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Butterfly Conservation Cumbria Branch, Summer 2017 Field Trips and Events

Outdoor Events - general advice and information: For all outdoor events participants should bring suitable outdoor clothing, waterproofs and boots or similar. Bring a packed lunch for whole day events, and sun cream and plenty of water in hot weather. For evening moth etc. events bring clothing as above plus a good torch with new / recharged batteries. General safety advice will be given before all our events but we ask all who attend to take personal responsibility for their own safety and possessions and to pay special regard to trip hazards and the likely presence of ticks. If you require further information or wish to check whether an event has been postponed or cancelled due to poor weather, please contact the walk leader or contact before setting out.

We will be supporting the national **Big Butterfly Count** (Friday 14 July to Sunday 6 August 2017) by encouraging participants on butterfly walks to take part. All you need do is record one or more times during this period for 15 minutes in your own garden, a local park, nature reserve etc, then submit the records online. Our walk leaders will bring survey forms, but full details available at www.bigbutterflycount.org/

Outline directions only below. Please see the Branch web site, where more precise directions are shown. Alternatively, print the directions from your home using our direction tool (using the directions tab on main navigation menu) on

Moths at Meathop Moss

Sunday 30 April from 20:15 (note: bank holiday weekend)

Joint with Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Targeting spring moths on this site with its recently improved boardwalk and access.

Directions: Limited roadside parking at SD447820 just off A590. Car-share if possible.

Contact Martin Tordoff 01539 735935, 07981 348148

The Butterflies of Warton Crag

Tuesday 23 May 10:00 – 14:00

Joint event: Butterfly Conservation Cumbria & Lancashire branches and Kendal Natural History Society

Target species: Pearl-bordered and possibly early Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries; Dingy Skipper; Green Hairstreak; Small Heath, and possible other spring species.

Directions: Meet at Warton Quarry car park, Grid ref SD491723

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

The Butterflies of Farrer's Allotment, Whitbarrow

Thursday 1 June 10:00 – 14:00

Joint event: Butterfly Conservation Cumbria & Lancashire branches

Target species: Pearl-bordered and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries

Directions: Park just beyond Ravens Lodge Farm at grid ref SD460853

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

Butterfly Conservation Cumbria Branch Open Day and AGM at Blackwood Farm, Braithwaite

Saturday 03 June 10:00-15:00 (approx) – all welcome, including non-members

See notice elsewhere in this newsletter, including programme of day's events. Any changes will appear on our website: www.cumbria-butterflies.org.uk/events/

Directions to site: On east side of A66T, at grid ref: NY232248

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254, Martin Tordoff 01539 735935

The Butterflies of Cumbria's North-west Coast

Sunday 4 June 11:00 (with possible visits also to other Small Blue sites in the area – please bring picnic).

Target species: Small Blue; Common Blue; Dingy Skipper; Wall, early Large Skipper.

Directions: Meet at Workington Oldside car park NX995301. At the roundabout on the north side of the River Derwent bridge take minor road to Port of Workington, go over railway bridge then turn right down a track about 150 metres to the car park right at the end of the straight track.

Leader and Contact: Steve Doyle 01228 544059

The Butterflies at Ormsgill Slag Banks, Barrow-in-Furness,

Monday 5 June 10:30, plus optional visit to Sandscale Haws from 13:30 for guided walk led by Colin Newlands.

Joint with Arnside Natural History Society

Target Species at Ormsgill: Dingy Skipper, Common Blue, Small Blue. And at Sandscale Haws: young Natterjack Toads, orchids and sand dune flora

Directions: Parking area by slag banks just off A590 at grid ref SD192712.

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

Mountain Ringlets at Irton Fell

Sunday 11 June 10:45-15:00

A gentle climb to see Mountain Ringlets at their lowest altitude site in Lakeland, plus possibility of Argent & Sable moths. Contact leader first if weather bad or doubtful.

Directions: Meet at car park at NY121012 on Eskdale Green to Santon Bridge road.

Contact: Martin Tordoff 01539 735935, 07981 348148

The Butterflies and Natural History of Foulshaw and Meathop Mosses

Thursday 22 June Foulshaw car park 10:00, lunch at Latterbarrow NR, then Meathop 13:30
Joint with Arnside Natural History Society and Cumbria Wildlife Trust
[Chris – again, how much info do we want to include here?]

Directions:

Contacts: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

Moths at CWT Plumgarths Gardens

Friday evening 30 June from 2145 until late and Saturday morning 1 July from 0830
Joint with Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Our sixth annual moth event in these attractive gardens, hoping to add to tally of 145 moth species already identified here. We identify moths as they arrive, then open the traps on Saturday morning to examine the night's moth catch. Feel free to attend one or both events. Subject to cancellation if wet, cold or windy.

Directions: Meet at CWT, Plumgarths, Kendal, grid ref: SD494947, satnav LA8 8LX

Contact Martin Tordoff 01539 735935, 07981 348148

Booking in advance required by phoning CWT on 01539 816300

The Butterflies of Holme Park Quarry

Monday 3 July 10:30 – 14:00

Joint with Arnside Natural History Society

Target species: High Brown Fritillary, Grayling. This is a working quarry - bring hard hat and hi-vis jacket if you have them, otherwise can be provided.

Directions: Take quarry access road from junction with A6070 at grid ref SD529788. Beware trucks. Report to the office by signing-in giving your car registration. Car share if possible.

Contacts: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

The Butterflies of Hutton Roof Crag

Thursday 6 July 10:30-15:00

Joint with Cumbria wildlife Trust

Target species: High Brown, Dark Green, and possibly late Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries, Common Blue, Grayling

Directions: Meet at the Clawthorpe Road layby, grid ref SD543783

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

The Moths of Halecat Nursery

Friday 7 July 21.45- late

Robinson and actinic moth traps will be run adjacent to Halecat nursery, with the evening's catch examined in comfort in Tom and Abi's covered seating area by the car park.

Directions: Halecat Nursery car park, Witherslack, grid ref SD434835, satnav LA11 6RT.

Contact: Martin Chadwick 01539 532553 or 07722 571327 on the day

The Butterflies of Hampsfell / Hampsfield Allotment

Monday 10 July 11:00 - 14:30

Joint with Grange Natural History Society

Includes locations on Bishop's / Hampsfell Allotments, and visits to newt pond and recently-seeded wild flower meadows. Target species: High Brown and Dark Green Fritillaries

Directions: Park on verge of Green Lane (Cartmel to High Newton road) at grid ref SD391805, then walk into site, or car-share to Hampsfield Farm, grid ref SD405786, where parking very limited.

Contact: David Jackson [tel no]

The Butterflies of Barkbooth Lot

Wednesday 12 July 10:30 – 12:30

Joint with Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Target species: High Brown and Dark Green Fritillaries, Common Blue, Meadow Brown and other summer butterflies.

Directions: Park in layby at SD 418909 on minor road off A5074. Car share if possible.

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

Butterflies of Undermillbeck Common - a "Big Butterfly Count" event

Friday 14 July 11:00-14:00

This acidic Bracken-dominated grassland holds a good and fairly stable population of Dark Green and High Brown Fritillaries. We will walk up the Green lane and explore areas on each side.

Directions Park at the southern end of Lindeth Lane at the junction with A5074 about half a mile north of Winster. Grid ref SD415942.

Leader and Contact: Martin Chadwick 01539 532553 or 07722 571327 on the day

Moths at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve

Saturday 22 July from 21:00 until late, then Sunday morning 23 July from 08:30

Joint with Hay Bridge Society

Another chance to see wonderful moths at this site of many varied habitats

Directions: Reserve's buildings and car park at grid ref SD337876, satnav LA12 8JG

Contact Martin Tordoff 01539 735935, 07981 348148

Moths at Brantwood, Coniston

Thursday 27 July 20:45 till late

Joint with Friends of Brantwood and Rusland Horizons Project

Our first moth event at Brantwood, seeking dusk-flying moths around the gardens, where a series of light traps will also be run

Directions: On minor road on E shore of Coniston Water, grid ref SD311957, satnav LA21 8AD

Contact Martin Tordoff 01539 735935, 07981 348148

Guided walk around Hay Bridge Nature Reserve

Friday 4 August 10:30 – 15:00. Charge £5.00 per person. Please bring picnic.

Joint with Arnside Natural History Society

Our guide, Chris Berry, is a real natural history expert – you are in for a treat!

Directions: Reserve's buildings and car park at grid ref SD337876, satnav LA12 8JG

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

Butterflies of Witherslack Woodlands and Howe Ridding Wood

Joint with Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Sunday 13 August 10:00-14:00

Target species: Silver-washed, High Brown and Dark Green Fritillaries, Common Blue

Directions: Meet at "The Kennels" next to Witherslack Hall School, at grid ref SD436859

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254

The Butterflies of Smardale

Tuesday 15 August from 10:30

Joint with Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Target species Scotch Argus plus hopefully another dozen common species

Directions: Leave M6 at junction 38 and take the A685 towards Brough. At Newbiggin, take a left turn signposted Great Asby. Parking available in about 500 metres. Grid ref NY 701056. A short walk to the old railway line, then a couple of miles walk along the former track bed.

Contact: Peter Boardman 017683 42079

Moths at Allithwaite Quarry

Friday 18 August Dusk - late

A late summer visit to this site, where well over moth 100 species already recorded. Subject to cancellation if wet, cold or windy

Directions: Park at playing field, grid ref SD387767. Please do not park in the lane.

Contact Martin Chadwick 015395 32553 or 07722 571327 on the day

The late summer Butterflies of Kendal

Sunday 20 August 10:00 – 13:00

Target species: Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Peacock, Painted Lady, Comma and other late summer butterflies. Most of the walk will be on or near Kendal Golf Course.

Directions: Meet at the Lime Kiln at top of Beast Banks, roadside parking around grid ref SD507924.

Contact: Chris Winnick 01539 728254