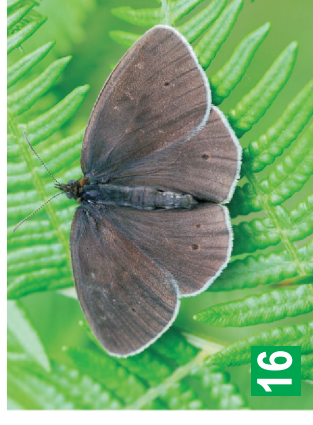




P Parking **B** Bus Stop



Avenue. Cross the road and turn R, then next R 6 into Old Station Road (leading to an industrial estate). Go R up steps at a footpath sign. At the top, go through a gate and turn L. The lower slope of St. Boniface Down can be explored above to the R - there is a colony here of SMALL SKIPPER 13. Follow the wire fence on the L and an open area, Coombe Bottom, is soon reached. Look for DARK GREEN FRITILLARY 14. Head for the top L hand corner (now going uphill). Go L (keeping the fence again on the L). 7 Immediately before a large gate, go R up wooden steps. The area around the base of the steps is good for butterflies. You may see GREEN HAIRSTREAK 15. A short distance beyond the top of the steps, go L into Dairy Field. Look for RINGLET 16. Go over a stile into Old Shute Field - various blues are to be seen, including HOLLY BLUE 17. Turn R onto a path then go through a gate and turn R into Old Shute. Cross Newport Road and go L (stone steps immediately on the R give access to Ventnor Cemetery, very good for butterflies where the grass has been left uncut). Go R into Steephill Down Road. 8 Enter Rew Down via a gate on the L. Explore the full extent of Rew Down, especially the lower slopes. This is another site for ADONIS BLUE. 9 Rejoin the footpath over a stile (close to a red-bricked structure). Go L (heading west) then L again onto the "Stenbury Trail". Near the bottom of the hill, look out for a grassy slope on the R between the path and the rugby pitch 10. You may see SMALL BLUE 18. At the end of the footpath go L along Whitwell Road for a few metres - BE VERY CAREFUL HERE! - walk up the 3 steps on the R then turn R along "Paradise Walk" (parallel with Whitwell Road). Go L at next footpath sign "Undercliff Drive". 11 Follow the footpath up some wooden steps on the L, the path curving to the L to follow the course of a former railway line. The path eventually narrows and becomes Pelham Road. Go sharp R at the end of Pelham Road into Steephill Court Road. Descend the hill to the junction with the main road. Look for a door on the south side of the road junction which gives access to Ventnor Botanic Garden (the main entrance is further east along the road). Appropriate for such an exotic botanic garden, butterfly species recorded here include CAMBERWELL BEAUTY and MONARCH. In 2010, sightings were made of a rare moth, the PORTLAND RIBBON WAVE. The Coastal Path runs along the southern edge of the Garden. Follow this back to the starting-point.