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Welcome to the April 2022 update from the Lancashire branch of Butterfly Conservation

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Lancashire branch Spring newsletter – out now!

Our Spring newsletter is now available to download, with 44 pages packed full of interesting news and articles including:

- An update on our Myers Allotment reserve
- The latest news from the Morecambe Bay Green Recovery Project
- How conservation grazing can help wildlife
- Manchester and Salford – ‘The Cities’ article by Peter B. Hardy
- Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey update
- Purple Hairstreak surveying
- Brown Hairstreak update
- Hairstreak egg searching at Gait Barrows – a new challenge?
- A selection of book reviews

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AGM and Members' Day

Lancashire Branch Members' Day & AGM 2022

Our Members' Day and AGM will be held at RSPB Leighton Moss in Silverdale on Saturday 30th July 2022, 09:30 - 12:30 followed by a guided walk on Arnside Knott 13:45 - 16:00.

We have a programme of talks in the morning followed by a guided walk around Arnside Knott for those that would like to join us to try to see Scotch Argus! If the weather looks bad for the afternoon, we may decide to 'flip' the programme and do the walk in the morning and then enjoy the talks in the dry during the afternoon. There will be a display of the photography competition entries (see below for details of how to enter).

Programme for the day:

9:30 - Moth trap opening and coffee

10:15 - Rob Petley-Jones 'My life with Moths - a Personal Odyssey'

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 - Steve Benner 'Micro-lepidoptera - the moths everyone hates (& why you shouldn't!)'

12:00 - Branch Reports & Election of Committee

12:30 - Branch Photography Competition Results & Presentation

12:45 Lunch - either bring a picnic or make use of the lovely RSPB Leighton Moss café

13:45 - Meet at Arnside Knott Car park (OS ref. SD449773) for a guided walk on the Knott with Craig McCoy, Arnside & Silverdale Area Ranger (National Trust) and Chris Winnick, Lancashire & Cumbria Butterfly Conservation. Please bring water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen and a hat. Uneven paths and steep slopes

16:00 Close

Nominations for committee positions to be sent to chairman@lancashire-butterflies.org.uk by 30th June 2022.

Please register for this event with Chris Winnick, tel. 01539 728254 or email: chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk



2022 Field Trip programme

Details of our 2022 field trips are now available on our branch website: <https://bit.ly/3MbhqFy>

This year's trips include:

- Butterflies of Warton Crag (2 different dates)
- Trough of Bowland to Langden Brook (joint event with Trough of Bowland AONB)
- Butterflies of Heysham Moss and Heysham Nature Reserve
- Butterflies of Holme Stinted Pastures and Holme Park Fell

- Butterflies of Myers Allotment
- Big Butterfly Count walk at Peel Park and The Coppice Local Nature Reserve, Accrington
- Butterflies of Ainsdale Sand Dunes



Cumbria branch field trips

Cumbria branch also have a summer packed with butterfly walks. Lancashire members are welcome to register for any Cumbria walks and events. Take a look at their latest newsletter to find out more: <https://bit.ly/3jQEsoJ>



Identification and Recording Day

Saturday 23 July 2022, 10:00 to about 16:00, Levens Village Hall (formerly known as the village 'Institute').

Following the success of Cumbria's last training day in 2019 at the Institute they plan another two-part programme. The indoor morning session will look at how to identify butterflies and day-flying moths and how to record them. The outdoor afternoon session at nearby White Scar will put theory into practice. In 2019 participants correctly identified nearly 20 species in the field (see Cumbria branch newsletter, Autumn 2019 pp 33-35 available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3xvNWm>).

For this and the next two courses (for 2023 and 2024) we are indebted to the Kendal Natural History Society for

providing the funds to offer 20 places free of charge. There will be light refreshments but bring your own packed lunch.

Booking: Via Martin Chadwick and Chris Winnick (email: chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk)



Lancashire branch photo competition 2022

Following the success of last year's competition, we are delighted to host the Lancashire branch photo competition again in 2022.

Are you a budding nature photographer? Have you or your children taken some lovely butterfly or moth snaps through this spring and summer? Why not enter our competition and the overall winner's photograph will appear on the front cover of our Autumn 2022 newsletter and receive a £25 NHBS voucher, with 2nd place being printed on the back cover.

There will be 3 categories: 1) Lancashire butterfly, 2) Lancashire Moth and 3) Early stage (egg, larva or pupa) of Lancashire butterfly or moth.

Judging will be by the branch committee and the winners announced at our 2022 Members' Day.

Entries to be emailed to photocomp@lancashire-butterflies.org.uk with Photography Competition 2022 as the subject title and include the titled photos, where they were taken and your name (and

age if under 18), and Butterfly Conservation membership number.

Closing date for entries is 31st May 2022.

Why not watch Trevor Davenport's informative and entertaining presentation, on our YouTube channel, on how to get the best out of your butterfly and moth photography before entering:
<https://bit.ly/3jNB9Pn>

For full terms and conditions please visit our website:
<https://bit.ly/3MaPWQ6>