

Covid19 hasn't gone away but with government restrictions lifted at the time of preparing our programme, we hope that a full programme of butterfly walks and moth events will go ahead. However, 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. The Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust do not at present have any butterfly walks included in their programme but are hopeful a few might be added in due course. 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 booking link. Walks and moth events will be added during the year:

https://butterfly-conservation.org/events?field_branches_target_id=142

All events organised solely by the branch that require pre-booking are here:

<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:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2022-207639>

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/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: Dates to be confirmed
Contact: [Jono Forgham](#) will be leading several nature walks around the Bishop's Stortford area this spring and summer. Moth evenings will also be added in due course. All members are invited to join him and details will be made available as and when they are planned. For more information email: jonoforgham@gmail.com



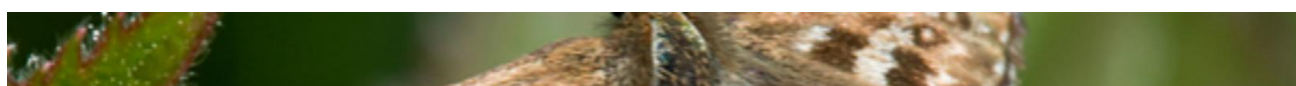
Date: Sunday 24th APRIL 2022
Event Title: Habitat Management workshop at Gillespie Park with Big City Butterflies in partnership with Islington Council and the Friends of Gillespie Park
Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies and gain skills and knowledge in managing habitats to improve their suitability for butterflies and moths
Address: Islington Ecology Centre, 191 Drayton Park, London N5 1PH
Time/meeting place: 10:30-12:30 at the Islington Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park
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: The morning will involve a Powerpoint presentation followed by a walk around the Park
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-habitat-managment-workshop-tickets-313291913547>



Date: Thursday 5th MAY 2022
Event Title: Virtual Butterfly Identification Workshop with Big City Butterflies and Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park
Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project to learn how to identify common butterflies found in London and how to record them. This talk is focused on the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in partnership with Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. London is home to a surprising diversity of butterflies and moths. Over twenty-five of the UK's 59 butterfly species can be spotted in the capital.
Time: 18:30 – 19:30 via Zoom
Information: The workshop will be delivered on Zoom. A meeting link will be made available following registration and a reminder will be sent prior to the workshop. A follow up guided walk is available on the 8th May
Booking details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/butterflyconservation/663333>



Date: Sunday 8th MAY 2022
Event Title: Butterfly Walk at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park with Big City Butterflies
Following on from the online workshop join Steve to put your ID skills to the test
Address &/or grid ref: Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, E3 4PX
TQ367823 [Landranger Map 177]
Time/meeting place: 13:00 – 15:30 The Soanes Centre, on the right as you enter via the main gates on 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: Weather permitting, we'll be at the peak of the spring butterflies, and will see up to 12 species, including Orange-tip, Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Holly Blue, and Comma. In poor weather, we'll learn about those butterflies from pictures, and look at caterpillar food plants and nectar plants.
Booking details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefriendsoftowerhamletscemeterypark/650305/>



Date: Sunday 15th MAY 2022
Event Title: Guided walk for spring butterflies including Dingy Skipper and day flying moths. For those interested this is also a good site for solitary bees and wasps as well as having a significant array of wildflowers. *At the invitation of the Box Moor Trust.*
Site: Bovingdon Brickworks
Address &/or grid ref: Carpark off Green Lane, Bovingdon - nearest postcode HP3 0NW
TL007032 [Landranger Map 165]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 – Meet in the site carpark. Morning walk to finish approx. 13:00.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/legend.list.under>
Transport: Nearest station is Hemel Hempstead approx. 3 miles (West Midlands Trains from London Euston) – taxi to site would be at least £10.
Directions: Directions for the Brickworks Wildlife Site: - coming from the M25 leave at J20 onto A41 dual carriageway to Aylesbury. Leave at the next junction at Bourne End. At roundabout, take 2nd exit on to A4251 heading east on London Road towards Boxmoor and Hemel Hempstead. In about 1000 metres at the traffic lights turn right at the Swan Antique Centre on to B4505 / Box Lane. Drive straight on across mini roundabouts and a double roundabout (next to the Half Way House Pub) for a total of 2.7 miles. Then take the main turn on the left to Ley Hill and be ready to turn immediately left again on to Green Lane. In about 200 metres you will see a gateway on the right – hidden in the hedge – where there is small carpark.
Information: Most of the site is easy walking but the wilder bits has bramble that needs care to pass. There are a few steep sided dell holes (which do not have to be navigated) so if any children attend they need to be closely supervised. The site can be very muddy after rain so appropriate footwear is advised.
Contact details: Liz Goodyear 07815 581934 or email: elizabethgoodyear@talk21.com The Box Moor Trust reserve the right to cancel the event if weather conditions are considered unfavourable.

Booking details: Booking for this walk is essential as numbers will be restricted to 15 people.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-for-spring-butterflies-day-flying-moths-incl-dingy-skipper-tickets-311755728777>



Date: Sunday 15th MAY 2022
Event Title: Guided walk for spring butterflies. *At the invitation of the Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch.*
 Join us for an easy walk through Gunpowder Park in Waltham Abbey. This former munition testing site is now a 115 hectare country park and plays host to a number of scrub and grassland species. This trip will be targeting Green Hairstreak, one of the rarer species in Essex.
Site: Gunpowder Park & Sewardstone Marsh,
Address &/or grid ref: Gunpowder Park, Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3GP
 TQ385993 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place: 11:00 - 13.30 meet by the park entrance in the main car park on Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey, EN9 3GP. Please note that [parking charges](#) (approx. £1 per hour) apply at this car park.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/drop.mess.flood>
Transport: Closest stations (Greater Anglia from London Liverpool Street) are Enfield Lock (1.5 miles) and Waltham Cross (2 miles). Please consult a map for walking directions to Gunpowder Park.
Information: Gunpowder Park has a comprehensive network of surfaced paths and is accessible for wheelchair users. Toilets usually available at the carpark entrance.
Contact details: Ian Watts email: ian@ianwatts.co.uk
Booking details: This event is limited to 25 attendees. Please contact the organiser if you wish to take part

Please check the website for events coinciding with National Moth Nights ~ 2022



Date: Thursday 19th MAY 2022
Event Title: Evening moth event at the invitation of the Box Moor Trust– part of the National Moth Nights programme of events
Site: Roughdown Common, near Hemel Hempstead
Details are still in preparation



Date: Saturday 21st MAY 2022
Event Title: Butterfly walk for spring butterflies including Small Blue and Dingy Skipper and day-flying moths such as Burnet Companion. *At the invitation of the Upper Thames Branch of Butterfly Conservation.*
Site: Pitstone Quarry near Tring
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode LU7 9HA
 SP941149 [Landranger Map 165]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 – 13:00 Meet at Pitstone Church
What3words: <https://w3w.co/commuting.feasted.giggles>
Transport: Nearest station is Tring station (West Midlands Trains from London Euston)
Information: Pitstone Quarry is a large, shallow, disused chalk quarry. Mostly easy flat walking, but there is one stile to climb over with a short steep slope after; some scrub and slopes with rabbit holes.
Contact details: Nick Bowles ~ 01442 382276 or email: nick.bowles@ntlworld.com
Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Sunday 22nd MAY 2022
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk looking for spring butterflies with Big City Butterflies and the Friends of the Scrubs**
Venue/Site: Wormwood Scrubs (London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode W12 0HS
 TQ223815 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 by the notice board immediately on the north (open area) side of Linford Christie Stadium. Walk duration will be about 90 minutes
What3words: Notice board <https://w3w.co/Milk.either.finger>
Transport: Nearest underground stations are White City or Wood Lane and East Acton (Central Line), (all about a 15-20 minute walk). Alternatively Overground to Willesden Junction (about a 30 minute walk). Buses run along Du Cane Road or Scrubs Lane (both a 10 minute walk).
Directions: There is ample car parking in the adjacent Wormwood Scrubs car park, reached by Artillery Lane which runs from Du Cane Road between the hospital and prison.
Information: Please note the site is inside the ULEZ zone. This event is part of the Friends of the Scrubs Activity Day <https://www.friendsofthescrubs.uk/news/important-dates-for-your-diaryagm-election-of-trustees-and-activity-day>
Contact details: Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Sunday 22nd MAY 2022
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk for spring butterflies including Duke of Burgundy. *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: 10:30 – 13:00 Meet at National Trust Carpark for Ivinghoe Beacon
What3words: <https://w3w.co/momentous.gliding.user>
Transport: Nearest station is Tring station (West Midland Trains from London Euston)
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: A guided walk at Ivinghoe Beacon to see the range of butterflies of the site, including grassland and scrub specialists. Ivinghoe Beacon is a large National Trust chalk downland reserve with a rich flora and a good range of grassland and scrub butterflies. **There are some very steep and strenuous slopes, and rabbit holes and wear suitable footwear.**
Contact details: Steph Rogers ~ 07734 389301 or email: steph@chilternrangers.co.uk
Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Saturday 28th MAY 2022
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk including looking for the rare Small Blue butterfly ~ with kind permission of the Woodland Trust. A Sustainable St Albans and Wilder St Albans Event**
Site: Heartwood Forest
Address: Heartwood Forest, carpark off the B651, Sandridge AL4 9DQ
Time/meeting place: 11:00 - 13:00
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: This walk is part of the Wilder St Albans Project. Guided walk in Heartwood Forest with local

butterfly experts Andrew Steele and Malcolm Hull. We will look for a range of species including the rare Small Blue.

Walk leaders: Andrew Steele & Malcolm Hull (07768 154324) or email: malcolmhull@hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk

Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-looking-for-the-small-blue-butterfly-at-heartwood-forest-tickets-275781017447>



Date: Sunday 29th MAY 2022

Event Title: Butterfly Walk for heathland butterflies - target Green Hairstreak, Small Heath and Small Copper

Site: Hounslow Heath Nature Reserve, nr. Hounslow, Middlesex

Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode TW4 5RB
TQ119748 [Landranger Map 176]

Time/meeting place: 14:00 at the Hounslow Heath Car Park, 450 Staines Road, TW4 5RB - approx. 2 hour duration

What3words: <https://w3w.co/tables.safely.once>

Transport: Nearest underground station is Hounslow West (Piccadilly Line) - 25 minute walk. Local buses stop nearby (Frampton Road Bus Stop)

Information: No toilets or refreshments on site. Although the site is relatively flat, walking boots and long trousers are recommended.

Contact details: Pete Gore with Malcolm Hull. For enquiries about the walk please email: peter@goresfamily.net On the day please contact Malcolm Hull ~ 07768 154324

Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Sunday 19th June 2022

Event Title: Habitat management workshop and walk with Big City Butterflies and Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project to learn how to manage and create habitats to support butterflies, moths and other pollinators.

Address &/or grid ref: Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, E3 4PX
TQ367823 [Landranger Map 177]

Time/meeting place: 11:00 – 13:00 The Soanes Centre, on the right as you enter via the main gates on 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: Starting with an introduction to butterflies and moths we will then look at their habitat requirements, management of grassland and woodland and how to create a wildflower meadow followed by a tour of the fantastic habitats at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. This talk is focused on the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in partnership with Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park.

Booking details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/butterflyconservation/663388>



Date: Tuesday 21st JUNE 2022

Event Title: Butterfly walk for early summer grassland species and day-flying moths

Site: Chorleywood Common

Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode WD3 5FL
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 which is being rebuilt). 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: Phillips Gibbs ~ 07759 958804
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walk-at-chorleywood-common-looking-for-early-summer-butterflies-tickets-311786360397>



Date: Saturday 25th JUNE 2022
Event Title: An opportunity to see the variety of moths recorded the previous night in a rural garden
Site: Marshall's Heath near Wheathampstead
Address &/or grid ref: Field End, Marshalls Heath, Wheathampstead AL4 8HS
TL161152 [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place: 10:15 at the garden entrance gate – event to finish approx. 11:15 depending on the number of moths recorded
What3words: <https://w3w.co/nerve.mimic.shaky>
Transport: Centrebus 366 stops at the Cherry Trees Restaurant opposite Marshalls Heath Lane
Information: Parking spaces can be found along the lane but take care to avoid driveways.
Contact details: John Murray ~ 01582 833544 or email: J.B.Murray@open.ac.uk
Booking details: Details yet to be published.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891>



Date: Saturday 25th JUNE 2022
Event Title: Guided butterfly walk and examining the contents of the previous night's moth trap with the Holland Park Ecology Centre lead by Andrew Wood
Site: Holland Park (The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea)
Address &/or grid ref: Holland Park, Ilchester Place, W8 6LU
TQ246796 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 10:00 – 11:30 at Holland Park Ecology Centre. At the western side of Holland Park by the adventure playground and next to the Abbotsbury Road Car Park. Entrance to the park is via Ilchester Place Gate, Abbotsbury Road Car Park, the Duchess of Bedford Gate or from Holland Walk and Holland Park Avenue.
Transport: Bus routes that serve Holland Park are 9, 23, 27, 28, 49, 328 and C1 (Kensington side) and 31, 94, 148, 228 (Holland Park Station side). London Underground stations: Holland Park (Central line) and Kensington High Street (Circle and District). Overground station: Kensington (Olympia)
Information: We strongly advise using public transport if possible – this is a free event
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/butterfly-and-moth-walk-tickets-252095092207>



Date: Thursday 30th JUNE 2022
Event Title: Virtual Butterfly Identification Workshop with Big City Butterflies in partnership with Islington Council and the Friends of Gillespie Park
Join Steve from the Big City Butterflies project to learn how to identify common butterflies found in London and how to record them. This talk is focused on the London Borough of Islington in partnership with the Friends of Gillespie Park.
Time: 18:30 – 19:30 via Zoom
Address: The workshop will be delivered on Zoom. A meeting link will be made available following registration and a reminder will be sent prior to the workshop. A follow up guided walk is available on the 2nd July
Information: 18:30 – 19:30 via Zoom
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-identification-and-recording-in-londons-greenspaces-tickets-313264611887>



Date:	Date in July to be confirmed when flight period known – please check website and/or Twitter for details much nearer the time
Event Title:	Purple Emperor Assembly area site visits
Sites:	Fir and Pond Wood and Northaw Great Wood
Address &/or grid ref:	TL276011 or nearest postcode EN6 4DA (Fir and Pond Wood) and approx. TL281040 or nearest postcode EN6 4BQ (Northaw Great Wood) [Landranger Map 166]
Time/meeting place:	12:30 in layby by entrance to Fir and Pond Wood along Coopers Lane Road and approx. at 14:00 Northaw Great Wood carpark off The Ridgeway.
What3words	Fir and Pond Wood https://w3w.co/dwell.pies.fish Northaw Great Wood carpark entrance https://w3w.co/rice.loaded.tapes
Transport:	Nearest station for Fir and Pond Wood is Potters Bar (Great Northern/Thameslink from London Kings Cross) and approx. 2 mile walk. Nearest station for Northaw Great Wood is Cuffley (Great Northern from Moorgate) then 2.2 mile walk
Information	This event is designed to help people observe Purple Emperors at an assembly area. Binoculars are essential as well as good neck muscles. The chances of seeing a Purple Emperor on the ground is unfortunately unlikely. Toilets are usually available at Northaw Great Wood. There is a small fee to park. Please contact Andrew for further details or if you need help with transport.
Contact details	Andrew Middleton ~ 07866 654056 or email: middleton.andrew.c@gmail.com
Booking details	Please contact the walk leader to indicate you are coming



Date:	Saturday 2nd JULY 2022
Event Title:	Butterfly Walk looking and identifying summer butterflies at Gillespie Park with Big City Butterflies 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:	11:00 – 12:30 meet at the Islington Ecology Centre
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
Booking details:	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-identification-walk-at-gillespie-park-tickets-311668126757



Date:	Saturday 2nd JULY 2022
Event Title:	Butterfly Survey Walk at the invitation of the London Natural History Society
Site:	Hampstead Heath (London Borough of Camden)
Address &/or grid ref:	Hampstead Heath Station, South End Road, Hampstead, NW3 2QD TQ272856 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place:	10:30-15:00 Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station (which is a few minutes' walk from Belsize Park tube station).
What3words:	https://w3w.co/sizes.jump.take
Transport:	It is recommended you use public transport
Information:	Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome. If the weather is cloudy, cool and/or windy this walk will be cancelled. Please note the site is inside the ULEZ zone
Event leader:	Leslie Williams
Booking details:	Check the website the day before for an update http://www.lnhs.org.uk/



Date: Sunday 3rd JULY 2022
Event Title: Butterfly Identification Walk with Big City Butterflies and 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, buzz113@hotmail.co.uk
Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/butterfly-identification-walk-at-gladstone-park-tickets-313645511167>



Date: Wednesday 6th JULY 2022
Event Title: Guided butterfly walk for White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary & hopefully Purple Emperor
This is the walk to attend to brush up your butterfly photography skills. Professional photographer Ayub Khan will be on hand to give tips and advice to help you develop your knowledge. Do come along with any questions you have!
Site: Ruislip Woods NNR
Address &/or grid ref: Ruislip Lido, Reservoir Road, Ruislip, HA4 7TY, TQ087894 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/Meeting place: 10:30. near Waters Edge Restaurant, Reservoir Road, Ruislip, HA4 7TY.
Please note that there is a £5 parking charge for five hours and £10 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 the walk leader will aim to complete the walk within the five hour time period.
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: Dick Middleton ~ 020 8845 6207 / 07597 369067 or email: middleton198@btinternet.com
Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Saturday 9th JULY 2022
Event Title: White-letter Hairstreak and summer butterflies including Marbled White and Purple Hairstreak, and seeing the moths recorded the previous night. Joint event with the Friends of Horsenden Hill and Ealing Wildlife Group.
Site: Horsenden Hill, Middlesex
Address &/or grid ref: Horsenden Farm, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford, UB6 7PQ, TQ163840 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 09:30 at Horsenden Farm, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford. Morning walk to finish approx. 13:00
What3words: <https://w3w.co/branded.length.brains>
Transport: Perivale (Central line) – 15 mins walk north from Perivale or the 297 bus from Ealing Broadway – 2 mins north from the 297 bus stop at the junction of Horsenden Lane South and Bilton Road
Information: Toilets near the car park but not on the walk itself. Terrain is a little uneven in parts – insect repellent advisable!

Contact details: Dave Howdon ~ 07508 544749
 Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Sunday 10th JULY 2022
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: Sunday 10th JULY 2022
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk with Terry Lyle of the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park**
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: 10:00 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 by Terry Lyle of the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. Donations will be appreciated.
Booking details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefriendsoftowerhamletscemeterypark/650305/>



Date: Thursday 14th JULY 2022
Event Title: **An exploration of the site 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: 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/runs.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

Information layby in the hamlet of Norton Green
Bring binoculars
Contact details Peter Clarke ~ 01438 227240 or email: peter.clarke4@ntlworld.com and Bob Clift ~ 01279 658243 or email: bobclift@ntlworld.com
Booking details **Details yet to be published.**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891>



Date: Thursday 14th JULY 2022
Event Title: **Butterfly Walk 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://w3w.co/momentous.gliding.user>
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: No booking is required



Date: Saturday 16th JULY 2022
Event Title: **Guided walk to look for summer butterflies including Purple Emperor ~ with kind permission of the Woodland Trust. A Wilder St Albans Event**
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/guided-walk-looking-for-summer-butterflies-incl-purple-emperor-at-heartwood-tickets-306275065967>



Date: Sunday 17th JULY 2022
Event Title: **Guided butterfly walk for White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary. A Wilder St Albans Event**
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 Jct 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/guided-butterfly-walk-at-bricket-wood-common-tickets-311823451337>



Date: Monday 18th JULY 2022

Event Title: Guided butterfly walk for Chalkhill Blue and summer butterflies.
Part of the Big Butterfly Count programme of butterfly walks.

Site: Therfield Heath, near Royston

Address &/or grid ref: TL347405 [Landranger Map 154]; postcode SG8 5BG

Time/meeting place: 11:00 at the Sports Pavilion car park. (morning walk to finish approx. 13:00).

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: Martin Johnson ~ 01763 249459 (Mobile: 07719 617324 switched on from about 10.30 on the day) or email: martinrjspc@hotmail.com

Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Sunday 31st JULY 2022

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: Details yet to be published.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891>



Date: Wednesday 10th AUGUST 2022
Event Title: Guided butterfly walk for summer butterflies and the hope of seeing the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly
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) 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) 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). There is approx. 1km walk to the site along footpaths
Information: Please let Dick Middleton know if you intend coming preferably by email (including a mobile phone number) as we will meet everyone at Ruislip Gardens Station. If we don't know you are coming we shan't be able to wait!
Contact details: Dick Middleton ~ 020 8845 6207 / 07597 369067 or email: middleton198@btinternet.com
Booking details: Please email the walk leader to indicate you are coming



Date: Saturday 13th AUGUST 2022
Event Title: Brown Hairstreak and other late summer butterflies, and seeing the moths recorded the previous night. Joint event with the Friends of Horsenden Hill and Ealing Wildlife Group.
 In the last few years Brown Hairstreak have been found on this site, we're still learning about where they are so come along and help us search
Site: Horsenden Hill, Middlesex
Address &/or grid ref: Horsenden Farm, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford, UB6 7PQ
 TQ163840 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/meeting place: 10:30 at Horsenden Farm, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford. Morning walk to finish approx. 14:00
What3words: <https://w3w.co/branded.length.brains>
Transport: Perivale (Central line) – 15 mins walk north from Perivale or the 297 bus from Ealing Broadway – 2 mins north from the 297 bus stop at the junction of Horsenden Lane South and Bilton Road
Information: Toilets near the car park but not on the walk itself. Terrain is a little uneven in parts – insect repellent advisable!
Contact details: Dave Howdon ~ 07508 544749
Booking details: No booking is required



Date: Monday 22nd AUGUST 2022
Event Title: Guided butterfly walk for Adonis Blue and late summer butterflies.
Site: Therfield Heath, near Royston
Address &/or grid ref: Nearest postcode SG8 9NT
 TL337402 [Landranger Map 154]
Time/meeting place: 11:00 at the Therfield Road car park. (morning walk to finish approx. 13:00).
What3words: <https://w3w.co/irrigated.encounter.sleepless>
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; take the turning to Therfield (up the hill), the carpark is a short distance along the road on the right and overlooks MacDonalds. Please note that this is a different carpark to the Chalkhill Blue walk on the 18th July
Information: There will be some steep slopes
Contact details: Martin Johnson ~ 01763 249459 (Mobile: 07719 617324 switched on from about 10.30 on the

Booking details: day) or email: martinrjpsc@hotmail.com
 No booking is required



Date: Wednesday 31st AUGUST 2022
Event Title: An opportunity to see the variety of moths recorded the previous night in an urban landscape at Gillespie Park with Big City Butterflies in partnership with Islington Council and the Friends of Gillespie Park
Address: Islington Ecology Centre, 191 Drayton Park, London N5 1PH
Time/meeting place: 10:00-11:30 at the Islington Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park
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)
Booking details: Details yet to be published
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/big-city-butterflies-events-2022-207639>



Date: Sunday 25th SEPTEMBER 2022
Event Title: Guided walk for Small Copper and other early autumn butterflies. A Wilder St Albans Event
Site: Nomansland Common
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 Details yet to be published.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891>



Date: Date to confirmed but probably early December 2022
Event Title: Brown Hairstreak Egg Hunt Training Day
Site: Stafford Road Open Space in the London Borough of Hillingdon
Grid reference/postcode: Postcode: HA4 6PB
 TQ096857 [Landranger Map 176]
Time/Meeting place: 10:30 at the allotment entrance on Stafford Road opposite the west end of Bedford Road. We aim to finish by 12:30-13:00 but stay as long as you wish.
What3words: <https://w3w.co/chains.brands.jams>
Transport: The streets around Stafford Road usually have parking spaces. There is approx. ½ mile walk to the meeting place from Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line) along Bedford Road. (Metropolitan) to Ealing Broadway (District and National rail). There is also the E7 bus (every 20 minutes) from Ruislip. *Please note we are not meeting at Ruislip Gardens so do not take the Yeading Brook Walk.*
Information Help us search for Brown Hairstreak eggs and learn the skills to help you look for new sites. There is approx. 1km walk to the site along footpaths and fields, maybe muddy. Wrap up warm; bring gloves and suitable footwear and a hand lens if possible. More dates at different locations may be added later in the year or early 2023.
Additional information Before the hunt, we suggest you view last year's presentation on finding Brown Hairstreak eggs in an urban landscape. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTQiet-GROA>

Contact details	Booking is essential – the tickets are free but if we don't know you are coming we can't let you know if the event is cancelled. If the event has to be cancelled or rearranged due to bad weather conditions, you will get a notification via Eventbrite
Booking details	Details yet to be published. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/butterfly-conservation-herts-amp-middlesex-branch-33094463891

Important advice for walks and moth events in 2022

- 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
- Bring hand-sanitiser and/or wipes
- Wear a face covering if you have any concerns
- Please do not attend if you have had a positive COVID-19 test within 6 to 10 days prior to the meeting, you have any COVID symptoms, or if you are required to self-isolate.
- We actively encourage everyone to take a lateral flow test before attending to ensure compliance with the point above.

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 lead 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.