260) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Speckled Wood (1). "the sun really come out this afternoon just when i could not go out ,so thy came to me."



Orange-tip

Speckled Wood

Peter Hunt reports from Bonchurch Down Isle of Wight (SZ566780) where the following observations were made: [Brown Argus](#) (2), Small Heath (1), Wall (1). "My first sighting in 2012 of the Brown Argus."



Brown Argus

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Small White (4), Brimstone (1), Green-veined White (1), Peacock (1), Orange-tip (1). "The warmer sunny afternoon brought out strong flying butterflies."



Green-veined White

Sue Lambert reports from ST Boniface Park Rownhams (SU380165) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Peacock (2 "One very faded and tatty"), Brimstone (1).



Brimstone



Peacock

Mark Tutton reports from Fort Purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (2 "One female laying on dogwood"), Orange-tip (1 "Female"), Small White (1).

Andy Martin reports from Southbourne Undercliff (SZ144911) where the following observations were made: Clouded Yellow (2 "Fresh individuals"), Small Copper (5), Green-veined White (1). "I walked for 40 minutes along the sea front at Southbourne hoping to see early Clouded Yellows. I was not disappointed recording two fresh individuals on the undercliff close to the cafe. As I continued along the front toward Boscombe I caught sight of several Small Copper including a beautiful bright aberrant individual. (also 1 Green-veined white at same sight)".



Clouded Yellow



Small Copper

Gary Palmer reports from Shirley Holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "male"), Orange-tip (2 "male"), Green Hairstreak (1), Green-veined White (2), Small White (1), Holly Blue (1). "a day in the garden found the above."

David Tining reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male taking bluebell nectar in my garden"), *Pyrausta aurata* (1 "taking forget-me-not nectar in my garden"). "Again 3 Small Whites, female Orange-tip, Holly Blue, 2 Speckled Woods, *Adela reaumurella* & 3 Large Red Damselflies."

David Tining reports from Haslar (south-west), Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking nectar from bluebell & dandelion").

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course (north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "female"), Orange-tip (1 "male").

David Tining reports from Fort Gilkicker, Gosport (SZ606975) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Holly Blue (1 "male").

David Tining reports from Gilkicker (south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Small White (3 "males").

David Tining reports from Gilkicker (north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (1).

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Road (east), Gosport (SZ601985) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Speckled Wood (1).

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "male taking salts from wet earth"), Peacock (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Brimstone (4 "males").

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Orange-tip (6 "males"), Green-veined White (1), Speckled Wood (6).

Anne McCue reports from Titchfield Haven Canal Path (SU533030) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Holly Blue (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Ampfield Woods (SU407234) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (23), Orange-tip (3 "2 flying conjoined"), Peacock (2), Speckled Wood (19). "Ampfield Woods transect. Butterflies mostly restricted to a single section."

### Monday 7th May

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (4), Dingy Skipper (1).



Dule of Burgundy



Dingy Skipper



Dingy Skipper

Mark Tutton reports from Rake Bottom (SU708209) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (1), Duke of Burgundy (1), Orange-tip (2). "After the interminable cloud and rain of the last few days I spotted that the sky started to brighten about two o'clock so quickly gathered some waterproofs and headed up the A3. The sun actually broke through a few times but it was really cold and windy - I cannot remember going butterfly watching in May with jumper, bodywarmer, fleece and waterproofs on! As I walked up the track I stopped to talk to a dogwalker and two orange tips emerged to do battle - perhaps there was hope - these were the first butterflies I have seen in May. I entered the valley itself and the sun was very spodic and now the wind was gusting with a vengeance! I quickly spotted a Grizzled Skipper nectaring on some cowslips but it was a full hour and a half before I saw another butterfly. During the interlude I was entertained by a vixen who confidently strolled across the hillslope above and sat down to watch me - it was a bit unnerving I couldn't work out who was more interested in whom :-). Eventually during a longer period of sun - at least ten minutes - I spotted a Duke and watched for a good period as it soaked up the scarce rays. No more was forthcoming so I wandered back down the waterlogged track as the clouds and rain built yet again."



Duke of Burgundy

David Tinling reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607989) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Orange-tip (2 "males in aerial combat").

David Tinling reports from Foster Gardens, Gosport (SZ605994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Green-veined White (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male").

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Noar Hill (SU743315) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1). "A little late in the afternoon (4pm), but the only time that the sun shone at all."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU716266) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "checking black thorn"). "the sun only appered for ten minutes, looking and checking through the ladysmocks".



Orange-tip

Alan Thornbury reports from Bentley Wood (Hampshire Section) (SU260293) where the following observations were made: **Pearl-bordered Fritillary** (1 "male"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Peacock (0). "Only saw a single Pearl-bordered Fritillary in the Hampshire section (but it got away from the camera!). Not surprisingly the ground was waterlogged, with standing water in many places."

### Sunday 6th May

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU035199) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (7), Dingy Skipper (4), Peacock (1 "A very battered individual!"), Orange-tip (1). "Sightings were made on a very brief visit (1330-1430) in very cloudy, but dry conditions."

Andrew Brookes reports from Cowdrove Hill, near Stockbridge (SU355333) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "Male, 5.40 pm, air temp. just 11 Celsius. ").

### Friday 4th May

Peter Hunt reports from Afton Down Chalkpit (Car Park) (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (6), Dingy Skipper (3), Wall (1), Green Hairstreak (3), Small White (1).



Small Blue

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "male taking Bluebell nectar in my garden"), Adela reamurella(BF150) (1 "Long-horn Moth"), Bibio marci (1 "St Mark's Fly flying with dangling long dark legs").

Steve Priestley reports from Freshwater Bay (SZ350856) where the following observations were made: Wall (1).



Wall

### Wednesday 2nd May

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (2), Muslin Moth (2 "Mating pair"), Common Carpet Moth (1), Green Carpet Moth (1).



Grizzled Skipper



Muslin Moth

Sue Davies reports from Afton Down (SZ360856) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Grizzled Skipper (2), Peacock (2), Wall (1), Small Blue (7 "male & female"). "The sun came out for a couple of hours and so did the butterflies. Disappeared just as quickly as clouds came over and temp dropped."

### Tuesday 1st May

Peter Hunt reports from Wheelers Bay,Ventnor Isle of Wight (SZ577778) where the following observations were made: **Common Blue** (2 "2 males"), Dingy Skipper (4), Peacock (1).



Common Blue

Roger Pendell reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU504291) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Orange-tip (2), Brimstone (1), Large White (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Noar Hill (SU737322) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3), Orange-tip (4), Dingy Skipper (4), Duke of Burgundy (7), Small Heath (1), Small White (1), Brimstone (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "I decided to visit a Meon Valley site in the warmth of this afternoon with the temperature being where it should be, and blue skies all the way, such a rare thing at the moment and the following observations were Duke of Burgundy (15) including a pair in cop, I watched these for quiet a long time, the male just flew past the female, and did a handbrake turn and landed on a cowslip next to her, he just reversed around and mated, no airs or graces, they certainly don't stand on ceremony when its mating time, I suppose if you only have up to 7 days as an adult you have to do things rather quickly! Other species of note were Small Heath (6) Peacock (2) Green Hairstreak (2) Brimstone (13) including a female laying eggs, Small White (1) Orange Tip (7) Dingy Skipper (4) and a Mother Shipton Moth."



Duke of Burgundy



Green Hairstreak



Dingy Skipper

Mark Tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1), Holly Blue (1), Small White (2).

Stuart Read reports from newport-cowes cyclepath (SZ504923) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 "male"), Small White (1). Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ470910) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 "2m, 2f"), Comma (1), Green-veined White (2), Holly Blue (1), Painted Lady (1), Peacock (7), Speckled Wood (1). "An unpromising morning turned into a beautiful afternoon and I wrested myself away from my work and went for a walk in Parkhurst Forest. My tally was reasonable given the atrocious weather over the past two weeks. It was so nice to feel the warmth of the sun on my face! A nightingale has taken up residence in the young plantation adjacent to the pond on the north-west edge of the forest and that was something of a bonus."

Roy Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "Male"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (3 "Male"), Duke of Burgundy (1), Holly Blue (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1). "Arrived just before lunch where the weather was cloudy and the temperature was 11.5°C. Saw a single Duke of Burgundy Fritillary which was very obliging to have photos taken! After lunch the sun appeared warming to 15°C which brought more butterflies to the wing, but still just the one "Duke"."

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2 "Male"), Small White (1), Orange-tip (1 "Male"), Speckled Wood (3), Small Heath (5), Dingy Skipper (7), Grizzled Skipper (1). "An afternoon visit to this site where the temperature was 15°C. Pleased to record my first sightings of the Small Heath this year."

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU716269) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1). "a good start to the afternoon lets see what happens latter".



Orange-tip



Brimstone

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads west (SU711262) where the following observations were made: Peacock (6 "great"), Brimstone (2), Orange-tip (2). "afternoon even better very rewarding walk the peacocks big surprise".



Orange-tip

Andy Butler reports from Wheelers Bay, Ventnor, Isle of Wight (SZ571776) where the following observations were made: [Painted Lady](#) (1), [Common Blue](#) (1).

Kelvin Richards reports from a garden in Hook (SU726546) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "First HB sighting in garden for 2012, it was on April 7 in 2011").

David Tining reports from Haslar (north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Large White (1 "male"), Small White (2 "male & female"), Orange-tip (1 "male"), Holly Blue (1 "male"), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (5).

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line (south), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ605984) where the following observations were made: Peacock (1), Comma (1).

David Tining reports from Stokes Bay Old Moat, Gosport (SZ594986) where the following observations were made: Peacock (3).

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Small White (3), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (1), Orange-tip (1), Peacock (1), Silver Y Moth (1).



Small White



Silver Y

David Tining reports from Alver Meadow, Gosport (SZ586998) where the following observations were made: Peacock (2), Comma (1).

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## Saturday 30th June

Terry Hotten writes: "I made an early visit to Strait's Inclosure this morning but the rain flurries kept most butterflies hidden apart from a few hardy Meadow Browns. However as I was leaving a Silver-washed Fritillary dislodged a White Admiral from the trackside bushes to make my visit worthwhile and there was also a fresh Comma and Ringlet."

Andrew Brookes reports from Briddlesford Copse, IoW (SZ551903) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (12), Red Admiral (1), Ringlet (10), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), White Admiral (3).

Andrew Brookes reports from Roud, IoW (SZ513805) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Red Admiral (1).

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (11), Meadow Brown (12), Marbled White (2), Speckled Wood (2). "Temperature was 17°C. Meadow Browns were very active."

Chris Cobb reports from Wickham Common (SU587105) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Small Heath (3), Meadow Brown (40), Marbled White (14), Small Skipper (15). "1hour visit at 1 pm - Sunny & fresh breeze".



Small Skipper

Chris Cobb reports from Wallington Meadow (SU586073) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (14), Large Skipper (1). "3.30 pm. -1/2 hour visit, Sunny but strong breeze".

nick lawrence reports from straits inclosure (su805403) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (8), Red Admiral (4), Speckled Wood (5), Large Skipper (10), Ringlet (8), Meadow Brown (10).

Chris Rose reports from Old Down Wood Four Marks (SU656334) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (35 "Amazing number around damp wet ground"), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (1 "First of the year at SU692322"), Small Tortoiseshell (3). "The majority of butterflies seen while walking around Four Marks were Meadow Browns. It was very windy, but there were sufficient sheltered spots that caught the sun. The most Meadow Browns were seen in Old Down Wood, the Marbled White in the Rotherfield Estate".

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetery (SU413137) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Marbled White (3), Red Admiral (2).

Peter Vaughan reports from Bartley Heath (SU7353) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (2 "flying around vigorously"), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (2), Brimstone (1 "(male)"). "Site visited at mid-day. Intermittent bright sunshine. Disappointingly few butterflies in evidence."

Andrew Hutchison reports from Alice Holt Straits Enclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), White Admiral (1), Ringlet (6), Large Skipper (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (2), Meadow Brown (3), Speckled Wood (2), Emperor Dragonfly (1 "Female"), Four-Banded Longhorn Beetle (1 "Photo on flickr <http://www.flickr.com/photos/chorusinthedawn/7474394002/in/photostream/>"), Blood-Vein Moth (1). "A big improvement over last week's visit when only a few browns and speckled woods seen, but not up to numbers in previous years."

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Today wasn't going to be an outstanding day in terms of Butterfly and Moth species but walking around Pamber Heath in the morning with a group very keen on what to see produced the following species when the sun shone in between very windy conditions and black cloudy skies; Silver Studded Blue (20) at least (3) females Large Skipper (3) Small Heath (1) Meadow Brown (35) Silver Y moths Cinnabar Moth Clouded Buff (2) (1) female Lattice Heath (2) Plume Moth (1) Cinnabar Moth caterpillars in their first instar and eggs of a Fox Moth we think! (see photo) Common Lizards and I saw a Grass Snake unfortunately it had scuttled into dense grass before anybody had seen it! In the afternoon we a few more willing to brave the elements although the skies were clear and the sun was warm several times we saw the following in Pamber Forest, which was not pretty underfoot in many areas: Speckled Wood (7) Large Skipper (7) White Admiral (2) Brimstone (1) Red Admiral (2) Ringlet (2) Silver-Washed Fritillary (4) Meadow Brown (5) Comma (2) Several Emperor Dragonflies and Azure Dameselles. It was far too windy to see Purple Hairstreak and that other butterfly forget the name but it certainly not out."



Clouded Buff



Fox moth larvae



Silver-studded Blue

Ed Merritt reports from Beaulieu Heath (SU395046) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (19 "All males with one, presumably recently emerged, accompanied by ants. ").



Silver-studded Blue Silver-studded Blue

Peter Hunt reports from Walters Copse, Isle of Wight (SZ433904) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (2).

Mervyn Grist reports from Hatherden Manor (SU3450) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (1), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (3). "Species found in wind shelter of a hedge. Area has no recent records."

Mervyn Grist reports from Dine's Copse Wildhern (SU3451) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Peacock (70 Larval "Two groups in nettle patch"), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1). "The species were found beside a track just south of the copse in this. Area not visited in recent years."

Mervyn Grist reports from Wildhern (north) (SU3551) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (2). "Another rarely visited square with meagre records due to agriculture despite ELS schemes in place."

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU351467) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (7), Common Blue (3), Small Skipper (3), Marbled White (6), Meadow Brown (13), Ringlet (2), Red Admiral (3), Large White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), cinnibar (1), silver y (1), five spot burnet (6), elephant hawk moth (1).

David Tinling reports from Haslar (south-west), Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Small/Essex Skipper (1), Essex Skipper (1 "female taking red clover nectar"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "old"), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (6), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (3), Silver Y Moth (3 "taking red clover nectar").

Anne McCue reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery (east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Holly Blue (2), Red Admiral (2), Comma (2), Speckled Wood (3), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (13), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (5).

Sue Lambert reports from Silchester Common and Pamber Forest (SU616622) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (13), Meadow Brown (16), Speckled Wood (6), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (3), Comma (2), White Admiral (2), Ringlet (3), Large Skipper (8), Fox Moth (20 Egg "on heather stem- look like old flowers"), Cinnabar moth (25 Larval "on ragwort"), Clouded Buff (2 "Male and female"), Lattice heath moth (1), Silver Y moth (1), Beautiful Damosiella (2), Emperor Dragonfly (2), Brown Plume moth (1). "Many thanks to Ashley and Alison for leading the walk, they stepped in at short notice. We only had one light shower just before lunch with sunshine all afternoon. We saw 10 butterfly species and a number of moths, more flying in the afternoon."



Silver-washed Fritillary



Clouded Buff

## Friday 29th June

Chris Cobb reports from Wickham Common (SU587105) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (1), Meadow Brown (9), Marbled White (12 "Most newly hatched"). "1/2 hour visit. cloudy, fresh breeze and sporadic drizzle. A good acre of unspoilt grassland apart from SEB maintenance works."

Alan Thornbury reports from Whiteley Pastures (SU538107) where the following observations were made: Silver-washed Fritillary (6), White Admiral (2), Red Admiral (3), Comma (2), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (6). "The Silver-washed Fritillaries were very active during the sunny periods, rarely landing. Good to see their numbers and White Admirals starting to increase."



Silver-washed Fritillary

Lee Hulin reports from Great Copse (Mottisfont) (SU322284) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Green-veined White (1), Large Skipper (1), White Admiral (4), Speckled Wood (7), Meadow Brown (2). "13:00, wind 3/4, SE, 20c, sunshine 60%. Wet underfoot."

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU806403) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (8), Meadow Brown (11), Red Admiral (6), Ringlet (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (6), Speckled Wood (4). "An early afternoon visit. Weather sunny and warm at ground level but quite breezy in the treetops."

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (12). "during a brief sunny period in the morning the lower meadow in the garden contained the above."

gary palmer reports from wootton coppice (SZ242994) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (28), Ringlet (6), silver y moth (7). "greeted at the gate of the inclosure by a red admiral, it looked as if it might be a productive mid afternoon walk in the inclosure, but all too soon the clouds covered the sun and i had to make a walk back under a brolly. of note the first ringlets emerging."



Ringlet

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU351467) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (8), Small Skipper (8), Marbled White (21), Meadow Brown (13), Red Admiral (3), Small Tortoiseshell (1), burnet companion (2), five spot burnet (9), silver y (5).

Andrew Brookes reports from Horsea Island (SU638042) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (6).

## Thursday 28th June

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1 "Male - fresh looking - flushed from long grass."). "Despite the poor weather, Butterfly numbers in the garden are similar to last year at this time. However, the wet weather has increased the number of Slugs, snails and Frogs in the garden which might impact numbers later on. Also, there seem to be more Birds in the garden this year - perhaps due to the number of slugs - I recently watched a Blackbird "skin" a slug by repeatedly banging it on a concrete path before eating the insides. The increased number of predators might impact butterfly numbers later on - we shall see!"

Mike Wildish reports from Cow Down Interchange (SU385445) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Meadow Brown (2), Large Skipper (5), Brimstone (1), Ringlet (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Bere Hill (SU375445) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (14), Marbled White (2), Small Heath (1).

Roger Pendell reports from Portsdown Hill (SU656067) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (35), Meadow Brown (17), Brimstone (1), Small Blue (2), Ringlet (1), Red Admiral (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (16), Large Skipper (8), Speckled Wood (2), Large White (1), Comma (1 "very fresh"), Silver-Y moth (1), Narrow-bordered 5 Spot Burnet Mo (4). "Unfortunately the sun decided to go in just as I went out, but it was still warm and the butterflies were easily disturbed with some flying."



Comma



Large Skipper



Silver Y

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU351467) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Small Heath (1), Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (8), Marbled White (12), Meadow Brown (8), Red Admiral (2), silver y (6), small elephant hawkmoth (1), five spot burnet (4).

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249932) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (33), Marbled White (6), Small Heath (16), Red Admiral (2), Common Blue (1), Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (8), silver y moth (10). "a walk, late afternoon around the common found the above, of note were the first marbled white starting to hatch and an influx of silver y."



Red Admiral



Marbled White



Large Skipper

Kelvin Richards reports from Bartley Heath (SU731533) where the following observations were made: Ringlet (1), Red Admiral (1). "Patchy sun, very wet ground from overnight rain; 4 other butterfly species seen but not positively identified."

Ian Pratt reports from Brading Down (SZ602864) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (6), Speckled Wood (1), Large Skipper (1). "Sixth earliest appearance for marbled white for me since 2000!"

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727264) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1). "thank goodness for a period of sun warm enough to bring at least one butterfly out".



Meadow Brown

Roy Symonds reports from Portsdown Hill (East) (SU658063) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Marbled White (11). "With hazy skies and the temperature 22Â°C, most butterflies were disturbed from the grass as I walked past."

Anne McCue & David Tinling reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "male,first Gosport sighting of 2012").

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1), Large Skipper (2), Common Blue (1 "old male"), Red Admiral (2), Comma (2 "hutchinsoni"), Marbled White (15), Speckled Wood (5), Meadow Brown (19), Small Heath (12 "including a mating pair"), Cinnabar (1), Silver Y Moth (3).

David Tinling & Mick Langridge reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "old"), Comma (1 "very old"). "& others".

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(east),Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male taking hawkbit nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Marbled White (1), Small Heath (22), Silver Y Moth (2).

David Tinling & Anne McCue reports from Browdown North(south-west),Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Peacock (200 Larval "larvae on 2 nets").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (11), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (45), Small Heath (10), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (82), Burnet Companion (2), Mother Shipton (1), Silver Y Moth (6 "taking white clover nectar"), Shaded Broad-bar (1).

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (9), **Essex Skipper** (1 "male,first Gosport sighting in 2012"), Large Skipper (5), Common Blue (1 "very fresh blue-brown 2nd brood female taking white clover nectar"), Marbled White (8), Speckled Wood (1), Meadow Brown (11), Small Heath (34),

David Tinling reports from Junkett Hill(south),Gosport (SU576002) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (8), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (12).

Anne McCue, David Tinling & Mick Langridge reports from Home Heath, Gosport (SZ585003) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (11), Marbled White (3), Meadow Brown (10), Small Heath (1), Common Plume Moth (3), Silver Y Moth (2), Cinnabar (1).

### Wednesday 27th June

Roger Pendell reports from Alice Holt Straits Inclosure (SU806401) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (6), Large Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (2), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Ringlet (1).

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood & Old Down Parks (SU599484) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "Beggarwood, first sighting."), Marbled White (1 "Old Down"), Meadow Brown (2 "1 on Old Down, 1 on B'wood(first sighting)"), Small Blue (1 "Female laying eggs on Kidney Vetch(B'wood)"), Small Heath (2 "B'wood"). "3pm, 18 degrees C in the shade, Overcast and short showers."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Straits Enclosure (SU796397) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2 "4pm, 19C, Cloudy. Too late in the day for much"), Green Oak Tortix (1).

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU351467) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (4), Small Skipper (6), Marbled White (11), Meadow Brown (9), cinnabar (1), five spot burnet (4), burnet companion (6), buff tip (1).

### Tuesday 26th June

Peter Hunt reports from West High Down, IOW (SZ321852) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (1), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (6), Large Skipper (3). "Cloudy and misty conditions on the Down".

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU805403) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "very brightly coloured"), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (7), Red Admiral (5), Ringlet (1 "very fresh. A first sighting of the year for us."), Speckled Wood (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (1 "Flew along the bramble bushes by the side of the main path without stopping then straight up high into an oak tree."). "A spur of the moment decision to visit Straits Inclosure over the lunch hour today paid dividends resulting in two first sightings for us- the ringlet and silver washed fritillary. The weather was warm and overcast with occasional bursts of hot sunshine. Roll on summer!".

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU794430) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Speckled Wood (2). "No sun when we reached this site. Sky overcast and rain threatening."

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU351467) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (2), Ringlet (1), Small Skipper (1), Marbled White (7), Meadow Brown (8).

David Tinling reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "male").

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood "), Marbled White (5 "male & female"), Meadow Brown (12).

### Monday 25th June

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Meadow Brown (4), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Terry Hotten writes: "An early visit to Strait's Enclosure this morning produced as many dragon and damselflies as butterflies, but in this bizarre spring and summer it was nice to see anything flying! I saw about 10 Large Skippers, 4 Speckled Woods and 4-5 fresh Red Admirals together with singleton Meadow Brown and Small Skipper. The odonata comprised about 10 Beautiful Demoiselle, singleton Broad-bodied Chaser and probably Emperor Dragonfly. Hopefully today's weather will improve the numbers of all flying."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Hill - path up to reserve (SU451268) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (29), Marbled White (3), Small Heath (7), Large Skipper (6). "12pm 20 C. 50% cloud cover."

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Hill reserve (SU456265) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (20), Small Heath (6), Marbled White (2).

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton Down (SU345485) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Ringlet (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Mike Wildish reports from Foxcotte (SU345475) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Hill - top of hill (SU453263) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (10), Small Heath (4), Large Skipper (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Mother Shipton moth (0). "20 C sunny, 50% clouds. Just 5 min visit to top of hill field."

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (4), Large White (2), Marbled White (1 "First sighting this year"), Meadow Brown (12), Small Blue (10), Burnet Companion moth (10), Cinnabar moth (11), Silver Y Moth (2). "Sunny & warm".

Mark Tunton reports from New Forest (SU227017) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (15 "one nice fresh female "), Small Heath (15), Meadow Brown (10), Large Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (4), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "first of the year"), Red Admiral (1). "Spent the day in various inclosures in the forest I walked nearly 20miles and despite perfect weather saw barely 40 butterflies which was very poor. The one bright point was my first DGF at Wotton Coppice".



Dark Green Fritillary

Mike Gibbons writes: "I managed to catch up with two new hairstreaks for my 2012 butterfly list today. I saw 2 **Purple Hairstreaks** flying around the top an oak near my Christchurch garden and a White-letter Hairstreak around elms at a private site near Romsey. I also visited Bentley Wood where there were 4 Small-Pearl bordered Fritillaries in the Eastern Clearing, 2 bright, 2 faded. I also saw my first Ringlet in the Eastern Clearing, with another 2 seen elsewhere in the wood. Large Skippers seem to be doing well here with at least 10+ seen around the wood.

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (Kitts Grave) (SU032205) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (6), Common Blue (3), Dark Green Fritillary (1), Large Skipper (16), Meadow Brown (20), Ringlet (2), Small Blue (8), Small Heath (22), Speckled Wood (1). "Visit times were 0915-1245. Apart from the commoner species, another disappointing amount of butterflies on view despite the lovely warm morning. The Brimstone's and Blue's were all very worn."



Dark Green Fritillary



Ringlet

Alan Thornbury reports from Pitt Down (SU420293) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (6), Brimstone (3), Small Heath (5), Meadow Brown (10), Small Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1), Peacock (1). "The Dark Green Fritillaries were mainly at the extreme east of the down, where there is scrub and plenty of thistles."



Dark Green Fritillary

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU346466) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (2), Small Skipper (2), Marbled White (5), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (1), silver y (3), burnet campanion (1).

shaun barrett reports from stockbridge down (SU374348) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (5), Common Blue (7), Comma (1), Brown Argus (1), Small White (1), Grizzled Skipper (1), Marbled White (13), Dark Green Fritillary (4), Meadow Brown (50), Small Heath (50), Brimstone (3), mother shipton (1), scarlet tiger (2), silver y (2), six spot burnet (1), garden carpet (2), agapeta hamana (1). "to many meadow brown and small heath to count gave up at 50 a piece but there were far more".

peter gardner reports from st catherines hill (SU489271) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (38), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (21), Comma (1), Small Heath (32), Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (1). "we had a great day amongst the small blues and seeing all the others".



Large Skipper



Marbled White



Small Blue

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Botley Wood/Whiteley Pastures (SU5310) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Large Skipper (5), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (15), Red Admiral (6), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Speckled Wood (3).

David Tining reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (110 "major emergence taking nectar from red clover,creeping thistle & common vetch").

David Tining reports from Sandhill(north-west),Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "very fresh 2nd brood male"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (35 "major emergence taking nectar from red clover & creeping thistle"), Silver Y Moth (1).

David Tining reports from Haslar(south-west),Gosport (SZ614981) where the following observations were made: Silver Y Moth (1).

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(south-west),Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (1 "taking thrift nectar").

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west),Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Common Blue (2 "males"), Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood,taking bramble nectar"), Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (4 "taking nectar from bramble & white clover"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (2 "taking knapweed nectar"), Cinnabar (1), Silver Y Moth (1). "The emergence of Marbled Whites marks the end of "the June gap" between spring & summer butterflies."

David Tining reports from Browdown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Green-veined White (1 "very fresh 2nd brood male"), Marbled White (4 "3 males & 1 female").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north),Alverstoke,Gosport (SZ607989) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "very fresh f. hutchinsoni").

Mervyn Grist reports from Pilot Hill (SU398595) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1 "Rather elderly and probably the last of the spring emergence."). "Amazingly this individual had survived the June deluges and the grey weeks. It was seen off Transect."

Hazel Pratt reports from Caesar's Camp (SU825493) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (2), Silver-studded Blue (4 "3m,1f"). "A late afternoon visit to see if there were any silver studded blues around. My first sighting of them this year."

Chris Hall reports from Eelmoor (SU8453) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Brimstone (1 "faded"), Green Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (13), Small Heath (11), Clouded Buff (2). "Numbers poor, as they are everywhere this month (Just two butterflies seen in my garden this month!). The above noted during a walk around three compartments of Eelmoor, sun intermittent and frequent grey cloud. No ringlets or silver-studded blues seen. In this part of Hampshire June has been the wettest month since December 2009. On Eelmoor there is water inches deep where water has no right to be in a summer month, but at least the dragonflies are happy."

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Speckled Wood (2), Meadow Brown (15 "including a mating pair"), Small Heath (1).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (5), Small Skipper (1), Dark Green Fritillary (1 "taken 1 minute later by an Emperor Dragonfly"), Silver-washed Fritillary (5), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (23), Speckled Wood (1) Large Red Damselfly & female Beautiful Demoiselle..

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: . "Azure & Large Red Damselflies,Beautiful Demoiselle (male & 2 females);Downy Emerald,Golden Ringed & Emperor Dragonflies,Broad-bodied Chaser."

Graham Dennis reports from Pamber Forest (SU615609) where the following observations were made: White Admiral (1 "Finally a white admiral was out this morning").

## Sunday 24th June

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (5), Small Heath (8), Brown Argus (2 "One looked quite fresh").

Steve Keen reports from Setthorns Inclosure (SZ266990) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (8), Meadow Brown (3), Silver-washed Fritillary (1), Burnet Companion (1), Brown Silver-line (2), Crambus pascuella (1). "In a single woodland clearing, hoping vainly for White Admiral."

Hazel Pratt reports from Bentley Station Meadow (SU792435) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Large Skipper (1), Meadow Brown (5).

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU802402) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (4), Red Admiral (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Visited Portsdown Hill to do the transect route, and the weather was very warm but windy but the following were seen on the wing, Speckled Wood (2) Marbled White (8) Meadow Brown (7) Comma (1) Small White (3) Small Blue (2) Common Blue (1) Large Skipper (4) and several Silver 'Y' Moths . I was really pleased as how the hill has come on in recent years with great swathes of Wild flowers, especially the Kidney Vetches which is growing everywhere now, especially under the area of Fort Southwick, making this landscape quite a unique place as a chalk grassland."



Marbled White



Silver Y



Small Blue

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (3), Large Skipper (2), Speckled Wood (1), Cinnabar moth (1).

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU355468) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (1), Meadow Brown (1), five spot burnet (5), small elephant hawk moth (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Branshott Common (SU857334) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (10), Large Skipper (5), Small Heath (5), Silver-studded Blue (39 "36 Male, 3 female. Mating pairs observed. "). "Butterflies seen mid afternoon. 20 C. Had rained in morning, but sunny in afternoon."

Ian Pratt reports from Walters Copse and meadow (SZ430904) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (40), Comma (1). "Extremely wet under foot in places like February normally is. Very little activity except the meadow browns and one possible marbled white. Also a large hawker dragonfly. Hopefully July and August will be warmer and drier."

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (3 "male & female").

David Tinling reports from Browdown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Small Skipper (1 "male").

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Small White (1 "male"), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (18), Small Heath (9), Narrow-bordered Five-Spot Burnet (25 "taking nectar from red clover & cat's -ear"), Cinnabar (3), Burnet Companion (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Alresford (SU583316) where the following observations were made: Hummingbird Hawkmoth (2).

peter gardner reports from froxfield garden (SU727256) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "flying around the buddlia looking for flowers ,but way too early".



Red Admiral



Red Admiral

Tim Norriss reports from Harewood Forest (SU4045) where the following observations were made: Dark Green Fritillary (3 "nectaring on Marsh Thistle"), [White Admiral](#) (1), Marbled White (1).



Dark Green Fritillary

Anne McCue reports from Junkett Bottom, Gosport (SU577006) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1), Small Heath (7), Cinnabar (1).

Anne McCue reports from Hillbury Meadow, Gosport (SU576007) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Cinnabar (1).

## Saturday 23rd June

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU350467) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (16), Common Blue (7), Large Skipper (2), Marbled White (5), Ringlet (1), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Speckled Wood (2), silver y (6), burnet campion (5), agapeta hamana (1), five spot burnet (4), crambus pascuella (5).

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (3), Common Blue (1), Small Blue (1), Small Heath (5), Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1).



Small Blue

Small Blue

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ250932) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (9), Small Skipper (1), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (2), Small Copper (1), Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (17), cream spot tiger moth (2), yellow shell (1). "a good search on this windy day of the common and over to becton bunny found the above".



Small Copper

Red Admiral

Large Skipper

Mark tutton reports from Martin down (SU036198) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1), Small Heath (4). "After a successful trip to collard hill to see the Large Blues we stopped off at Martin down and were greeted by a small tortoiseshell landing on the car. It was all down hill from there as the wind was almost blowing us off our feet, as it seems to have been constantly for the last week. Did manage to track down seven spikes of Frog Orchid, to go with the Wasp Orchid at collard hill - a variant of the Bee Orchid - so all was not lost."

Anne McCue & David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (9), Speckled Wood (10), Comma (1), Red Admiral (7 "taking bramble nectar"), Small White (1 "male"), Holly Blue (4).

Anne McCue & David Tining reports from Carter's Copse,Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar (1), Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (4 "taking bramble nectar"), Small White (1 "2nd brood male"), Large White (1 "2nd brood male"), Large Skipper (2).

Anne McCue reports from Home Heath,Gosport (SU585003) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (2), Small Skipper (3 "male & female").

peter gardner reports from BROXHEAD COMMON (SU805371) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (6), Meadow Brown (2). "how any butterfly flew i dont know ,strong swirling blowing us around let alown those poor butterflies,but it stayed dry so i expt thats something".



Meadow Brown

Silver-studded Blue

Silver-studded Blue

Andrew Brookes reports from Castle Shore Park Portchester (SU623050) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (4), Meadow Brown (6).

Sue Lambert reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU505292) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Marbled White (3), Ringlet (2), Common Blue (1), Small Blue (2), Small Blue (3 Egg), Orange-tip (4 Larval), Peacock (0 Larval "too many to count"), Narrow-bordered 5 spot burnet mo (4), Narrow-bordered 5 spot burnet mo (1 Pupal), Mullein Moth (5 Larval). "A big thanks to the committee members who made the New Members Day so informative and interesting. Some members saw Small Heaths. We also saw 3 species of Longhorn beetles, garden chafers, a number of micro moths and beetles."



Marbled White

Ringlet

Small Blue

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west),Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "very fresh summer brood").

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch Members Day by Pete Eeles:** I spent today supporting (and presenting at) the branch's New Members' Day, which we hold each year, with around 30 new members in attendance. And I have to say that, despite the weather, today was just awesome. The level of enthusiasm all round really blew me away and made me so proud to be a small part of an organisation and community that, if today is any indication, is absolutely thriving. Great support from Tim Norriss, Andy and Linda Barker, Robin and Pat Turner, Jenny Mallett, Jayne Chapman, Brian Fletcher and Roger Buchanan. We were also fortunate in having David Dennis, chairman of Butterfly Conservation, also along. And, although the weather wasn't ideal, a couple of hours on the branch's primary reserve at Magdalen Hill Down turned up trumps - with 14 **butterfly** species seen as follows: Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Marbled White, Small Blue & eggs (photo on right), Small Heath, Orange-tip larvae, Peacock larvae 4 nests (photo second from right), Common Blue, Small White, Large Skipper, Green-veined White, Red Admiral, Brown Argus and Speckled Wood. This was one more than the **moths** at 13 species: Yellow Shell, Bryotropha terrella, Homoeosoma sinuella, Nemophora degeerella, Mullein moth larvae on Greater and Dark Mullein, Nettle-tap, Narrow-bordered 5-spot Burnet, Pammene aurana on hogweed, Chrysoteuchia culmella, Crambus lathoniellus, Stenoptilia pterodactyla - plume moth, Anania fuscalis and Straw Dot. **Coleoptera:** Garden chafer, Variable Longhorn beetle Stenocorus meridianus, Golden-bloomed Grey Longhorn beetle Agapanthia villosoviridescens on hogweed, Common Malachite beetle, Orchid beetle Dascillus cervinus.



Hazel Rouse reports from Leigh Park Gardens, Staunton CP (SU719092) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (1).

### Friday 22nd June

shaun barrett reports from anton lakes (SU359469) where the following observations were made: **Ringlet** (1), silver y (1), burnet compaion (1), yellow shell (1), ground carpet (1).

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker(south-east), Gosport (SZ608985) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "males"), Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Cinnabar (2).

### Wednesday 20th June

Mike Wildish reports from Charlton (SU355465) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (4 "2 Courting pairs."), Meadow Brown (2).

Leanne Baker reports from Southampton old cemetary (SU413138) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4), Red Admiral (1 "Feeding on a ground elder flower."), Large White (3), Speckled Wood (22). "Good, warm sunny day, although it was a bit humid. First day this year that there was an appreciable amount of butterflies about."

Mark Pike reports from Martin Down (SU034204) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4), Common Blue (8), Green Hairstreak (1), Large Skipper (15), Large White (1), Meadow Brown (8), Painted Lady (1), Peacock (1), Red Admiral (1), **Silver-washed Fritillary** (1), Small Blue (6), Small Heath (22), Small Tortoiseshell (5). "Seen on a 4 hour visit from 0900am to 1300pm. Lovely sunny morning about 70 degrees but clouding over by the time I left. Painted Lady and Peacock were both very worn and quite a disappointing lack of butterflies over all!"



Silver-washed Fritillary



Small Tortoiseshell

Hazel Pratt reports from Straits Inclosure (SU802402) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (3), Speckled Wood (5).

Hazel Pratt reports from Noar Hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (1 "very faded"), Common Blue (2), Meadow Brown (4), Small Heath (8).

Jenny Mallett reports from Magdalen hill down (SU500292) where the following observations were made: Marbled White (2 "First of the year"), Painted Lady (1 "Another first"), Meadow Brown (2 "Small number but they are about"), Common Blue (3).

Chris Cobb reports from Portchester Common (SU625067) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Holly Blue (2), Common Blue (2), Small Blue (2).

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "A male & a female - In flight courtship dance").

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2 "1 male, 1 female"), Meadow Brown (1 "First sighting this year"), Small Blue (14), Small Heath (2), Brimstone (1), Small White (4). "Warm & Sunny, some cloud".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Woodland (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).



Meadow Brown



Red Admiral

Sue Lambert reports from Stockbridge Down (SU383345) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (60 "Stopped counting after 60"), Brimstone (12), Comma (1), Meadow Brown (6), Red Admiral (1), Green Hairstreak (1 "Battered female aying on Rock-rose"), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (8). "The fine weather had brought out the Small Heaths in force. Also saw what I think was a Dark-green- Fritillary but not able to confirm this."



Green Hairstreak



Small Heath



Common Blue

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3), Meadow Brown (1), Large Skipper (1).



Large Skipper

mark swann reports from woodland site in the south-west of the New Forest where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (4).

mark swann reports from another woodland site in the south-west of the New Forest where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (4). "revisited this site in perfect weather expecting a healthy increase in spbf numbers but it was a struggle to find just 4 ! where have they gone?".

David Tinling reports from Sandhill(south-west),Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: **Small Skipper** (1 "male,photographed").

David Tinling reports from Browdown South(west),Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Small Heath (10).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Yew Hill (SU455265) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (4), Small Heath (4), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (15), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Brimstone (1).

## Tuesday 19th June

Hazel Pratt reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU506291) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "m"), Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (6), Large Skipper (1), Marbled White (2), Meadow Brown (5), Small Blue (5), Small Heath (5), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Neil Ludford reports from Portsdown Hill (top of skew road (SU619068) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Holly Blue (1), Marbled White (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Meadow Brown (5).

nick lawrence reports from noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (1 "ragged"), Large Skipper (3), Common Blue (3), Small Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Meadow Brown (5), Small Heath (8), Small White (2). "I also had a walk around bentley station meadow and only saw 1 peacock."



Meadow Brown



Large Skipper

Roger Pendell reports from Old Winchester Hill (SU647210) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (27), Meadow Brown (10), Peacock (1), Speckled Wood (1), Common Blue (2), Small Blue (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Pig Bush, New Forest (SU3604) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (2), Small Heath (10).

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (1). "a day in the garden found the above".

gary palmer reports from shirley holms heath (SZ295984) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (32 "2 females"), Meadow Brown (1). "after work a short walk onto the heath found the above, several males already looking worn, numbers low for this site at this time of year."



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue

Mark tutton reports from Cosham (SU639057) where the following observations were made: White-letter Hairstreak (2), Meadow Brown (5).

peter gardner reports from old winchester hill (SU669208) where the following observations were made: Peacock (40 Larval), Small Tortoiseshell (2), Common Blue (4), Small Heath (27), Meadow Brown (10), Brimstone (3), Grizzled Skipper (1). "a good day spoilt by a cilly wind".



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Peacock larvae



Small Tortoiseshell

Andy Bolton reports from Silchester Common (SU620623) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (14), Meadow Brown (1), Large Skipper (1), Clouded Buff (1 "female"), Common Heath (8).



Clouded Buff



Silver-studded Blue

Anne McCue reports from Farlington Marsh (SU680040) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Heath (5).

David Tinling reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Small Tortoiseshell (5 "very fresh summer brood, taking bramble nectar or basking in late afternoon sunshine").

David Tinling reports from Browdown South (west), Gosport (SZ574994) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "fresh summer brood").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker (south-west), Gosport (SZ603979) where the following observations were made: Common Wave (3 "flying in sunshine").

David Tinling reports from Gilkicker (north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Small White (2 "males"), Common Blue (2 "male & female"), Small Heath (2).

David Tinling reports from Browdown South (east), Gosport (SZ583992) where the following observations were made: Cinnabar (1).

## Monday 18th June

Robert Bryant reports from Abbotstone Down (SU584361) where the following observations were made: Green Hairstreak (1 "on bramble flower"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Richard Carpenter & Heather Anthony reports from Brownwich (SU5203) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1), Holly Blue (1), Large Skipper (3), Meadow Brown (2), Small Tortoiseshell (1).

Kelvin Richards reports from Norris Hill (East?)/Pyestock Hill, Fleet (SU8353) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8 "6 south of canal, 2 north").

mark swann reports from new forest (SU297060) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Brimstone (2). "The small pearls started to emerge today in the south of the new forest 7 at one site 3 at another".

gary palmer reports from bars ave, new milton (SZ246956) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Holly Blue (1), Meadow Brown (1). "found the above in this garden in the afternoon".

Mark tutton reports from Old Winchester hill (SU643212) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (7), Small Heath (27), Red Admiral (1).

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Common Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (13), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (3).

David Tinling reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Comma (1 "very fresh midsummer f. hutchinsoni").

## Sunday 17th June

Tim Doran reports from IBM Lake (SU648053) where the following observations were made: **White-letter Hairstreak** (1 "my first of year - in elm tree"), Meadow Brown (1).

Peter Hunt reports from Ningwood Common IOW (SZ394901) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (3), Small Heath (6), Red Admiral (1), Meadow Brown (5).

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU679063) where the following observations were made: Small White (1), Holly Blue (2), Common Blue (2), Small Blue (2), Meadow Brown (1).

Mark tutton reports from Fort widley (SU656063) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (2), Meadow Brown (3), Large White (2), Small White (4), Common Blue (2), Small Blue (2), Holly Blue (1), **Marbled White** (1). "I took the opportunity to explore the section of Portsdown below fort widley which has been grazed extensively over the last few years and was pleasantly surprised with what looks like some quality habitat that can only improve with time. I saw my first Marbled White of the year which had obviously just emerged and was pleased to find some Small Blues in an area that I have not seen them before. There is plenty of kidney vetch in one of the ditches so hopefully this colony will thrive."

Mark tutton reports from Rake bottom (SU708206) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1), Dingy Skipper (2), Small Heath (18), Common Blue (35), Grizzled Skipper (2), Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1), Peacock (1), Wood tiger (6), Mullien moth (3 Larval).

Dave Pearson reports from Broughton Down (SU285325) where the following observations were made: **Dark Green Fritillary** (1), Common Blue (2), Small Heath (3).

Steve Keen reports from Martin Down (SU0419) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (20), Small Blue (8), Meadow Brown (4), Adonis Blue (4), Common Blue (4), Brimstone (2), Large Skipper (1), Small Tortoiseshell (1), Yellow Shell (2), Grass Rivulet (1), Crambus perlella (6), Crambus lathionellus (2), Scoparia pyralella (1), Bryotropha terrella (1). "A bit too breezy, but a reasonably decent selection."

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Common Blue (4), Peacock (1). "1 Hour visit at 1.15 pm - Sunny with cold SW wind".

Andrew Hutchison reports from Winnall Moors (SU486301) where the following observations were made: Comma (1), Large Skipper (2), Red Admiral (1).

Andrew Hutchison reports from Magdalen Hill Down (SU508292) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (7), Small Heath (2), Common Blue (2), Golden-Ringed Dragonfly (1), Garden Chafer Beetle (100 "The most abundant insect on the reserve").

Roy Symonds reports from Chalton Down (SU736156) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Meadow Brown (2), Brimstone (2 "Male"). "Temperature was 17°C but there was a strong wind. No sightings from the exposed slopes."

peter gardner reports from froxfield roads (SU725274) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (1), Silver Y moth (1). "great day for a walk even if it is only along our lanes".



Red Admiral

Speckled Wood

Silver Y

shaun barrett reports from stockbridge down (SU374347) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (24), Small Heath (80), Meadow Brown (16), Small Blue (3), Grizzled Skipper (3), Large Skipper (1), Painted Lady (1), Brimstone (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2), common carpet (1), silver y (1), small elephant hawkmoth (1), yellow shell (5).

Ed Merritt reports from Longdown (New Forest) (SU349076) where the following observations were made: Silver-studded Blue (3), Grass Wave (2), Dark Tussock (1 Larval "I hope that I've identified this correctly?"), Common Heath (1). "Plenty of Keeled Skimmer and Four-spotted Chaser dragonflies around too."



Silver-studded Blue



Grass Wave



Dark Tussock (?)

gary palmer reports from brockhill lane meadow (SZ251964) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (5), Red Admiral (2). "looked in on this small meadow near my home and found the above".

Sue Lambert reports from Horns Drove Woodland (SU381166) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1).

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Meadow Brown (1), Speckled Wood (1), Golden-ringed Dragonfly (0).



Meadow Brown



Golden-ringed Dragonfly

David Tining reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1 "male"), Brimstone (1 "very old male taking bramble nectar"), Comma (1 "very old,taking bramble nectar").

Anne McCue reports from Browndown North,Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Large White (1), Green-veined White (1), Brimstone (1 "very fresh summer brood female"). "Also Common Blue 3,Speckled Wood 10,Meadow Brown 2 & Small Heath."

Andy Bolton reports from Kingsclere Recreation Ground & field edge (SU528583) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "female"), Brimstone (1 "female"), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (1).

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (2 "Basking on Escalonia - both looked fresh").

David Tining reports from Stanley Park,Gosport (SZ592989) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (1 "female taking hebe nectar"), Red Admiral (3 "taking hebe nectar"), Speckled Wood (5).

## Saturday 16th June

Andrew Brookes reports from Blackhouse Farm, Boarhunt (SU599092) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (4 "All fresh, doing their best to shelter from the wind. ").

Anne McCue & David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east),Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (8), Holly Blue (3 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1).

## Friday 15th June

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Five-spot Burnet moth (0). "A short walk this afternoon yielded no butterflies due to the wind but this moth was spotted clinging to sorrel."



Five-spot Burnet moth

gary palmer reports from shirley holms (SZ296983) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1). "the only butterfly in the garden today".

## Thursday 14th June

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Small White (2), Large Skipper (1 "nectaring on clover").



Small White



Large Skipper

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood South (SU545095) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (1), Speckled Wood (4).

Anne McCue reports from Botley Wood North (SU545105) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (2), Nemophora degeerella (1 "long-horn moth").

### Wednesday 13th June

Peter Eeles reports from Silchester Common (SU619623) where the following observations were made: **Silver-studded Blue** (5 "All male"), Common Blue (1 "Pretending to be a Silver-studded Blue by nectaring on Bell Heather."). "The site is more waterlogged than I've ever seen before. Thankfully, nature knows best, and the Silver-studded Blues are just starting to emerge, given the break in the weather."



Silver-studded Blue



Silver-studded Blue



Common Blue

Chris Cobb reports from Fort Nelson Meadow, Portsdown (SU609069) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "Nectaring White Clover"), Meadow Brown (2). "Overcast @ 3.30 pm Dog walking 30 min visit".

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (2), Green-veined White (1), Large White (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (8), Small Heath (3). "Sunny & warm, some cloud later".

Sorrel Johnson-Hughes reports from Beggarwood Park (SU602482) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3), Small Blue (5), Small Heath (3). "Lovely sunny day 15 degrees C in the shade. Plenty of bees and moths out but the butterflies numbers have dropped and only saw butterflies in 4/10 of the sectors of our transect. Nothing seen in the woods but we've identified several young Wych Elm trees today and hope this may lead to some White-letter Hairstreak sightings in the future."

Andy Bolton reports from Ashford Hill Woods & Meadows (SU564616) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (13 "plenty of the 2nd brood about in the rare sunshine"), Orange-tip (1 "a late good condition male"), Brimstone (2 "him & her."), Burnet Companion (1), Nemophora degeerella (4), Pepered moth (1). "These are off transect sightings. Still no sign of Large Skipper, though Meadow Brown was seen on transect today."

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU346152) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (20), Meadow Brown (6 "flushed from the long grass"), Common Blue (2). "commonest and the only flying butterfly was the small tortoiseshell not been able to say that for a few years . a good emergence today all very fresh".

Peter Hunt reports from Ningwood Common, Isle of Wight (SZ394901) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (3), Meadow Brown (3), Small Heath (10). "A sunny afternoon, but no sight of the Small Pearl Bordered yet."

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (12), Green Hairstreak (1), Meadow Brown (3). "a short walk after work found the above."

David Tining reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (2 "males"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (5 "taking bramble nectar"), Meadow Brown (2 "males").

David Tining reports from Browdown North (south-west), Gosport (SZ579996) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Green-veined White (1 "female"), Common Blue (2 "males"), Small Heath (1), Yellow Shell (1).

David Tining reports from Sandhill (south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (3 "males taking nectar from white clover"), Meadow Brown (2 "males"), Small Heath (4), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1), Yellow Shell (1).

David Tining reports from Sandhill (north-west), Gosport (SU576001) where the following observations were made: Large Skipper (5 "4 males & 1 female taking nectar from common vetch & red clover"), Brimstone (1 "male, very fresh summer brood"), Small White (2 "males"), Common Blue (4 "males taking nectar from bramble & red clover"), Speckled Wood (2), Small Heath (4), Narrow-bordered Five-Spot Burnet (1), Yellow Shell (5).

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "fresh summer brood, basking in early evening sunshine").

### Saturday 9th June

Mike Wildish reports from Gallagher's Copse (SU345455) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1), Red Admiral (1).

Ashley Whitlock writes: "Took my early trip over to the Isle of Wight today, although with hindsight I wish I hadn't. The wind just about put the mockers on everything. I think I was about two weeks too late anyway as the main quarry Adonis Blue which never turned up on Bonchurch Down, which was a great surprise to me as they are still in evidence at other sites, although the weather over the last week probably blasted them into oblivion! Also the Glanville Fritillary along Wheelers Bay was almost absent with just (2) being seen. I was very disappointed still with the weather over the last week or so it was hardly surprising really. I got off of the train at Shanklin and walking through the town I noticed this rather large Hawkmoth in a shop window. I picked it up and carried it through the town in my cupped hands 'doing a Johnny Wilkinson all the way' as not to let the wind get to it. I think it was rather grateful as my hands were warm and dark, and I then put it on a fern in Luccombe Chine. I thought it was a Poplar Hawkmoth but looking at the Field Guide to Moths in Great Britain and Ireland I'm not so sure. I thought it would have a better chance of survival in Luccombe Chine than in Shanklin High street! Can anybody ID it please? Butterflies seen at the Landslip were as follows: Common Blue (8) Small Heath (6) Large Skipper (1) Green-Veined White (1) Brown Argus (1) Red Admiral (1) Small White (2) Holly Blue (3) Speckled Wood (1) Bonchurch Down : Common Blue (8) Dingy Skipper (3) Small Heath (1) Brown Argus (1) Brimstone (1) Wheelers Bay : Glanville Fritillary (2) Common Blue (1)



Glanville Fritillary



Eyed Hawkmoth



Red Admiral

shaun barrett reports from old burghclere lime quarry (su471572) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (14), Small Blue (35), Dingy Skipper (6), Large White (2), wood tiger (5), yellow shell (2), pyrausta aurata (12), oxyptilus parvidactylus (1).

Mark tutton reports from Alice holt (SU804400) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Common Blue (3).

Jan Hall reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (4), Green-veined White (2), Small Blue (1), Small White (1). "Very windy with a few sunny spells".

Sue Lambert reports from Bakers Drove Field (SU382161) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (1), Large Skipper (1). "The hazy sunshine had caused the emergence of Red Admiral and Large Skipper".



Red Admiral



Large Skipper

gary palmer reports from becton bunny (SZ252926) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1), Painted Lady (1), Small White (1), Green-veined White (1), Small White (1), Common Blue (2), Small Copper (2), Green Hairstreak (1), Speckled Wood (2). "inside the protection of the bunny on a windy coast found the above".

gary palmer reports from barton common (SZ249931) where the following observations were made: Large White (1), Small Heath (13). "a walk across the common found the above".

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male"), Common Blue (1 "male"), Painted Lady (1). "in my garden".

Anne McCue reports from Browdown North, Gosport (SZ583997) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (1 "female"), Small White (1 "male"), Green Hairstreak (1), Common Blue (1 "male"), Red Admiral (2), Speckled Wood (6), Meadow Brown (1 "male"), Small Heath (2).

Anne McCue reports from Sandhill(south-west), Gosport (SZ578997) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (4), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (1).

David Tining reports from Ewer Common, Gosport (SZ608988) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell (1 "flying in early morning sunshine").

David Tining reports from Old Railway Line(north), Alverstoke, Gosport (SZ607993) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1 "taking bramble nectar").

David Tining reports from Ann's Hill Cemetery(east), Gosport (SU602001) where the following observations were made: Holly Blue (4 "2 males & 2 females taking bramble nectar"), Red Admiral (1 "taking bramble nectar"), Speckled Wood (18 "taking bramble nectar"). "Also a Large Red Damselfly".

David Tining reports from Hermitage Garden, Gosport (SU579004) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (3).

David Tining reports from Carter's Copse, Gosport (SU585001) where the following observations were made: Small White (1 "male taking bramble nectar"), Red Admiral (1), Speckled Wood (2).

David Tining reports from Browdown North(south-west), Gosport (SZ579995) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "female"), Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet (8 Pupal "and another 4 that had been predated").

David Tining reports from Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Course(north-east) (SZ612981) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

David Tining reports from Gilkicker(north-west), Gosport (SZ602982) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (3 "males").

Peter Hunt reports from Madeira Lane, Freshwater, IOW (SZ330877) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (1 "female-In my back garden in the afternoon sunshine").

Ian Pratt reports from Bonchurch Down (SZ572782) where the following observations were made: Brown Argus (2), Common Blue (1), Adonis Blue (1). "Very good specimen Adonis blue but before I could photograph it I was beguiled by a yellow shell moth which I had not seen before which I did manage to photograph".

mark swann reports from testwood lakes (SU346152) where the following observations were made: Small Tortoiseshell (1 "newly emerged still drying its wings"), Peacock (2), Red Admiral (3), Common Blue (5), Comma (1).

## Thursday 7th June

David Tining reports from Haslar(north-west), Gosport (SZ613986) where the following observations were made: Yellow Shell (1 "flying in late afternoon sunshine in my garden"). "Also a Red Admiral again basking in my garden".

## Monday 4th June

Mark tutton reports from Bentley wood (SU259279) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (4), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (14).

shaun barrett reports from bentley wood (SU257288) where the following observations were made: Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (6), speckled yellow (4).

peter gardner reports from martindown (su042194) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (14), Adonis Blue (6), Common Blue (10), Small Blue (13), Speckled Wood (1). "it was not the best of eather for butterflies but we were very lucky to see these, the small blues were great".



Common Blue



Common Blue



Small Blue

Miles Attenborough reports from Crompton Chine (SZ3058490) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (4), Common Blue (3), Painted Lady (1 "Seen at top of cliffs"). "Generally cloudy and overcast day, came across these in sheltered bowl with plenty of thrift and common birds foot trefoil, at base of steps down from cliffs in a short window of sunshine between 16.00 and 16.30."



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary

Mr David W Hunt reports from Our garden in Stubbington (SU550033) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (1 "Fresh looking- basking on Flowerpot").

### Sunday 3rd June

Richard Symonds reports from Noar Hill (SU745318) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (8 "7 Male 1 Female"), Small Heath (9), Dingy Skipper (2), Common White Wave (1). "Arrived during late morning where the temperature was 16°C. The weather was humid but overcast, butterflies only being disturbed from the long grass as I walked past. Soon heavy showers arrived after which I left the site."



Common Blue



Small Heath

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU678063) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (7), Green Hairstreak (1), Red Admiral (1), Small Blue (1), Speckled Wood (3).

Miles Attenborough reports from Wheelers Bay Isle of Wight (SZ571776) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (3), Common Blue (2 "Female"). "Cloudy windy day but managed to find three Glanville Fritillary sheltering in vegetation at the base of the cliffs behind the timber wall of the seafront during brief periods when the sun broke through the clouds."



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary



Glanville Fritillary

Dave Ryves reports from Burrige (SU519105) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1). "Seen visiting Valerian in front garden of house along Botley Rd, Burrige".

Tim Norriss, Lynn Fomison and Dave Cook saw a [Meadow Brown](#) at Newtown Meadows, Isle of Wight, a fantastic site managed by The National Trust.

### Saturday 2nd June

Mark tutton reports from Noar hill (SU740319) where the following observations were made: Dingy Skipper (2), Small Heath (8), Holly Blue (2), Grizzled Skipper (1), Common Blue (3), Duke of Burgundy (1), Orange-tip (2).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Alresford (SU583316) where the following observations were made: Painted Lady (1 "Flying very fast northwards"), Holly Blue (1).

Tim and Sue Graham reports from Cheriton (SU586295) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (4), Red Admiral (2), Brimstone (3), Holly Blue (4), Large White (1), Speckled Wood (3). "Cloudy in morning, but brightened up in afternoon."

Today I led a field trip around Bentley Woods, after gathering everybody together in the car-park I was a bit apprehensive of what we may see as the weather was rather cloudy but 'warmish'. We soon found our quarry the Pearl and Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries. Several were roosting on Wood Sorrel with their wings folded only a few inches apart which made for some excellent photo opportunities. We then saw a pair a male Pearl and male Small-Pearl Bordered Fritillary both on a grass stem squaring up eye to eye which was some very odd behaviour. The sun shone very intermittently but the Fritillaries were flying quite well. I counted (10) Pearl Bordered Fritillaries and (33) Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries. The females were out as well, but we never saw any mating. The highlight of the morning was seeing (4) Argent and Sable Moths, which we gave chase when the opportunity arose. Other Butterflies and Moths seen were Speckled Woods (5) Grizzled Skipper (2) Speckled Yellows, Clouded Buff, Silver Line, and Mother Shipton moth's. Brimstones, Red Admiral, and Small White, and the Duke of Burgundy was seen after everybody had left in the afternoon, and was reported to me by phone when I got home. We also visited another site where there were also Pearl and Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries Small Heaths and Grizzled Skippers, and many Speckled Woods on the Wing. I'd like to thank every body who came and made this visit one of the highlights in all my years of Butterflying.



Argent and Sable



Pearl &amp; Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Stuart Read reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ4790) where the following observations were made: Small Heath (15), Speckled Wood (12), Brimstone (4 "2m 2f"), Red Admiral (4), Holly Blue (2), Common Blue (2), Glanville Fritillary (2), Peacock (1), Grizzled Skipper (1). "Very nice to see Glanvilles in the forest, but the one sighting of PBF in the Parkhurst remains unconfirmed. One of the fritillaries I reported on the 29th May was a Glanville rather than a PBF and doubts surround the second sighting. I have amended my report accordingly."

peter gardner reports from Bentley wood (SU267311) where the following observations were made: Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (27), Grizzled Skipper (3), Speckled Wood (3), Brimstone (1). "great day after a cloudy start ,the sun came out great.just right for pictures , thank you ashley for a great day and the count".



Argent and Sable



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Martin Pitt reports from Martin Down (SU045183) where the following observations were made: Grizzled Skipper (6), Adonis Blue (10), Dingy Skipper (3), Small Heath (100), Small Blue (60), Small Copper (1), Large White (2), Brown Argus (1), Brimstone (40), Large Skipper (1), Common Blue (50), Orange-tip (6).

david gower reports from st boniface down (SZ571781) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (10 "mostly females"). "hoping to see adonis blues but all seemed to be common".

david gower reports from ventnor (SZ565773) where the following observations were made: unknown caterpillar (1 Larval "brown,white stripes either side ,2 red dots on top").

david gower reports from wheelers bay to horseshoe (SZ573776) where the following observations were made: Large White (3), Common Blue (17), Glanville Fritillary (18), 5 spot burnet moth (1). "all at bottom of cliffs. Worth the 4 hour journey each way! Unable to attach photos unfortunately."

david gower reports from monks bay (SZ579779) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (2 "near bottom area").

Dave Pearson reports from Martin Down (SU048190) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (50 "At least"), Grizzled Skipper (5), Dingy Skipper (3), Adonis Blue (10), Large Skipper (1), Orange-tip (1), Small Copper (2), Small Heath (50 "At least"), Speckled Wood (2), Brimstone (5), Common Blue (10).

Dave Pearson reports from Bentley Wood (SU257283) where the following observations were made: Duke of Burgundy (2 "Male and female"), Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (10 "At least"). "A brief late afternoon visit yielded two Dukes. A male at the end of the Eastern Clearing and a rather battered female c.100m north near the deer watching platform. Also, one very flighty Argent & Sable which refused to settle."



Duke of Burgundy

Keith Marston reports from Parkhurst Forest (SZ472903) where the following observations were made: Glanville Fritillary (1 "Resting on bracken"). "A second Glanville Fritillary seen flying along a ride in the forest at SZ469904".



Glanville Fritillary

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant garden (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Pyrausta Aurata (3).

## Friday 1st June

Mark tutton reports from Fort purbrook (SU677063) where the following observations were made: Speckled Wood (6), Holly Blue (1), Small Blue (3), Common Blue (6), Small Copper (1).

Mark tutton reports from Beacon hill (SU602227) where the following observations were made: Common Blue (58 "Several very pretty all blue females"), Green Hairstreak (1), Brown Argus (4), Dingy Skipper (9), Large White (1), Orange-tip (4 "Three females"), Small Copper (5), Grizzled Skipper (8), Brimstone (1), Small Heath (25).

Jill Lincoln reports from Old Down, Basingstoke (SU597488) where the following observations were made: Small Blue (5 "Not transect sightings").

Andrew Brookes reports from Nelson Reservoir, Ports Down (SU609073) where the following observations were made: Brimstone (4 Larval), Common Blue (10).

Anne McCue reports from Privett Place, Gosport (SZ594999) where the following observations were made: Orange-tip (1 Egg "on garlic mustard in my garden"), Orange-tip (1 Larval "tiny larva on garlic mustard in my garden "). "Also an Azure Damselfly & 8 Large Red Damselflies, including 3 tandem pairs ovipositing in my garden pond; and the first froglets emerging from the pond."

Hazel Rouse reports from Havant garden (SU718070) where the following observations were made: Red Admiral (1).

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