Updated guidance for butterfly and moth recorders relating to Coronavirus Covid-19

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Further significant changes and clarification relating to outdoor activities have been made to the government restrictions that were brought in March to reduce the spread of coronavirus. Across the UK, the key message remains to stay at home as much as possible and to follow social distancing rules.

However, in all UK countries, restrictions on the distances that can be travelled for leisure have now been relaxed, so butterfly and moth recording can be carried out as normal unless you have symptoms or are self-isolating.

Recorders in all four nations must, at all times, continue to observe the appropriate social distancing guidelines for their country. If you have coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home. Restrictions on the number of people from other households that you can meet vary across the UK so check the current guidance from the websites below.

Although travel restrictions within the UK have now been lifted, local restrictions may be in place as a response to coronavirus outbreaks. Please check for and comply with any local restrictions when planning or undertaking recording activities.

You should also be aware that nature reserves and other sites, their car parks and toilet facilities may not yet be open to the public. Further advice on staying safe outdoors is available.

We will continue to monitor advice from the UK Government and the devolved administrations, and will produce revised guidance when the time is right. Please check for any updates at www.butterfly-conservation.org. If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact the recording team at recording@butterfly-conservation.org

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Please continue to follow the latest guidance from your appropriate administration:
England: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
Wales: https://gov.wales/coronavirus