

Can you spare a few hours to help?

This year our branch is stepping up efforts to conserve butterflies and moths. As well as beginning two major projects, we are completing our five year survey of butterflies in the two counties and much more. If you could spare even a few hours to help with any of the tasks below, please do get in touch. Previous experience is not essential, we will provide any training needed. **Contact details** – are all on the back page.

<p>Publicity Contact – Liz Goodyear</p>	<p>We need a press officer who can help draft and distribute news and event info to the press and social media. We don't yet have an Instagram account and would like to get one started.</p>
<p>Practical Conservation Contact – Paula Reid</p>	<p>Join our monthly work parties at our own butterfly nature reserve at Millhoppers Pasture, near Tring. More help is always appreciated with managing hedges, cutting grass, clearing streams and much more.</p>
<p>Events Contact – Malcolm Hull</p>	<p>Our publicity stall is a great way to share information and gain support by attending events, usually in the Spring and Summer. We currently get to 3 Or 4 events each year but with extra volunteers on the stall and organising behind the scenes we could do more. Can you help with an event in your area? With extra help we can attend the Rickmansworth Festival on Sat 18/Sun 19 of May. Could you help at the Herts and Middx Festival of Wildlife on Sat 27/Sun 28 July at Panshanger Park near Hertford</p>
<p>Big City Butterflies Contact – May Webber</p>	<p>May Webber needs help identifying suitable project sites and to support at events such as the Tower Hamlets Summer Festival on Sat 29 June.</p>
<p>Four spotted moth project Contact – John Murray</p>	<p>We need volunteers to help record and conserve our rarest moth species</p>
<p>Health and Safety Officer Contact – Malcolm Hull</p>	<p>We currently have a vacancy for this role. It involves providing guidance to help us keep safe while helping butterflies and collecting information for records</p>
<p>Joining the Committee Contact – Malcolm Hull</p>	<p>This involves attending around 5 evening meetings a year, contributing ideas and helping to run the branch. Potential new members are welcome to join for a trial period to find out more about what is involved.</p>
<p>Recording Contact – Andrew Wood</p>	<p>There are two transect walks which we are keen to re-establish at Wood Lane, Pirton and Northaw Great Wood. In several OS squares where butterfly numbers are under recorded and we'd like members to visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TL0412 (Jockey End/Gaddesden Row); • TL0810 (Between NE Hemel Hempstead/SW Redbourn); • TL0816 (Between Markyate/Kinsbourne Green) • TL1420 (Bendish/Breachwood Green/Luton Airport); • TL3636 (Between Reed and Newsells) • TL3830 North of Hare Street/East of Wyddial) • TL3426 (West of Westmill/south of Aspenden)
<p>Big Butterfly Count Contact Malcolm Hull</p>	<p>BCs most high profile event of the year, with 100,000 people participating in 2018. This year to be launched by Chris Packham. We need help publicising it, distributing leaflets, telling your family/friends and of course, taking part</p>

