

AGM and Members Day.
Saturday 8th October. 1-4pm

Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 6DB.

Our AGM will be followed by two talks:

Robin Field will tell us about the 'Back from the Brink' project which will enhance woodlands in both Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire for butterflies hopefully including Chequered Skipper.

Following that **our keynote speaker, Henk de Vries Senior Project Leader, Dutch Butterfly Conservation (De Vlinderstichting), will speak on the topic of "What future for Large Copper in the UK?"**

De Vries is probably the most experienced person alive in regard to the conservation of the Dutch subspecies of Large Copper (*Lycaena dispar batavus*), which was once established at Woodwalton Fen as the only viable replacement for the extinct British *L. d. dispar*. His talk will cover aspects of the history of Large Copper in the UK, habitat restoration, and practicalities for and impediments to the reintroduction of Large Copper to the UK.

Photo Competition: many of you take great photos and last year at AGM we launched a members competition. All you need to do is submit up to 4 photographs you have taken this year to photo@cambs-essex-butterflies.org.uk by 5pm on Wed 5th October and we will print them out for display at our AGM. Those attending the AGM get to vote for their favourites.

Please note that the carpark is officially pay and display but we have exemption permits available for the afternoon for attendees. We will have some on the day but it is easier to get one beforehand by emailing info@cambs-essex-butterflies.org.uk so that you make sure you do not need to pay.

I hope you agree that this could be one of our best Members day events for some time so put the date in your diary and we look forward to meeting you there.