

The role of the Verification Assistant



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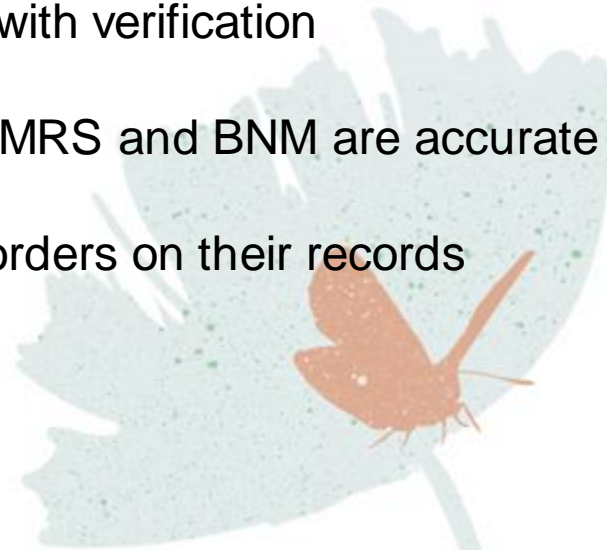
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Purpose of the Verification Assistant

- To support County Recorders with verification
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- To ensure data reaching the NMRS and BNM are accurate
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- To assist with feedback to recorders on their records
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- To improve dataflow



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Verification Assistant - vital support for the County Recorder Network

Assist the County Recorder network in one or more of the following ways:

- Verify records in iRecord and other sources
- Perform validation checks in Excel or NBN Record Cleaner
- Communicate with recorders about their records
- Query dubious records
- Provide regular downloads of verified records to the County Recorder or at least annually in January
- Format records to the requirement and preference of the County Recorder
- Process records in accordance with GDPR and BC's data policy

The County Recorder Network

County Moth Recorders – Vice County boundaries

County Butterflies – non-standardised boundaries

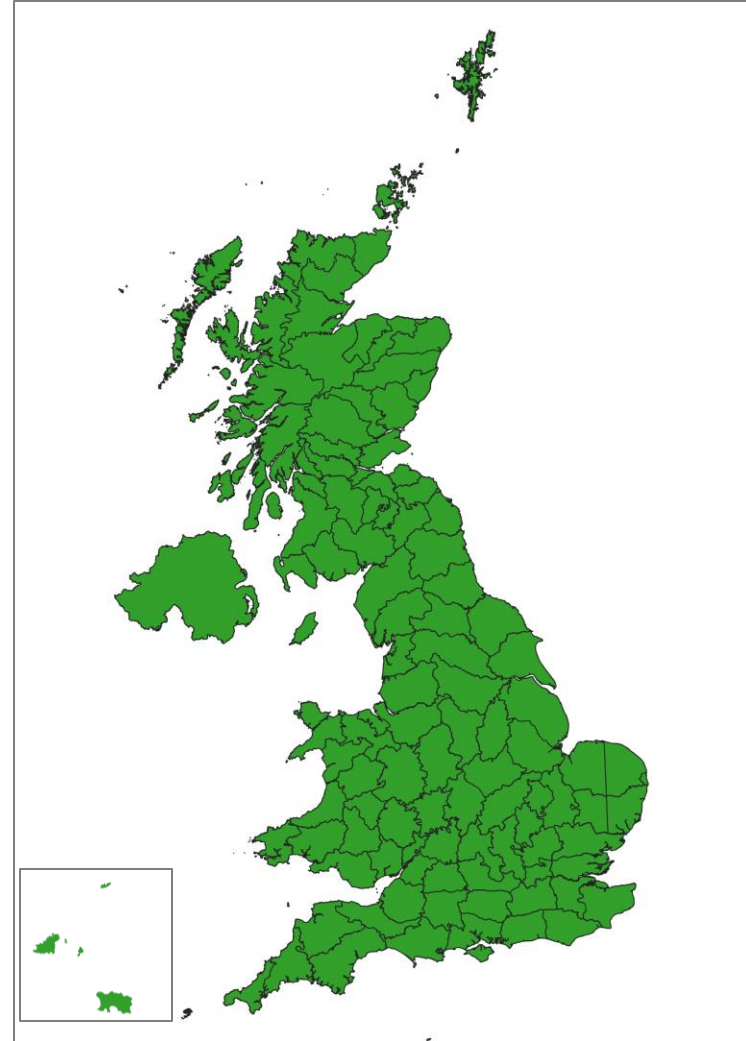
Administrative areas

Branches

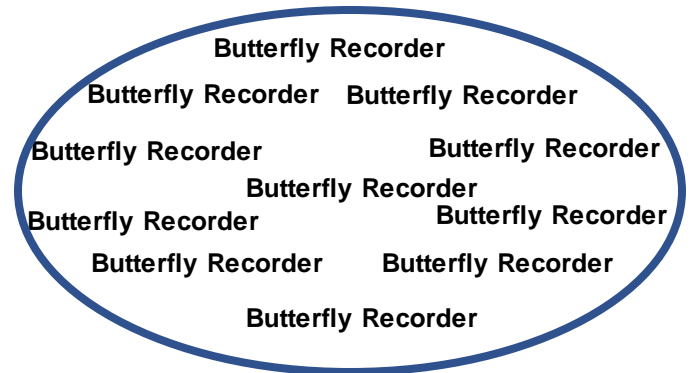
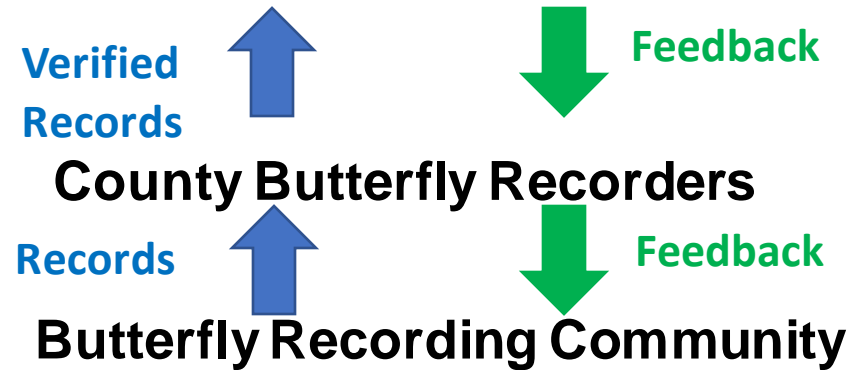
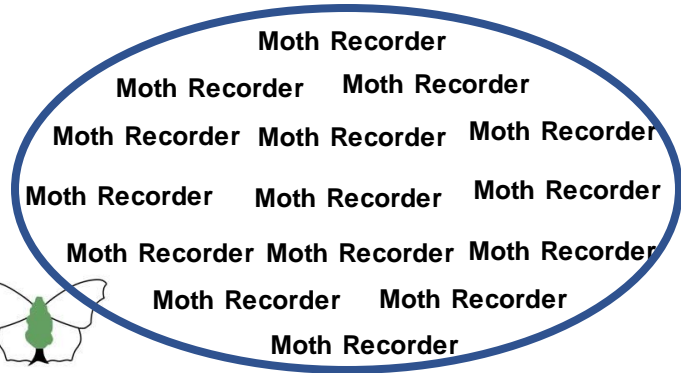
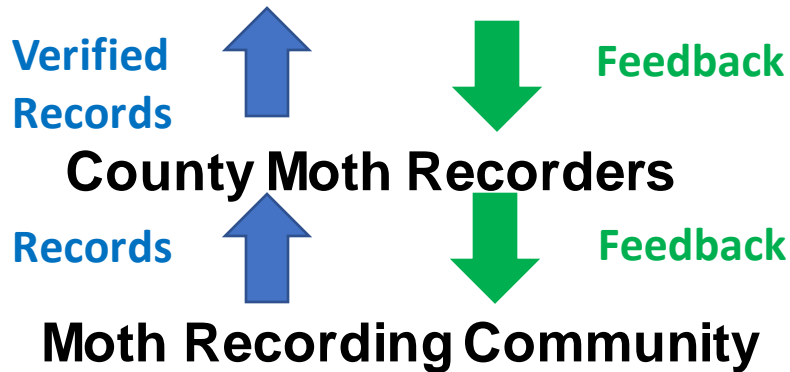
Vice-counties




Vital role in supporting BCs science



Recording Community



Other data sources: Online data capture



Butterflies for the New Millennium Online

Butterfly recording is the foundation for protecting these beautiful animals. Simply by submitting your sightings of butterflies to the UK recording scheme, Butterflies for the New Millennium, whether from garden buddleia, local walk or remote mountain top, you can make a real contribution to their conservation across the UK. More information about Butterflies for the New Millennium.



All new users of this BNM Online portal will need to create a new account.

This portal links to iRecord. If you want to link to an existing iRecord account (for example if you use the iRecord butterflies app) then simply use the same email address when you create your BNM Online account.

Records submitted via this system are publicly available to view through iRecord. To find out more about what happens to your records, click here.

If you already submit your records to your County Butterfly Recorder via another route then please continue to do so. This will help to avoid duplication of data.

Try our mobile app for recording butterflies by clicking on one of the links below.





Login
 Username*

 Password*

 Remember me

<https://www.butterflyrecording.org>



National Moth Recording Scheme Online

Moth recording is the foundation for protecting these beautiful animals. Simply by submitting your sightings of moths to the UK's National Moth Recording Scheme, whether from kitchen window, back garden moth-trap or remote mountain top, you can make a real contribution to their conservation across the UK. More information about the National Moth Recording Scheme.

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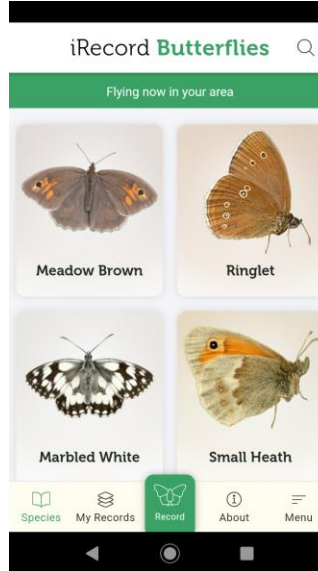
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iRecord **Butterflies** 🔍






Flying now in your area



Meadow Brown


Ringlet


Marbled White


Small Heath

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Join the Garden Butterfly Survey...

[Sign up](#)

Take part from your garden, allotment or community space...

Tell us about your garden and the butterflies you see throughout the year. Together we can work out how best to help them and provide a much-needed haven all year round.

Step 1.
Join in


Sign up and register your garden. You can add more than one garden and share, community and...

Step 2.
Submit sightings

Add your butterfly records. You can survey your garden all year round, as often as you like.

Step 3.
Survey reports

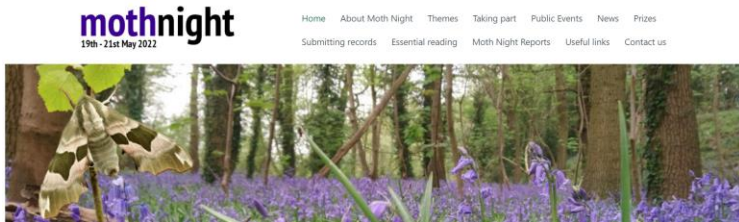
Explore data. You can see your own results and find the latest reports from gardens across the UK.



Citizen science surveys that contribute to the NMRS and BNM



Big Butterfly Count – mass participation



Annual celebration of moths & moth recording



What do County Recorders do?

- Local experts
- Verify records from the recording community
- Encourage recording & promote schemes
- Provide feedback to recorders
- Promote butterflies and moths
- Collate and manage local datasets in accordance with GDPR and BCs data policies
- Local reporting to BC Branches, LERCs and other local groups
- Submit records to NMRS & BNM
target date 31st March, although data are accepted year round

Collation of data for their area – a myriad of data formats



MapMate[®]



Levana

Paper data
Branch online data capture systems
Social Media



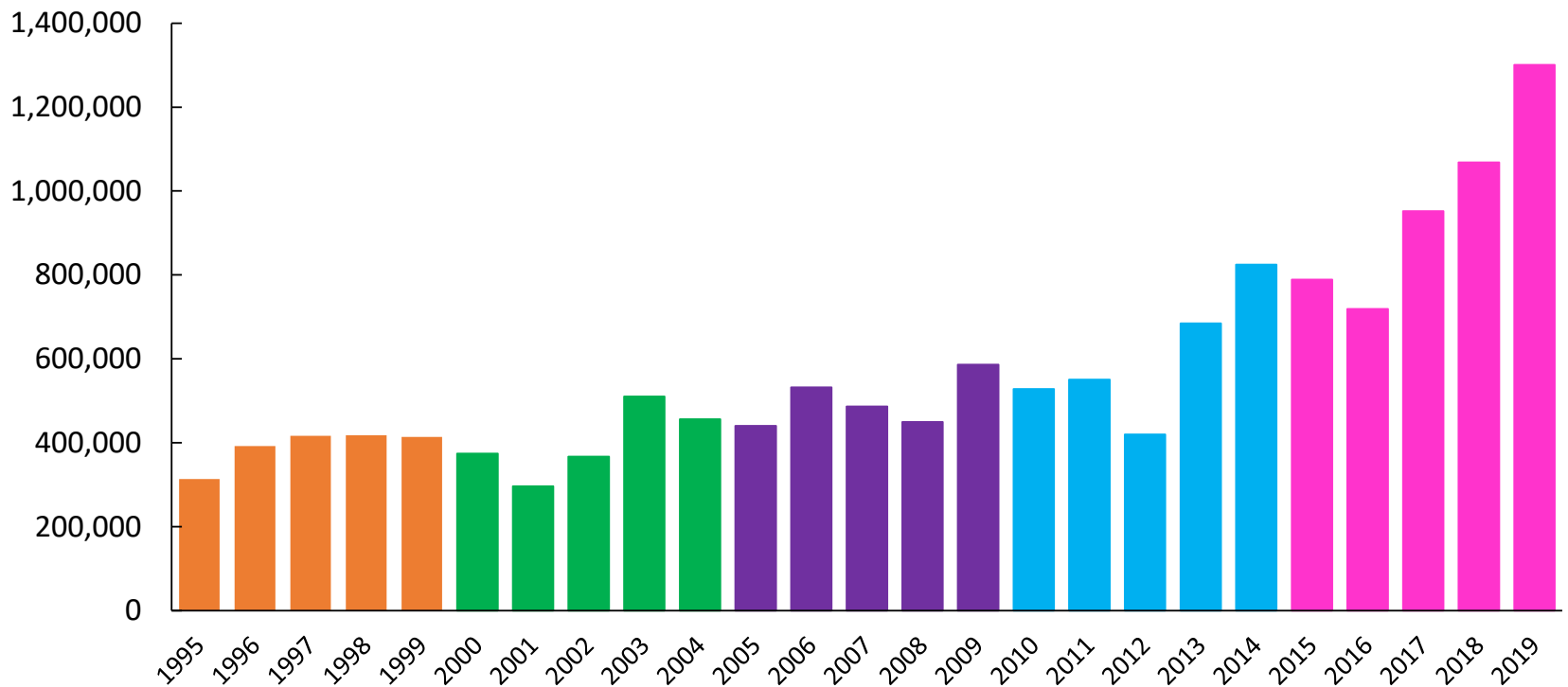
Verification of these records to ensure data quality



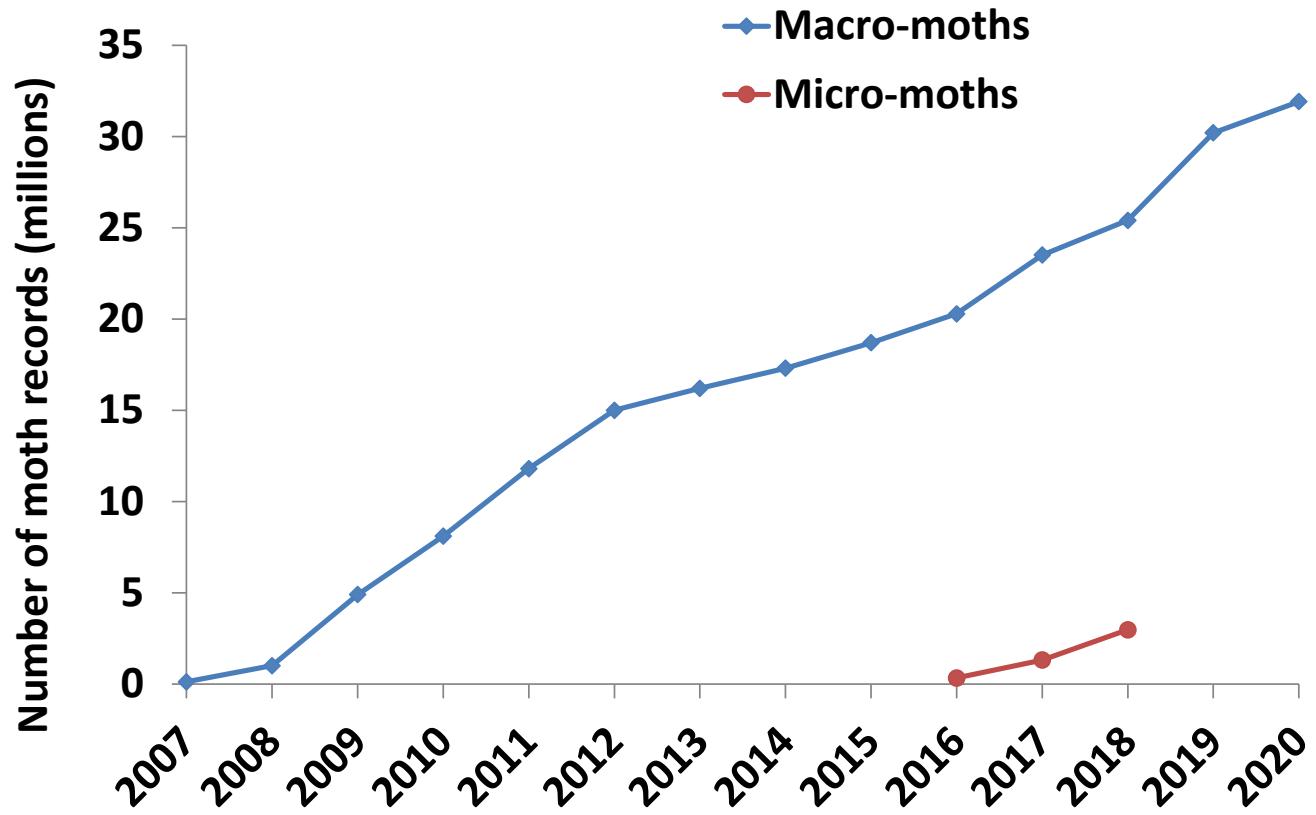
Increase in butterfly recording



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Increase in moth recording



Sharing the workload

Establish local teams to share the workload

Data collation Assistant(s)

Verification Assistant(s)

Work to strengths



An ideal Verification Assistant will be or will have

- Proficient at butterfly and/or moth identification or be willing to work with others to learn this
- Data Management skills and experience
- A knowledge of species flight times and distributions or access to this information
- A willingness to learn more about butterflies and/or moths
- Personal computer password protected with up-to-date antivirus software and internet connection
- Personable and approachable attitude
- Able to represent Butterfly Conservation and its values

Opportunities for you

- Training and support from the Recording Team including iRecord and QGIS
- Improved and ongoing knowledge of butterflies and/or moths
- Your role will provide valuable support to the County Recorder network
- Opportunities for mentoring from County Recorders
- Development of your skills and expertise essential for the conservation sector
- The chance to contribute to Butterfly Conservation's world class recording schemes, and ultimately science and research
- An opportunity to work with a wide range of people from different backgrounds
- Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses for performing your duties as Verification Assistant



Thank you!

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