

We invite all our Butterfly Conservation members as well as members of the public to our butterfly walks and moth events. Although there are no Covid19 restrictions in place, we have still retained the need to pre-book some of our events due to their popularity or reduced parking availability. Please check the national website regularly if you know you want to attend a particular walk, in case circumstances have changed. Some of the events listed have been arranged by the Big City Butterflies Project but are open to all members, although booking requirements will vary depending on the type of event and each individual partner organisation!

Please read the important information at the end of the programme

All events are listed on the national website and clearly state if pre-booking is required with direction to the relevant booking link. Walks and moth events will be added during the year; please also check for changes as these may unfortunately have to occur: https://butterfly-conservation.org/events?field_branches_target_id=142

All events organised solely by the branch that require pre-booking are here – actual booking links will be added about 4/6 weeks before the event and more events may be added:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891>

The link to the Big City Butterfly Eventbrite booking page is here and booking links and events will be added throughout the summer: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2023-2069109>

Additional butterfly walks and moth events may be arranged by the following wildlife organisations:

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

<https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events>

London Wildlife Trust

<https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events>

London Natural History Society

<https://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/activities/fieldmeetings>

BNA Herts Branch

<https://hertfordshire.bna-naturalists.org/>

Each year we endeavour to produce a programme to suit everyone, whatever your level of experience and knowledge. Those new to butterflies and/or moths are very welcome and help will be given to identify the more common species. We equally invite those with experience to share knowledge and enthusiasm for butterflies and moths. There is also the opportunity to see some of the area's rarer species in the spring and summer. Non-members are always welcome to come along. Butterfly Conservation does not ask for any donation or payment to attend their walks; however some of the walks included in this programme where organised by another organisations may request a donation and/or a fee.

Neighbouring branches also have a wide-ranging programme of walks; some are quite close to our branch borders. The full list of Butterfly Conservation events can be viewed on the national website:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/events>



Date: **Tuesday 27th JUNE 2023**

Event Title: **Butterfly walk at Chorleywood Common for early summer grassland species and day-flying moths including hopefully the very rare Forester moth**

Site: **Chorleywood Common, Chorleywood.**

Address &/or grid

Nearest postcode WD3 5FL

ref:

TQ032966 [Landranger Map 176]

Time/meeting place

10:30 – 12:30 approx. Meet in the main carpark on the north side of the Common along the Rickmansworth Road (just after the Cricket Club). Approx. 2 hours walk

What3words

<https://w3w.co/offers.gear.sticks>

Transport:

Nearest station is Chorleywood (Metropolitan Line). Please consult a map for walking directions to the meeting point which is a 20 minute brisk walk uphill!

Information:

Generally easy walking but wear reasonable footwear as there may be some mud and grassland may be damp. No dogs allowed on this walk.

Contact details:

Philip Gibbs ~ 07759 958804

Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/607315245247>



Date: **Saturday 1st JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided Butterfly Walk with Big City Butterflies at Kensal Green Cemetery (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea)**
Site: **Kensal Green Cemetery**
Time/meeting place: 11:00-13:00 at the Dissenters Chapel, Kensal Green Cemetery, 391 Ladbrooke Grove, London W10 5AA
What3words: <https://w3w.co/member.slices.empty>
Transport: The nearest underground is Kensal Green (Bakerloo). Nearby buses include: 18, 52, 23, 70, 295, 316
Information: Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project for a guided butterfly walk at Kensal Green Cemetery, learning how to identify and record butterflies. Please note this walk is weather dependant and will be cancelled or postponed in the event of wet or windy weather as butterflies will not be on the wing (email updates will be provided as required).
Booking details to be published: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2023-2069109>



Date: **Saturday 1st JULY 2023**
Event: **Guided Butterfly Walk with Big City Butterflies at Little Wormwood Scrubs (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea)**
Site: Little Wormwood Scrubs
Information: Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project for a guided butterfly walk at Little Wormwood Scrubs learning how to identify and record butterflies. Please note this walk is weather dependant and will be cancelled or postponed in the event of wet or windy weather as butterflies will not be on the wing (email updates will be provided as required).
Booking details to be published: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2023-2069109>



Date: **Sunday 2nd JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Butterfly Identification Walk at Gladstone Park with the Friends of Gladstone Park**
Site: **Gladstone Park, Dollis Hill (Brent Council)**
Address &/or grid ref: 1 Kendal Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10 1BT, TQ221855 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 11:00 – 13:00 meet at the green railway bridge opposite 1 Kendal Road
What3words: <https://w3w.co/dwell.family.spots>
Transport: The nearest tube station is Dollis Hill (Jubilee Line) a short walk from the meeting place or you can park in the street. There are always places along Kendal Road. If you take the tube please turn right after the ticket turnstiles, go up the steps, across the zebra crossing and along Hamilton Road directly opposite the station exit. At the park turn left.
Information: Please note the site is inside the ULEZ zone
Contact details: Paul Busby, Herts & Middlesex Butterfly Conservation. Tel. 07749 709422 or e-mail buzz113@hotmail.co.uk.
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/641390134157>



Date: **Sunday 2nd JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk looking and identifying summer butterflies at Gillespie Park in partnership with Islington Council**
Site: **Gillespie Park (London Borough of Islington)**
Address: Islington Ecology Centre, 191 Drayton Park, London N5 1PH

Time/meeting place: 10:30 – 12:30 meet at the Islington Ecology Centre
What3words: <https://what3words.com/laws.finds.congratulations>
Transport: Nearest underground station is Arsenal (Piccadilly Line) alternatively Finsbury Park (National Rail Network and TfL). Also any buses that go to Blackstock or Holloway Road (then 12 minute walk)
Information: Please note the site is inside the ULEZ zone
Contact details: Malcolm Hull, Herts & Middx Butterfly Conservation. Tel. 07768 153424 or e-mail: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/641366633867>



Date: **Saturday 8th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **A series of short walks for summer butterflies with the Friends of Cassiobury Park and Watford Borough Council. Part of Watford Council's Wildfest events programme**
Site: **Whippendell Woods**
Address &/or grid ref: Cassiobury Park, Gade Avenue, Watford WD18 7LG
Time/meeting place: Timings and meeting place to be confirmed (April 2023)
What3words: <https://what3words.com/match.case.bliss>
Transport & directions: Cassiobury Park is a 2 minute walk from the Watford Metropolitan line station. Exit the station onto Cassiobury Park Avenue and turn right, after about 150 metres turn left onto Shepherds Road – the park is straight ahead of you. Alternatively Watford Junction (1.3 miles) and Watford High Street (2.1 miles) are the two closest Overground stations. There is one official car park for Cassiobury Park at the end of Gade Avenue near the bottom of Cassiobury Park Avenue (WD18 7LG is the nearest postcode). It should be noted that the car park does get very busy if the weather is good and there is a small charge these days. So best to arrive early to avoid parking problems. There is street parking at weekends along the roads off Langley Way, such as Parkside Drive.
Information: Visit the branch sales stand and enjoy some short guided walks in search of summer butterflies. There are toilets at the 'Hub' although the café in the park can get quite busy therefore it is suggested you bring your own refreshments.
Contact details: Peter Fewell ~ 07814 282356 or email: p.fewell@yahoo.com
Booking details: **No booking is required**



Date: **Saturday 8th JULY 2023**
Event: **Guided Butterfly Walk at Wormwood Scrubs (London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)**
Site: **Wormwood Scrubs**
Time/meeting place: 12:00-14:00, adjacent to Lindford Christie Sports Centre, Lindford Christie Road, London, W12 0DF
Information: Join Hammersmith ecology officer for this guided butterfly walk. Target species include Small and Essex Skipper.
Booking details to be published: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2023-2069109>



Date: **Saturday 8th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk at Tower Hamlets Cemetery with the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (London Borough of Tower Hamlets)**
Site: **Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and Local Nature Reserve**
Address &/or grid ref: Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, E3 4PX - just on the right as you enter via the main gates on Southern Grove
TQ367823 [Landranger Map 177]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 to 13:00 Meet out the front at the Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, E3 4PX
Transport: Mile End Underground Station (Central, District and Hammersmith and City Lines) is approx. 5 minute walk from the Tube entrance/exit.
Information: An opportunity to be shown around this famous urban, closed cemetery, now a public park and a designated local nature reserve. Weather permitting, we'll be at the peak of the summer butterflies, and could see up to 17 species, including Ringlet, Silver-washed Fritillary, Comma, Gatekeeper and three kinds of Skipper. In poor weather, we'll learn about these butterflies from pictures, and look at caterpillar food plants and nectar plants. Donations will be appreciated.
Booking details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefriendsoftowerhamletscemeterypark/849696>



Date: **Sunday 9th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk for summer woodland butterflies with the Friends of Cassiobury Park and Watford Borough Council**
Site: **Whippendell Woods**
Address &/or grid ref: Cassiobury Park, Gade Avenue, Watford WD18 7LG
TQ091973 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place: 14:00 – 16:00 at the entrance opposite Langley Way, WD18 3BD
– weather permitting the walk will be extended to 18:00 for those wishing to see late afternoon butterflies
What3words: <https://w3w.co/bother.during.filled>
Transport & directions: Cassiobury Park is a 2 minute walk from the Watford Metropolitan line station. Exit the station onto Cassiobury Park Avenue and turn right, after about 150 metres turn left onto Shepherds Road – the park is straight ahead of you. Alternatively Watford Junction (1.3 miles) and Watford High Street (2.1 miles) are the two closest Overground stations. There is one official car park for Cassiobury Park at the end of Gade Avenue near the bottom of Cassiobury Park Avenue (WD18 7LG is the nearest postcode). It should be noted that the car park does get very busy if the weather is good and there is a small charge these days. So best to arrive early to avoid parking problems. There is street parking at weekends along the roads off Langley Way, such as Parkside Drive.
Information: There are toilets at the 'Hub' although the café in the park can get quite busy therefore it is suggested you bring your own refreshments.
Contact details: Peter Fewell ~ 07814 282356 or email: p.fewell@yahoo.com
Booking details: **No booking is required**



Date: **Tuesday 11th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk at Therfield Heath for Chalkhill Blue and summer butterflies on the Eastern Heath with Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch** (*with kind permission of the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens*)
Site: **Therfield Heath, near Royston**
Address &/or grid TL347405 postcode SG8 5BG (Postcode is same for Golf Club which is a different carpark)
Time/meeting place: 10:30 at the main Therfield Heath car park. (morning walk to finish before 13:00). Refreshments available from adjacent Heath Cafe Bar before or afterwards.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/midfield.hiding.bunch>
Transport: Nearest station: Royston (Thameslink from London Kings Cross to Cambridge)
Directions: From the A505 just west of Royston, take the exit to Royston (old road) that runs beneath the Heath; the car park is approx. 1km on the right.
Information: There will be some steep slopes
Contact details: Nick Keep ~ 07305 241796
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/646140753387>



Date: **Tuesday 11th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **An evening walk in Epping Forest looking for Purple Hairstreak with the Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation.**
Site: **Epping Forest (London Borough of Waltham Forest)**
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode E4 7QH
TQ3972194743 [Landranger Map 177]
Time/meeting place: 17:00 – 19:00 Please meet outside the Epping Forest Visitor Centre (next to the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge) in Chingford. Park on the other side of the road in the Barn Hoppitt car park or in the larger Chingford Plain car park nearby. *Please note that parking charges (£4 for 2-4 hours) apply at this car park.*
What3words <https://w3w.co/guard.study.silver>
Transport: Public transport: Chingford Station (London Overground) is a short 10 minutes' walk away.
Information Join us Ian Watts for another trip to the ancient woodland of Epping Forest. For a change of perspective, this walk will take place in the early evening, the peak period for the delightful antics of the Purple Hairstreak. The oak trees in this part of the forest come alive with activity as the shadows lengthen and the day begins drawing to a close. With luck, we might also see a Purple Emperor.
Contact details: Ian Watts ~ ian@ianwatts.co.uk
Booking details: **The walk is limited to 15 attendees – please contact Ian Watts to confirm your place**



Date: **Thursday 13th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **An exploration of Norton Green Common to look for butterflies including Purple Hairstreak, Silver-washed Fritillary and Purple Emperor plus many grassland butterflies such as Marbled White and the Skippers**
Site: **Norton Green Common near Stevenage**
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode: SG1 2DS
TL229227 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 Norton Green. Walk to last approx. 2 ½ hours.
What3words <https://w3w.co/rungs.gained.truck>
Transport: The nearest station is Stevenage (Thameslink from London King's Cross or Great Northern from Moorgate).
Directions: From the A1M Junction 7 take the A602. Turn left at the first roundabout onto the A1072. After about a mile, take the left turn signed to Norton Green. Pass under the motorway and follow the road round to the left. The meeting place is half a mile further on in the car park layby in the hamlet of Norton Green
Information Bring binoculars
Contact details Peter Clarke ~ 01438 227240 or email: peter.clarke4@ntlworld.com and Bob Clift ~ 01279 658243 or

Booking details: email: bobclift@ntlworld.com
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/646286047967>



Date: **Thursday 13th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk for White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary & hopefully Purple Emperor**
Site: Ruislip Woods NNR
Address &/or grid ref: Ruislip Lido. Reservoir Road, Ruislip, HA4 7TY
TQ087894 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/Meeting place: 10:00. near Waters Edge Restaurant, Reservoir Road, Ruislip, HA4 7TY.
Please note that there is a £8 parking charge for three hours and £15 all day for non-residents of the LB of Hillingdon; however, it is now possible to pay by Debit/Credit card. Should anyone come by car please tell the walk leader that you either have three hours or all-day parking before setting off.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/king.starts.carbon>
Transport: Ruislip Station (Metropolitan & Piccadilly lines 2 miles) then H13 bus to Lido.
Information: Purple Emperors do not get active at the assembly area until at least 13:00 so bring a packed lunch to avoid missing the fun! Bring binoculars and involves a steep climb to the assembly area.
Contact details: Malcolm Hull ~ 07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/647083643597>



Date: **Thursday 13th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk at Ivinghoe Beacon to see the variety of common summer butterflies; including Chalkhill Blue and Dark Green Fritillary at one of the best sites in the Upper Thames Branch region. (At the invitation of the Upper Thames Branch of Butterfly Conservation)**
Site: **Ivinghoe Beacon**
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode: LU6 2EG
SP963160 [Landranger Map 165]
Time/meeting place: 11:00 Meet at National Trust Carpark for Ivinghoe Beacon
What3words: <https://what3words.com/indicates.cocoons.copycat>
Directions: From Ivinghoe village, follow the B489 east, turn right onto Beacon Road and the car park is on the left, after just under a mile
Information: **There are some very steep and strenuous slopes, and rabbit holes and wear suitable footwear.**
Contact details: Phil Bowyer ~ 01628 526225 or email: paulmbowyer@yahoo.co.uk
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-guided-walk-to-see-butterflies-at-ivinghoe-beacon-tickets-577587899957>



- Date:** **Saturday 15th JULY 2023**
- Event Title:** **Guided walk at Heartwood Forest to look for summer butterflies including Purple Emperor ~ joint meeting with the Woodland Trust.**
- Site:** **Heartwood Forest**
- Address:** Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
- Time/meeting place:** 11:00 to 14:00
- What3words:** <https://w3w.co/cover.orbit.start>
- Transport:** Nearest station St Albans City (Thameslink from London St Pancras Intl.) approx. 2.45 miles. There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.
- Directions:** Directions from the south. Head north from St Albans along the B651 towards Wheathampstead. Pass through the village of Sandridge along the main road and turn left at the brown road sign for Heartwood Forest (TL172110). Park in the main car park, situated off the B651, (Postcode AL4 9DQ).
- Information** Guided walk in Heartwood Forest with our local butterfly experts Andrew Steele and Malcolm Hull. We will look for a range of woodland & grassland species including the elusive Purple Emperor. Voluntary donation of £5 payable to the Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/donations/>
- Contact details** Andrew Steele & Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
- Booking details:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heartwood-summer-butterfly-walk-tickets-640052402967>



- Date:** **Sunday 16th JULY 2023**
- Event Title:** **Guided butterfly walk at Bricket Wood Common for White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary.**
- Site:** **Bricket Wood Common, Hertfordshire**
- Address &/or grid ref:** Postcode AL2 3PJ
TL136021 [Landranger Map 166]
- Time/meeting place:** 10:00 in the car park at St Stephen's Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood. Morning walk to finish approx. 12:30.
- What3words** St Stephen's Parish Centre <https://w3w.co/legend.visit.spray>
- Transport:** Nearest station is Bricket Wood Station (London Northwestern Railway – Watford Junction to St. Albans Abbey Station)
- Directions:** From the roundabout at Junction 6 on the M1, take the slip road signed M1 south. Take the left turn halfway along this road (Mount Pleasant Lane), do not join the motorway. After a few twists & turns after about a mile you pass under a railway bridge. Continue along the road which bends sharply to the left. Pass Bricket Wood Station and the parish centre car park is on your right just after the junction with Drop Lane.
- Information** Optional extra - We will also be looking to repeat the sightings of Purple Emperor made in previous years from 12:30 -15:00. Bring packed lunch if you wish to stay for the afternoon and binoculars
- Contact details** Chris Newman & Malcolm Hull ~ 07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
- Booking details:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/647095228247>



Date: **Monday 17th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided Butterfly walk at Hampstead Heath with Heath Hands**
Site: **Hampstead Heath (London Borough of Camden)**
Address &/or grid ref: Nassington Road, Hampstead Heath, nearest postcode NW3 2TY - TQ277858 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 10:30-12:30 Meet outside The Hive, Hampstead Heath (Hampstead Heath's community and volunteering hub)
What3words: <https://w3w.co/leaves.hoping.gently>
Transport: It is recommended you use public transport. The nearest station is Hampstead Heath (London Overground) then approx. ½ mile walk
Information: In the case of wet weather, there is a room at the Hive which will be used for part of the session. Please note the site is inside the ULEZ zone
Event leaders: Heath Hands email bookings@heath-hands.org.uk with branch experts Helen Bantock and Dee Cullen
Booking information: <https://www.heath-hands.org.uk/whatson/butterflies-on-hampstead-heath-2023>



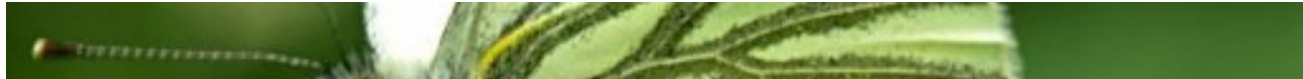
Date: **Saturday 22nd JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Demonstration of moth trapping at Heartwood Forest with the Heartwood Volunteers lead by moth expert Mark Sterling**
Site: **Heartwood Forest**
Address: Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
Time/meeting place: 21:00 to 00:00
What3words: <https://w3w.co/tiny.drape.soda>
Transport: Nearest station St Albans City (Thameslink from London St Pancras Intl.) approx. 2.45 miles. There are two bus services which stop at Sandridge, one from Hitchin to Potters Bar (via St Albans) and one from Hemel Hempstead to Hatfield via Harpenden.
Directions: Directions from the south. Head north from St Albans along the B651 towards Wheathampstead. Pass through the village of Sandridge along the main road and turn left at the brown road sign for Heartwood Forest (TL172110). Park in the main car park, situated off the B651, (Postcode AL4 9DQ).
Information: Free event but donations will be appreciated to help support the management of the woodland. Come prepared for potentially cold and wet weather and dress appropriately in warm clothes and wear suitable footwear. Bring a torch – a head torch is ideal but not essential. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This walk is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues and is not wheelchair accessible. **No dogs please**
Contact details: **When booking please also email heartwood@woodlandtrust.org.uk with your mobile phone number so that the walk organisers can contact you in the unlikely event of cancellation due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances.**
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/demonstration-of-moth-trapping-at-heartwood-forest-tickets-638019061187>



Date: **Saturday 22nd JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Big City Butterflies Wild Spaces Workshop**
Site: Golden Lane Estate, City of London
Time / meeting place: 10:30 -13:00 Golden Baggers Community Café (next to allotment), Golden Lane estate, London, EC1Y 0SU.
Information: Big City Butterflies will be running this workshop on Wild Spaces which includes a presentation on how to create a wild space to support butterflies and moths and a guided walk around the estate allotments and wildlife areas.
Booking details to be published: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2023-2069109>



Date: **Saturday 29th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Butterfly Identification and Recording Workshop at Waterlow Park, Camden**
Location: Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London , N6 5HG
Time: 10:30-13:00
Information: Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project to learn how to identify common butterflies found in London and how to record them. The workshop consists of a 1-hour presentation followed by a guided walk and is provided in partnership with Camden council.
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/butterfly-identification-and-recording-workshop-camden-tickets-634795369037>



Date: **Sunday 30th JULY 2023**
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk to visit Butterfly Conservation's only reserve in the Herts & Middlesex area and see a range of summer butterflies and look at the moths recorded the previous night. Part of the Big Butterfly Count programme of butterfly walks.**
Site: Millhoppers Pasture Reserve.
Address &/or grid ref: Postcode HP23 4PE.
SP903142 [Landranger Map 165]
(Please note this is the grid reference of the meeting place not the Reserve)
Time/meeting place: 10:30 at Wilstone Village Hall for a short walk across the fields to the Reserve. Walk to last approx. 2 hours after the moths have been looked at.
What3words: Meeting place <https://w3w.co/serenade.busy.guard>
Transport: Nearest railway stations: Tring (West Midlands Trains from London Euston) or Wendover (Chiltern Railways from London Marylebone)
Information: Suitable for children and an ideal opportunity to develop Butterfly identification skills.
Contact details: Email: millhoppers@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk or on the day Chris Ridley ~ 07463 821287
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/656725482597>



Date: **Friday 4th AUGUST 2023**
Event Title: ***NEW EVENT * Big City Butterflies Summer Social**

Our Summer Social will bring our amazing Big City Butterflies community together in one place. Whether you have partnered with us, volunteered with us, attended our events or just want to find out more – we'd love to see you!

We've arranged some informal activities for you to enjoy including:

- A guided foraging walk (runs from 6-6:30pm)
- Moth trap opening
- Print your own Big City Butterflies tote bag with Artist Liina Lember
- Stone-cooked pizzas and drinks
- an amazing BCB goody bag to take home...

Site: Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park
Time: 5.30 – 8.30 pm
Book your FREE place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/662870883657>



Date: **Monday 9th AUGUST 2023**

Event Title: **An early morning walk at Claybury Park looking for the elusive Brown Hairstreak *at the invitation of Cambs & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation.***

Site: **Claybury Park, Woodford Bridge, London Borough of Redbridge**

Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode IG8 8NQ
TQ4248391229 [Landranger Map 177 or 167]

Time/meeting place: 08:30 – 11:00 - Please meet outside the gates to the park on Roding Lane North at TQ4248391229 (just south of the junction with Vicarage Road). There is plenty of unrestricted free parking along Roding Lane North

What3words: <https://w3w.co/offers.forms.loaded>

Transport: Public transport: Woodford Green tube station (Central Line) is a 15-20 minutes' walk from the meeting point.

Information: The Brown Hairstreak had been missing from the Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch area for generations but the sighting of an adult in Chigwell Row last summer and the exciting discovery of eggs in Claybury Park in December means this species may be resident once again in Essex. Join us for an early start at Claybury Park to try and see this beautiful and elusive butterfly. This guided walk will aim to locate likely assembly trees to try and catch the morning activity of the Brown Hairstreak males as they seek the attention of females. Along the way we will be keeping an eye out for any females that may be lower down on blackthorn or nectaring on adjacent flowers.

Contact details: Ian Watts ~ ian@ianwatts.co.uk

Booking details: **The walk is limited to 10 attendees – please contact Ian Watts to confirm your place**



Date: **Sunday 13th AUGUST 2023**

Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk at Stafford Road Open Space for summer butterflies and the hope of seeing the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly in the blackthorn scrub**

Site: **Stafford Road Open Space in the London Borough of Hillingdon**

Address &/or grid ref: Postcode HA4 6NF
TQ100858 [Landranger Map 176]

Time/meeting place: 10:15 at Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line Zone 7) for 10:30 start. Aim to finish by 13:00

What3words: Ruislip Gardens Station - <https://w3w.co/pace.ashes.bump>

Transport: On Central Line, also E7 bus (every 20 minutes) from Ruislip (Metropolitan & Piccadilly) to Ealing Broadway (District and National rail). Very limited pay and display parking at station, some off street parking plus car parks at Sidmouth Drive (HA4 ODA) and Ruislip Gardens shops at New Pond Parade, West End Road (HA4 6LR).

Information: We will meet everyone at Ruislip Gardens Station and walk from there - there is an approx. 1km walk to the site along footpaths. Strong shoes are advisable – those attending must be mindful that blackthorn has sharp thorns so care should be taken if taking photos.

Contact details: Nick Furtek ~ contact details available when booking

Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/665298474647>



Date: **Saturday 19th August 2023**
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk at Therfield Heath for Adonis Blue and other second brood butterflies in the Church Hill area with Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch of Butterfly Conservation (with kind permission of the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens)**
Site: **Therfield Heath, near Royston**
Address &/or grid ref: TL347405 postcode SG8 5BG (Postcode is same for Golf Club which is a different carpark)
Time/meeting place: 10:30 at the main Therfield Heath car park. (morning walk to finish before 13:00). Refreshments available from adjacent Heath Cafe Bar before or afterwards. For latecomers or those who would rather walk less far we will pass through the Therfield Road Car Park <https://what3words.com/slick.blackbird.clipboardTL336401> not earlier than 10:50. Please text if you want to be met there.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/midfield.hiding.bunch>
Transport: Nearest station: Royston (Thameslink from London Kings Cross to Cambridge)
Directions: From the A505 just west of Royston, take the exit to Royston (old road) that runs beneath the Heath; the car park is approx. 1km on the right.
Information: There will be some steep slopes
Contact details: Nick Keep ~ 07305 241796
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/665251674667>



Date: **Sunday 24th SEPTEMBER 2023**
Event Title: **Guided walk at Normansland Common for Small Copper and other early autumn butterflies.**
Site: **Nomansland Common, near Sandridge**
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode AL4 8EJ
TL171123 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place: 14:00 in the public car park at Ferrers Lane in the middle of the Common. This walk to last 1 to 1 ½ hours
What3words: <https://w3w.co/voting.racing.chill>
Transport: Nearest station is Harpenden (Thameslink from London St. Pancras Int.) - approx 3 miles
Directions: From St Albans take the B651 north towards Wheathampstead. Pass through Sandridge Village and you will reach the common half a mile further on. At the cross roads in the centre of the common, turn left into Ferrers Lane. The car park is 500 yards along on the left.
Contact details: Malcolm Hull ~ 07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details: **No booking required**

Important advice for walks and moth events in 2023

- Please check regularly that a walk is still going ahead and doesn't at short notice require pre-booking
- Please continue to respect social distancing and other participant's personal space
- Wear a face covering if you have any concerns
- Please do not attend if you have had a positive COVID-19 test within 7 days prior to the meeting; you have any COVID symptoms or feel unwell.

General advice for an enjoyable butterfly walk or moth evening

- Always wear strong shoes
- You should wear trousers or ensure legs are covered
- Bring sun protection cream and a sunhat in hot weather
- Bring something to drink
- Bring insect repellent
- Dark glasses should be worn at evening moth events
- If you decide to leave an event before the end, please tell the leader that you are going
- It is recommended you bring binoculars especially if looking for woodland butterflies

- If new to butterfly identification bring along a field guide*

*The Branch sells the FSC Identification Guide to Butterflies. Contact Malcolm Hull for more information (07768 154324 or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk)

Children

Children are welcome at our events, but if under 16 they must be accompanied by at least one adult for two children. It is the responsibility of the accompanying adult(s) to ensure that the event is within the children's ability.

Dogs

Dogs are normally welcome on walks but must be kept under control. Any exceptions are shown in the individual event details.

Bad weather

Leaders of Branch-led walks will be at the meeting point whatever the weather, but may cancel the event if conditions are unsuitable. Any exceptions are shown in the individual event details. Other organisations and BC branches have different policies. Please contact the named leader for the walk before travelling if you have any concerns.

Lyme Disease

We recommend that all attendees understand the symptoms of Lyme Disease and take the relevant precautions. For more information visit the branch website:

<http://www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk/Lyme%20Disease.php>

Special needs

Unfortunately, most field trips will not be suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Please contact the named leader in advance if you have any concerns about accessibility.

What3words

We have tried to include the What3word link for each event. To download the App visit: <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

Public Transport

We have tried to give as much information as possible, although unfortunately some of the Hertfordshire events are not easily accessible by public transport. Train times should be checked, as timetables change and engineering works take place on Saturdays and Sundays.