



Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

**Butterfly
Conservation**

**HERTFORDSHIRE &
MIDDLESEX BRANCH**

You are invited to the Branch Members' Day on Saturday 12th April 2025 at Orton Hall, Greenwood Park Community Centre, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, St Albans, AL2 3HW

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Programme

10:30 Doors open (coffee, tea and biscuits will be available)

10:45 Welcome from Branch Chair Malcolm Hull followed by a review of Branch activities in 2024 including last year's accounts and Election of Branch committee members.

The Officers' reports for the meeting (i.e. a full list of Branch achievements in 2024 and Branch accounts for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) have been made available on the Branch website [here](https://hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/Annual%20Review%20for%202025%20Members'%20Day.pdf). [https://hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/Annual Review for 2025 Members' Day.pdf]

11:30 Towards a Wilder Future: Nature Recovery in Hertfordshire and Middlesex - Chloë Edwards

Chloë Edwards is Director of Nature Recovery at Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Chloë leads and oversees the strategic development and delivery of the Trust's nature recovery work (across nature reserves and the wider landscape). Prior to this she worked as Head of Wilder Landscapes at Kent Wildlife Trust, championing coexistence and leading on the development of pioneering wilding and catchment resilience programmes.

12:15 The Hackney Buzzline – Gerry Tissier

The Hackney Buzzline is a 4km pollinator corridor linking four parks through three social housing estates in East London. An ecologist and postcode gardener work with the local council and community to plant and create habitats for butterfly pollinators every 100-200m along the Buzzline. The three year programme, which started last year, is run by environmental education charity ecoACTIVE and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is supported by Butterfly Conservation and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The programme is monitoring butterfly and bee diversity through the two organisations' national recording schemes. A Kampala Buzzline has now also been set up in Uganda, following the same model.

Gerry is the Hackney Buzzline manager and community ecologist. He is an Honorary Research Fellow at Queen Mary University of London and a Bristol Zoological Society Conservationist of the Future. Gerry created the Hackney Buzzline after leading a five-year Friends of the Earth neighbourhood greening project and completing an MSc degree in wildlife conservation at the University of the West of England. He previously worked in media and communications for national charities.

13:00 Lunch Break – a selection of sandwiches and pastries will be provided. There will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and visit the branch sales stand during the break. There is no charge for lunch, but donations towards the cost of food and hall hire are welcome

14:00 How Moths Illuminate Nature's Hidden Rules – Tim Blackburn

Tim Blackburn is a scientist with thirty years of experience studying questions about the distribution, abundance and diversity of species in ecological assemblages. He is currently Professor of Invasion Biology at University College London, where his research focuses on alien species, and his teaching mainly involves leading field courses. Tim regularly reports the findings in his moth trap in Camden on his BlueSky feed: @mothyblackburn.bsky.social

Tim is the author of The Jewel Box, winner of the ZSL Clarivate Award for Communicating Zoology. Copies of his book will be on sale @ £10 (preferably cash)

14:50 Tea break and raffle draw

15:20 Butterflies of London – Leslie Williams

Leslie is the London Natural History Society butterfly recorder for London and author of the recently published Butterflies of London Atlas. Leslie will share examples of some 'winners' and 'losers' in our capital city.

15:50 Members' photos – a chance for members to show off their best photos (see below)

16:30 Closing remarks

We have access to the hall from 10.00 so if you can help us set up the room please arrive a few minutes early. Help with washing up during the day and clearing up at the end of the day would also be appreciated.



Our sales stand will be present and can now process contactless payments on all purchases.

Tim will be bringing copies of The Jewel Box which can be purchased at a cost of £10 – preferably cash.

Leslie will be bringing copies of The Butterflies of London published by the London Natural History Society at a cost of £29.95- preferably cash



There will be an opportunity for members to show off some of their best photos following the afternoon tea break – we would appreciate that the photos are sent in advance to [Andrew Wood](#) but please contact Andrew before sending them to him.



HOW TO GET TO THE MEMBERS' DAY

By Rail: IMPORTANT – DUE TO ENGINEERING WORK THERE WILL BE A BUS REPLACEMENT SERVICE BETWEEN LUTON AND WEST HAMPSTEAD THAMESLINK.

Nearest stations – Abbey Line (Watford Junction – St Albans Abbey) How Wood or Park Street, less than 5 minutes by car or an approx. 20 minute walk see Abbey Line for timetable www.abbeyline.org.uk.

By Bus: 361 St Albans (St Peter's Street Stop 5) > Borehamwood stops close to the centre entrance. Services from St Albans City Station are also available – for services, closest stops and timetable visit www.intalink.org.uk.

By Car: The entrance to Greenwood Park and the Centre is located off Tippendell Lane close to the A405, approximately 1.5 miles from M25, J21A and 2 miles from M1 J6. At the Tippendell Lane roundabout on the A405 follow the signs to Greenwood Park. There is plenty of free car parking when you reach the centre.