

Big City Butterflies

BC has received the exciting news that we have been successful in securing initial National Lottery support for a London-based project, *Big City Butterflies*. This will be a project run jointly with BC Head Office and the other three BC branches which cover South & East London

The project will encourage and support Londoners to discover the butterflies and moths of their local greenspaces and involve communities in making habitat improvements. We will also be calling on groups and individuals to help us monitor and record species to help us better understand how urban populations of butterflies and moths are faring. Development funding of £38,200 has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to help us progress our plans to apply for a full National Lottery grant at a later date.

Work will soon begin on the recruitment of a Development Officer, who will plan the project in detail, build partnerships and trial run many of the activities and events we have planned. If we are successful it will see the recruitment of two London-based project staff, who will deliver the project over four years from 2020, making a significant and lasting contribution to the conservation and celebration of butterflies and moths in the capital.

We have now had permission from HLF to start and our job advert for the project development officer has just gone up this afternoon. The deadline is in three weeks' time (see here for job pack: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/jobs>).