



Welcome to the latest update from the Lancashire branch of Butterfly Conservation

Virtual moth social event - Lancashire Moth Group & Butterfly Conservation Lancashire Branch

Friday 26th March 2021, 7pm – 8.30pm via Zoom


There's still time to book onto this online talk by Dr Phil Sterling from Butterfly Conservation: 'A Window into the World of Caterpillars' - macro-moth life histories followed by micro-moth life histories.

Please register in advance for this meeting (100 person limit):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpc--srjMsGtJwXd4I--fp9RHJTkWfgPTu>

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Talk by Dr Phil Sterling, Butterfly Conservation




Field Guide to the
Caterpillars
of Great Britain and Ireland
Barry Hemming and Phil Sterling
Illustrated by Richard Lewington

"A Window into the World of Caterpillars"

Macro-moth life histories

Followed by

Micro-moth life histories



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Saturday moth morning - free virtual event

Saturday 3rd April 2021, 9.30am – 10.30am via Zoom

Join us to see what's in our moth traps and chat about moths!

If you'd like to join this event, please register online: <https://bit.ly/3eVjcgC>

Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) – volunteers needed

The WCBS is a national survey aimed at gathering long term data to monitor the populations of butterflies across our landscapes. It is run by Megan Lowe at BC and provides data hugely important to understanding how our butterflies are faring in response to changing habitats and climate.

We need new volunteer surveyors to make sure enough data from our part of the country is being included in the scheme. Surveys simply involve walking each summer a set transect route across a 1km grid square and counting all butterflies seen during the walk. Each survey normally lasts 1- 2 hours, with a minimum of one visit in July and one visit in August needed (extra visits are optional). Full instructions on how to carry out the survey, including all maps and data sheets etc would be provided.



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BC select squares for the scheme, and we currently have 10 needing a surveyor in our region (listed below). See the red dots on the map above for locations and please get in touch if you think you'd be able to take one or more of these.

More information about the scheme can be found here: www.ukbms.org/wcbs

Thanks very much.

Steve Ryder, Volunteer WCBS Champion, email: stephenryder@hotmail.com

SJ4092	Liverpool	SD4441	St. Michael's on Wyre
SD6345	near Chipping	SD3917	near Southport
SD6640	near Longridge	SD4824	Walmer Bridge
SD7441	Clitheroe	SD5058	near Lancaster
SD7156	Slaidburn	SD7224	near Blackburn
SD5041	Bilsborrow	SD8322	Rawtenstall

Lancashire Moth Recording Report 2020



North Cheshire
Region of the
Lancashire Moth
Recording Group



Justine Patton
Stephen Palmer
John Girdley
Richard Walker
Kevin McCabe

2020 Moth Recording Report

The 2020 Lancashire Moth Recording Report is now available to download. Written by our branch Moth Officer, Justine Patton, it's packed full of information about the moths recorded in Lancashire in 2020.

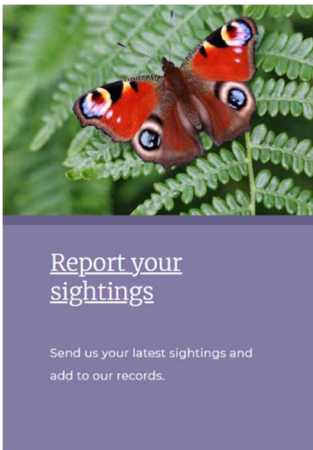
Download it here: <https://bit.ly/30Vs3GP>



Lancashire Moth Atlas

A new set of distribution maps covering all of Lancashire's 1523 moth species is now available to download. The Lancashire Moth Atlas was produced by the Tanyptera Project and Lancashire Moth Group.

Download it here: <https://bit.ly/3pNUErn>



Butterfly and moth sightings

Please continue to send in your butterfly and moth sightings using the sightings page on our website:

www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/report/

You can also look at the latest sightings page to see what butterflies and moths people have seen:

www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/sightings/

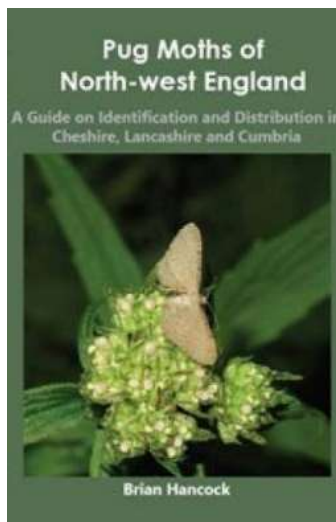


Enter our photography competition

Are you a budding nature photographer? Have you or your children taken some lovely butterfly or moth snaps last year? Why not enter our competition and the overall winner's photograph will appear on the front cover of our Autumn 2021 newsletter and receive a £25 NHBS voucher, with 2nd place being printed on the back cover. There will be 3 categories: 1) UK butterfly, 2) UK moth and 3) early stage (egg, larva or pupa) of UK butterfly or moth. Judging will be by the branch committee and the winners announced at our 2021 Members' Day and AGM. Entries to be emailed to photocomp@lancashire-butterflies.org.uk with 'Photography Competition 2021' as the subject title and include the titled photos, where they were taken and your name (and age if under 18). Closing date for entries is 31st May 2021. Please see the branch website for terms and conditions:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/photo-competition-lancashire-branch>

Butterfly and moth books for sale



Don't miss out on our last few copies of **Brian Hancock's 'Pug Moths of North-west England, A Guide on Identification and Distribution in Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria'**, which is now available at the discounted price of £10 plus P&P.

Click here to order: <https://bit.ly/3lxsxwq>



We also have the **'Butterflies and Day-flying Moths of Lancashire'** book available for £12 plus P&P.

Click here to order: <https://bit.ly/38WqGfI>

By purchasing books from us you'll be helping to support the branch.

Message from Lancashire and Cheshire Fauna Society

Dragonflies of Lancashire — 2nd Edition



Seven years ago, the Lancashire and Cheshire Fauna Society published "The Dragonflies of Lancashire & North Merseyside" and in the intervening period there has been a notable change in the Odonata fauna.

Ruddy Darter

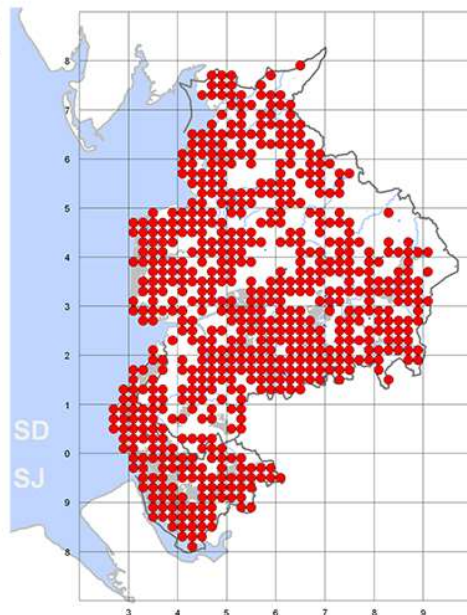
The recent AGM decided that we should update the book (that had sold out) after the 2021 recording season. There are many known changes, such as the appearance of Small Red-eyed Damselfly and Hairy Dragonfly of the spreading 'resident' species as well as records of long-distance migrants such as Vagrant Emperor and Southern Migrant Hawker.

What was also apparent from the first publication, however, was that there were quite a lot of gaps in the distribution maps for the commoner species. These are primarily in the whole of the Forest of Bowland and other upland areas in east Lancashire and in north Lancashire to the east of the M6. We are keen to fill as many gaps as possible so it would be useful to target any wetland sites that are rarely visited.

We need your help!

Firstly, please check your notebooks and photographic records for recent years for any dragonfly images where you can add a four-figure grid reference. It would be great if you are able to do this in the next few weeks before the 'outdoor season' is upon us!

Also, please make a note of any dragonflies you encounter during this current summer, again noting the four or six figure grid ref. It would be great if you could check



suitable upland riparian habitat for eg Golden Ringed Dragonfly but even a Common Darter record from an obscure pond could be a dot on the map!

Send records into Steve White, the county recorder, directly to stevewhite102@btinternet.com or enter them onto iRecord where Steve can verify them and get them onto the database.

You can download a sample submission spreadsheet here: <https://lacfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Recording-pro-forma.xlsx>