

TYTHERLEY WOODS PROJECT VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2008



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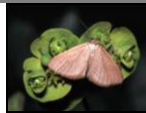










THANK YOU..... This is the first project newsletter specifically aimed at our ever growing number of volunteers. Thanks to you our summer training events were a great success and our winter work parties have already started to make significant improvements to a number of local woodlands, so thank you for all your hard work!

WHAT'S NEXT? For the species and habitat surveyors amongst you its time to start thinking about what and where you might like to focus your efforts on next year. The following are just some of the sites and surveys available.

Woodland Name	Grid Reference	Survey Details
Mottisfont – Great Copse	SU320287	Help is needed with an existing transect
Mottisfont – Dummer Copse	SU308276	Spring search for Pearl-bordered Fritillary in the area they were last recorded on site
Mottisfont – Bushy Copse	SU321280	Spring search for Pearl-bordered Fritillary in a recently felled area
Hazel Hill	SU220284	Spring visits for Grizzled Skipper and Dingy Skipper amongst other possibilities including Argent & Sable
Bentley Wood	Various	Various off the beaten track locations in the wood searching for several project key species
Upper Frenchmoor Copse	SU275284	Habitat survey along a recently widened ride and spring and summer survey visits
Gambledown Farm	SU294242	Spring survey visits for several project key species, this site is just outside of the project area but it is sympathetically managed and has historic records of Pearl bordered-Fritillary
Blackmoor Copse	SU235294	Help is needed with an existing transect, this is a known Pearl-bordered Fritillary site

If you would like to sign-up for one of the surveys listed above then just let me know (kdent@butterfly-conservation.org or 07918 767635), you will receive recording sheets, a site map, owner details and any other support you need, additionally you can claim travel expenses for all visits. More sites and surveys are becoming available all the time, so if you would simply like to log an expression of interest in a particular region of the project area not already covered then please get in touch, and as and when anything becomes available you'll be the first to know! Ad hoc records are also very welcome, just list the 6-figure grid reference, your name, the species seen and the date, and send it in to me whenever.

KEY SPECIES TO WATCH OUT FOR ARE LISTED BELOW, ALONG WITH THEIR FLIGHT PERIODS

Butterflies	Picture	Flight Period	Day flying Moths	Picture	Flight Period
Duke of Burgundy		Mid April - Mid June (later in woodlands)	Drab Looper		Late April – June
Grizzled Skipper		Mid April – Early July	Argent & Sable		May – June
Dingy Skipper		Late April – Early August	Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth (and Broad-bordered)		Mid May – Early July
Pearl-bordered Fritillary		Early May – Mid June	Common Fan-foot		Late May – Early July
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary		Mid May – Mid July			
Marsh Fritillary		May - June			
Purple Emperor		June – Early August			
White Admiral		June - September			

If species surveys aren't for you, how about joining in on one of the project work parties? Thanks to a very generous donation from the South Wiltshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) we now have our very own set of tools which will have their maiden outing on January 11th 2009, for this and other work party details please see below.

PROJECT WORK PARTY DETAILS JANUARY – MARCH 2009

Date	Location
Sunday January 11 th 2009	Upper Frenchmoor Copse
Tuesday February 10 th 2009	Holbury Wood
Sunday February 22 nd 2009	Upper Frenchmoor Copse
Wednesday March 4 th 2009	Blackmoor Copse
Sunday March 8 th 2009	Upper Frenchmoor Copse

If you would like to come along then please book your place via kdent@butterfly-conservation.org or call 07918 767635. All dates start at 10am, and don't forget your packed lunch!

Thanks again for all your help to date, and I'll look forward to seeing you out somewhere in the project area again very soon! Kate Dent, Tytherley Woods Project Officer.

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