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## Welcome to the July 2022 update from the Lancashire branch of Butterfly Conservation



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AGM and Members' Day

### **Come along to the Lancashire Branch Members' Day & AGM 2022**

Our 2022 Members' Day and AGM will be held at RSPB Leighton Moss in Silverdale on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 09:30 - 12:30 followed by a guided walk on Arnside Knott 13:45 - 16:00. It would be lovely to see you there!

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, High Brown Fritillary and Brown Hairstreak. 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.

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

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



## 2022 Field Trip Programme

There's still time to book onto this year's field trips:

- Big Butterfly Count walk at Peel Park and The Coppice Local Nature Reserve, Accrington (27<sup>th</sup> July 2022)
- Butterflies of Ainsdale Sand Dunes (28<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

To find out more and book a place visit: <https://bit.ly/3MbhgFy>



## Cumbria Branch Field Trips

Lancashire branch members are also welcome to attend Cumbria branch field trips. Their remaining field trips for this year are listed below:

- Saturday 23 July 2022 - Identification and recording day for butterflies and day-flying moths with Chris Winnick and Martin Chadwick. Looking at how to identify and record butterflies and moths in the morning and then visiting a very good local site in the afternoon where we could identify and record up to 20 species of butterfly and day-flying moths. We expect to finish around 16:00. This day is supported by Kendal Natural History Society. There is no charge. Bring a packed lunch. Book with Chris ASAP to secure a place: [chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk) or 01539 728254.
- Tuesday 26 July 2022 - Meet at Over Sands School, Witherslack at 10:00 for Witherslack and Howe Ridding Woods with a packed lunch, drink, sun hat and good walking shoes for all three large Fritillaries. We expect to finish around 14:30. Please book with Chris Winnick at [chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk) or 01539 728254.
- Tuesday 9 August 2022 - Meet at the Asby Road end of the CWT reserve in Newbiggin-on-Lune at 10:00 for Smardale Gill with a packed lunch, drink and sun hat for Scotch Argus and a tremendous supporting cast of other butterfly species, wildflowers and the viaduct. Please book with Peter Boardman at [peterboardman222@btinternet.com](mailto:peterboardman222@btinternet.com) or 01768 342079.



### **Marsh Fritillary monitoring/training**

Dr Dave Wainwright (Butterfly Conservation's Senior Conservation Manager Northern England) will be running the annual Marsh Fritillary training and monitoring session at Blackwood Farm (near Keswick, Cumbria) on 10th August 2022. Meet at 10am onwards for a 10.30am start.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, apply sunscreen and insect repellent and bring your own food & drink.

Loos and water are available at the farm buildings.

Hopefully some of you will feel able to help monitor some of the other Marsh Fritillary sites in Cumbria but even if you can't, your help on 10<sup>th</sup> August only will be much appreciated!

Please email

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to book a place and request directions.

(Photo: Iain Leach)