

North East Transect recording in 2014

The total number of transects recorded in the North East in 2014 was 45. Three transects recorded in previous years were not recorded in 2014. There were two new transects in 2014.

As expected the total numbers of butterflies recorded on transects in 2014 was slightly down on 2013 with 36,952 recorded in 2014 and 40,395 in 2013.

Where transect records could be compared with 2013, 10 transects recorded almost the same total numbers of butterflies, 17 transects were down between 20 and 50% and 8 transects were up by between 20 and 50%.

Of the 45 recorded only five are in Northumberland the remaining 40 are in County Durham. Northumberland being the area between the Tyne and the Tweed and Durham being the area between the Tyne and the Tees.

Whilst we would always appreciate additional transects being recorded, additional ones in Northumberland would be of great help in increasing the coverage of the North East.

If you would like to record transect all the relevant information is on North East England Branch web site – www.northeast-butterflies.org.uk or contact Brian Denham the transect co.ordinator.

Most transect data is now being entered by the individual recorders directly onto Butterfly Conservations "On Line" data base. Whilst I would obviously prefer that all data is entered this way I am still willing to enter the data from paper records if the recorder is not computer literate or not connected to the Internet.

Lets hope that 2015 is equal too or better than 2014.

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