



## Welcome to the April 2021 update from the Lancashire branch of Butterfly Conservation



### Spring 2021 newsletter – now available to download

The Lancashire branch spring 2021 newsletter is now available to download. It features 44 pages packed full of news, articles and reports about butterflies and moths in our area. Find out about our 2021 members day and AGM, the Myers Allotment 10-year anniversary celebration event and our proposed field trip programme (government restrictions allowing). Read about the Morecambe Bay Green Recovery Woodlands Project and the exciting new book being written about moths in Lancashire. There are articles from Peter Hardy on urban butterflies and butterfly recording in Greater Manchester, plus an article by Dave Jackson on the 1976 Camberwell Beauty invasion in Lancashire!

Download your copy here: <https://bit.ly/3abLOPn>



### Branch YouTube channel

We are very pleased to have added some more videos for you to watch on our branch YouTube channel.

Many of our Saturday Moth Mornings have been recorded and are available to view, we have a relaxing 10 minutes showing our branch butterfly reserve Myers Allotment, and a wonderful talk from BC's very own Dr Phil Sterling on 'A Window into the World of Caterpillars' - hugely informative, captivating and enjoyable.

To see what is available please visit <https://bit.ly/3gdHkeX> or go to YouTube and search

'Lancashire Branch Butterfly Conservation'. If you like what you see why not give us a



and leave us a comment.



## First 2021 butterfly sightings on our branch sightings page

We have already received a good number of sightings on our branch sightings page, with the table below showing the first records for 10 of our county species submitted via this route. It's brilliant to see records coming in from around the county, and we particularly like to see your photos.

The sightings page ([www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/sightings/](http://www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/sightings/)) is a great place to see what people have recorded seeing and where, so if you would like to know what to look out for, or where to go to try to see a particular butterfly, then visit our page to see the recent records.

We would love you to enter all the butterflies that you see, whether they are in your garden, out on your walks, even maybe in a car park when you are out shopping. Let's see if we can surpass the 2462 records entered on to the page last year!

Please enter your records at [www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/report/](http://www.lancashire-butterflies.org.uk/report/)

09/01/2021	Small Tortoiseshell	Ribchester
22/02/2021	Red Admiral	Mellor, Blackburn
22/02/2021	Peacock	Oglet Shore, Liverpool
22/02/2021	Comma	Crosby Marine Park
16/03/2021	Brimstone	Gait Barrows
30/03/2021	Small White	Hightown Dunes
30/03/2021	Green-veined White	Ainsdale NNR
31/03/2021	Orange-tip	Halton Centre, Lancaster
10/04/2021	Speckled Wood	Abraham Heights, Lancaster
10/04/2021	Large White	Cheshire Lines, Formby



## Saturday moth morning - free virtual event

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 9.30am – 10.30am via Zoom

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

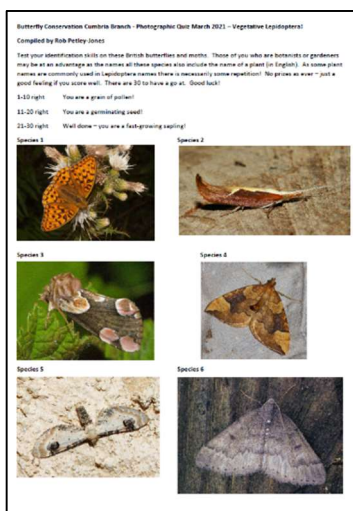
If you'd like to join this event, please register online: <https://bit.ly/3uVgaOb>



## Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) annual newsletter 2020 season

The Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) annual newsletter for the 2020 season is out now. The newsletter provides a summary of results from the 2020 survey along with other interesting snippets from the WCBS and partners.

Download it here: <https://bit.ly/32dUMaE>



## Vegetative lepidoptera photo quiz

Rob Petley-Jones has put together another brilliant photo quiz, this time featuring British butterflies and moths whose names include the name of a plant. See how well you can do – there are 30 photos to test your identification skills. There are no prizes – just a bit of fun!

Download the quiz here: <https://bit.ly/32e17UQ>

Download the answers here: <https://bit.ly/3uQ0608>