



## Dear All

Welcome. This is a brief Wales Newsletter, with updates on the High Brown Fritillary Natur am Byth project, volunteering and [Frits About No. 1](#) for 2022, rounding up fritillary butterfly sightings across Wales so far this season.

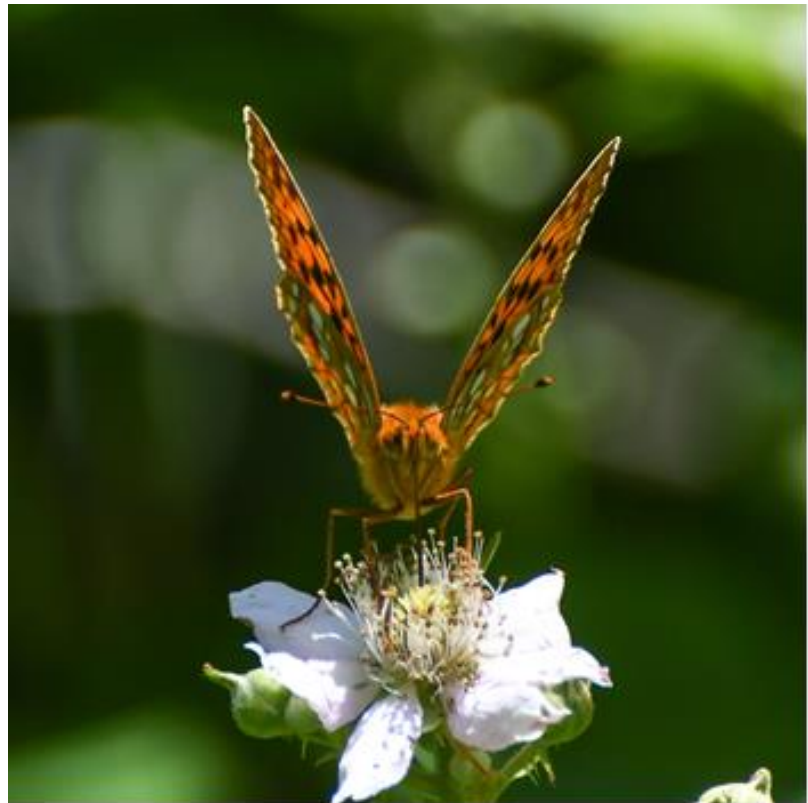
Find out where you can see these exciting fritillary species flying now!

If you have any contributions or comments on Frits About please contact Richard Smith. We'd love to hear any comments on Wales eNews via the [Wales staff team email](#).

Best regards,

Clare, Dai and Judy

**Butterfly Conservation Wales Team**



High Brown Fritillary, Alun Valley 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Frank Sengpiel

## Beer for Butterflies!

Our busy [Natur am Byth](#) project team (see Wales News April 2022) is extending the urgent work to save the High Brown Fritillary in the Vale of Glamorgan, its last stronghold in Wales, involving the local community and raising awareness and pride in having this treasured butterfly on their doorstep. This aim is to build local support to conserve this species into the future.

As part of raising the butterfly's profile, a new beer, HBF Ale, will be launched this Saturday 18th June, 1.30 at [The Three Golden Cups](#) in the Vale of Glamorgan. Jane Hutt MS, Species Champion for HBF will be there. **Come along if you can!**

There will be music and activities for children as well as an opportunity to find out more about the High Brown Fritillary butterfly and the work being done to save it.

Find out about the project and other activities to join in [Read more here](#)



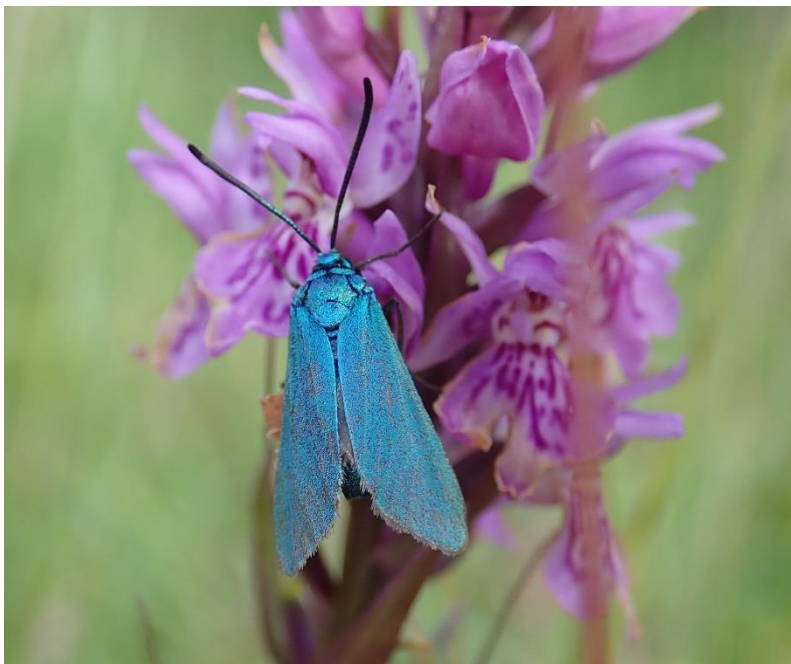
## Help us track down the Forester moth

Have you seen this iridescent day-flying moth? The **Forester** (perhaps misnamed as it's found in grasslands too) is one of our priority species and we need to know more about where in Wales they are seen each year.

**Please let us know if you've seen any** - especially if you walk a Transect and see any there.

Find out more on our **Volunteering in Wales** page.

**Thanks!**



## FRITS ABOUT 2022 No. 1

### Richard Smith Writes:

“Of the three earliest flying fritillary species (Pearl-bordered, Small Pearl-bordered and Marsh Fritillaries), start dates of flight periods have not been particularly unusual. What has been unusual... is the insertion of ... Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan in relation to Marsh Frits. Both areas seemed to lose the species in the mid noughties ...

Dark Green (DGF) and High Brown Fritillaries' (HBF) first sightings as adult butterflies in Wales were slightly earlier than recent years, although not as early as 2020 which was exceptional. One of our expert caterpillar finders, Paul Dunn, has found more than 20 HBF cats and one DGF in Alun valley, whereas he found none last year ....”

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