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Field Trips for 2021

April 2021

Sunday 18th April

New Forest: Matley Heath (SU332073)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Emperor Moth

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

Directions: On Junction 1 of the M27 find the sign to Cadham A337 and then onto Lyndhurst then take the B3056 to Matley Heath, parking there at Matley Passage, this is another look at the Emperor Moth following on from the success of the 2019 season. ***Please Bring Lunch***

N.B. This venue may change at short notice due to car park being closed because of nesting birds in area.

May 2020

Sunday 2nd May

Ramsdean Down and Grandfather's Bottom (SU712205)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Duke of Burgundy, Grizzled Skipper

Dingy Skipper, Red Kite and Cuckoo

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Directions: Follow the signs from the A3 turnoff for Clanfield and then on towards signs for Butser Hill. There is a large mast on the top of the hill, park in the car-park where there is a charge. This will be a strenuous walk taking in a few Duke of Burgundy colonies. ***With very uneven steep slopes not for the feint hearted. . Please Bring Lunch***

Wednesday 5th May

Beacon Hill Exton & Stephen's Castle Down (SU605227&SU560200)

Meet at 09:30am Target Species: Duke of Burgundy, Brown Argus & Green Hairstreak

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There is no parking at Stephens Castle Down so a car will have to ferry field trippers to the site from Beacon Hill. Please note the time of meeting as the ferry service will take some time!
Please Bring Lunch

Wednesday 12th May

New Forest

Ivy Wood/New Copse Inclosure (SU315024)

Meet at 10:30am Target species: Pearl Bordered Fritillary

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Directions: Follow the A337 from Lyndhurst approaching Balmerlawn go left and follow the B3055 underneath Railway Bridge for about a mile. Car Park for Ivy Wood is clearly marked as you head south east, close to the Pig Hotel. We can walk along the Lymington River in the afternoon for dragonflies and other invertebrates.... **Please Bring Lunch**

Sunday 16th May

Stockbridge Down (SU380350) Morning

Meet at 10:30 Target Species: Duke of Burgundy, Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Grizzled Skipper, Brown Argus

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

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

Wednesday 19th May

Broughton Down (SU294327)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Adonis Blue Possible Duke of Burgundy

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

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

Sunday 23rd May

NB Walk has been re-scheduled to Sunday 30th May

Martin Down (Sillens Lane end) (SU058191) Meet at 09:30am

Target Species: Adonis Blue, Small Blue, Marsh Fritillary Brown Argus, rare invertebrates, with possible Duke of Burgundy, and good flora and fauna

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Directions: Approach the site from the A354 look for the signpost for Blandford Forum; car-park is a mile or so from the turning off from Martin village turn left into Sillens Lane: Park at the end of the road/track, we are going to look at Martin Down from a different angle...note the time please as the site is quite large, and we can look at the site where the Duke of Burgundy has been reported. . **Please Bring Lunch**

Wednesday 26th May

Bentley Wood (SU260300)

Meet at 10:30: Target Species: Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Marsh Fritillary,

Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Argent and Sable Moth

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

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

Sunday 30st May

NB This walk, which had been re-scheduled to Sunday 20th June, has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances

New Forest

Holmsley/Brownhill Inclosure (SU232004)

Meet at 10:30am Target Species: Possible Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

Directions: From the Motorway M27 which goes into the A31 before Ringwood come off at Picket Post head for the village of Burley, head south-east along station road, car park is in front of you over old railway line. Bring lunch as there is a lot of forest and wet meadows to explore. Please Bring Lunch

June 2020

Wednesday 6th June

Portsdown Hill - Fort Widley (SU622067)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Small Blue, Common Blue, Possible Wall

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

Directions: From the (A3) south into Portsmouth look for sign for Queen Alexandria Hospital. Southwick Hill Road very steep up to B2177 onto James Callahan drive roundabout then head East where the car-park is situated on the left hand side as you drive towards Fort Widley. From the M27 find Junction 12 Southampton road (A3) then signposted to Queen Alexandria Hospital along London Road turn left at traffic lights, past hospital steep hill look for James Callahan Roundabout and follow signs for Fort Widley where the car park is on the left hand side.

Wednesday 23rd June

Abbotstone Down (SU583364)

**Meet at 09:30am Target Species: Marbled White, Dark-Green Fritillary,
possible Purple Emperor and other good flora and fauna**

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Directions: On the M3 motorway come off at junction (9) Winchester By-pass take the A33 Basingstoke Road, B3047, follow signs to Itchen Abbas, then onto Itchen Stoke arriving at New Alresford at church head north into Old Alresford (B3046) signposted Abbotstone Down & Oliver's Battery Settlement Car-Park. An old field trip site good flora and fauna, with woodland and chalkdownland-. **Please Bring Lunch**

Sunday 27th June

New Forest

Hawkhill Inclosure (am) Hatchet Moor (pm) – (SU357005)

**Meet at 10:30am: Early Grayling, Silver-Studded Blue, Dark Green Fritillary,
White Admiral, good Bird life possible Nightjar**

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Directions: Along the M27 Motorway look for junction (1) come off of the motorway here towards Lyndhurst. Through Lyndhurst (A very busy market town allow for plenty of time) Look for signs to Brockenhurst along the A337, from Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst follow the B3055 with the car-park on the left hand side in Hawkhill Inclosure, and Hatchet Moor on the right hand side. Meet at the car-park in Hawkhill Inclosure: With easy walking in the tranquil New Forest. (Explorer Map OL22). **Please Bring Lunch**

July 2021

Sunday 4th July

Alice Holt Forest – Abbotts Wood Inclosure (SU815480)

Meet at 09:30 am: Target Species: Purple Emperor, White Admiral,

Silver-Washed Fritillary, Possibly Red Kite, and Buzzard

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Directions: From the North along the A325 go through Farnham through Wrecclesham/Birdworld fork left at the Public House called the Half-Way House. Meet at the Abbotts Wood Inclosure car-park on the right hand side at 1030. From the South follow the A3 until the junction with the A325, follow this through Whitehill and Frith End, then turn right at Goose Green Farm, follow road all the way around, called High Thicket Road, then onto Dockenfield Street. Car-park will be on your left, bring lunch (OS Map Explorer 14. **Please Bring Lunch**

Wednesday 7th July

Farley Mount (SU435295)

Meet at 09:30am: Target Species: Purple Emperor, Dark Green Fritillary, & Scarlet Tiger Moth

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

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

Saturday 10th July

Micheldever Wood – (SO24 9UB) OS Grid Ref (SU53013753)

**Meet at 09:30am: Target Species: Purple Emperor, Silver-Washed Fritillary,
and White Admiral**

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Directions: Postcode SO24 9UB will get you on to Chillandham Lane but please note this postcode is for a private property further along and on the opposite side of the lane to the car park. SU 5301 3753 Micheldever Wood is five miles northeast of Winchester, bordering the M3. . **Please Bring Lunch**

Wednesday 15th July

West Harting Down (SU737157)

**Meet at 09:30am: Target Species: Purple Emperor, Silver-Washed Fritillary,
Dark-Green Fritillary, and Hummingbird Hawk Moth**

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Directions: Follow signs from the A3 motorway for the Village of Chalton, turn left at the Red Lion Inn and then over Railway bridge where there is limited parking at the side of the road going up to Ditchem Park School. Following on from the success in the 2015 and 2018 season where the Purple Emperor was seen at least twice on two occasions, plenty of good flora and fauna for the wildflower connoisseur. Buddleias on the ride side verges were packed with Comma, Peacock, and Small Tortoiseshells on past field trips. . **Please Bring Lunch**

August 2020

Sunday 15th August

Shipton Bellinger (SU222465)

Meet at 09:30am: Target Species: Brown Hairstreak, Wall Brown

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

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

Wednesday 18th August

Soberton Down & River Meon (SU612165)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Possible Brown Hairstreak

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Directions: This site has been a good area now for several years where Brown Hairstreak eggs have been found, so chances of seeing a female laying may well be possible. Found along the Wickham Road (A32) Park in the car-park almost opposite the site, where the Town Hall is situated. We can also walk along the river Meon where there is another site where Brown Hairstreak eggs have been found, also Kingfisher, Dragonflies and other interesting flora and fauna. . **Please Bring Lunch**

Sunday 22nd August

New Forest

Beaulieu Heath (SU350018)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Grayling

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Wednesday 25th August

St Catherine's Hill Down (SU485277)

Meet at 10:30: Target Species: Adonis Blue, Silver-Spotted Skipper, and other flora and fauna

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

Directions: Can be seen from the M3 Motorway, come off at Junction 10 (no exit from M3 going south), go left at first roundabout, parking is on the left-hand side - if full, use East Winchester P&R (St Catherine's). Very steep in places, spectacular views of Winchester from the Fort and Maze at the summit of St.Catherine's Hill, bring lunch. **Please Bring Lunch**

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Beacon Hill NNR (SU605227)

Meet at 10:30

Target Species: Silver-Spotted Skipper, Brown Argus, Clouded Yellow spectacular views

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

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

Sunday 5th September

Old Winchester Hill (SU640208)

Meet at 10:30am: Target Species: Adonis Blue, Silver-Spotted Skipper, & Clouded Yellow

Leader Ashley Whitlock Tel: 02392 731266 mob 07752 182340

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

Message from the field trip co-ordinator

Footnote: If the weather looks inclement then please phone the leader of the field trip advertised. I will personally change the date of my field

trips if the long range weather suggests the weather is going to be wet and windy, on the Hants Butterfly website page a few days before and also on the Hampshire Butterfly Facebook page.