

Butterfly
Conservation

Lancashire Branch

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



‘Finding Leaf Mines’ field event

Saturday 15th October 2022, 10.00-14.00

Meet: Plain Quarry car park just off Dalton Lane. OS ref SD552761. Please note the site is exposed with uneven, rocky paths and grazing livestock.

Bring a packed lunch and water.

Target: Micro-moth leaf mines.

Leaders: Stephen Palmer, Ben Smart.

This event is limited to 20 participants to ensure that everyone that attends gets something out of the event therefore **booking essential by email** to: mothsinlancs@outlook.com

**WE NEED
YOU
TO JOIN
OUR
CREW**

Committee vacancies

We have been trying to recruit new committee members for some time and we still have vacancies on the committee for several positions. We are looking for individuals looking to help with the running of the branch at committee level, this is a great opportunity to get involved and contribute your time and experience with like-minded people.

We have vacancies for: Chair, Moth Officer, Field-trips & Events Officer, Newsletter Editor.

It is important that we recruit new people into these roles as the current committee will not be able to cover all these posts satisfactorily.

Please contact
secretary@lancashire-butterflies.org.uk
if you would like to find out more.



Lancaster University Butterfly and Moth Symposium

Saturday 29th October 2022

We are delighted to report that following a 'Covid break' of 3 years this very popular and free day-long event returns to the main lecture theatre of the Environment Building at Lancaster University campus on Saturday 29th October 2022. This theatre holds almost 300 people and last time we held this joint Butterfly Conservation/Lancaster University event it was almost full, so please put this event in your diary now!

It will showcase the wonderful student research that takes place at Lancaster University into all aspects of butterflies and moths from undergraduate to

masters to doctorate levels. I know many of the students involved and their presentations are likely to be superb. There will also be a full supporting programme from university staff, BC staff and volunteers together with displays, second-hand books for sale and light refreshments. Meals also available onsite.

Download the full programme of events for the day from our website: <https://bit.ly/3Rrjc7H>

Please note, invitations will also go to all branch members in northern England/southern Scotland and our supporters and their families so please book a place ASAP with Chris Winnick on chriswinnick@tiscali.co.uk




Myers Allotment Conservation Work Parties

Our weekly work parties resumed on **Tuesday 4th October.**

Work parties start at 10.00am and finish at approx. 3.30pm (depending on the weather) though you are, of course, free to leave at any time. It is advisable to arrive by 10am, so that you can register and receive details of the work to be carried out, together with a health and safety briefing. Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear is required, and you will need to bring a packed lunch.

Hand tools, training and guidance are provided, with all expected to work at their own pace.

Everyone is invited to join our regular team of volunteers and, apart from their conservation value, work parties can be very rewarding as well as highly enjoyable and sociable events.

	<p>If you are thinking of coming along, it is always best to phone after 8am on the day, just to make sure that we have not decided to cancel due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances. We now have a Volunteers' WhatsApp group, making it much easier to communicate anything regarding the work parties.</p> <p>Contact Dave Wrigley (Reserves Officer) on 01524 805527, email: reserves@lancashire-butterflies.org.uk</p>
	<p>Leighton Moss Moth Group Annual Social</p> <p>Saturday 26th November 2022, 2.30pm to 5pm.</p> <p>Yealand Village Hall, Footeran Lane, LA5 9SU (SD503752).</p> <p>Moth Recorders from South Cumbria, North Lancashire and beyond are all welcome at this annual event in North Lancashire.</p> <p>The main speakers will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Palmer, who will give us an update on progress with the Moths of Lancashire book (a joint project with Ben Smart and the Tanyptera Trust).• Justine Patton, our VC60 Macro-moth Recorder, who will give us an illustrated update on recent additions to the County and Vice County lists.• Brian Hancock, who will present a review entitled "Highlights from 20 years of Mothing in our AONB".

There will also be a couple of other short presentations and we should have plenty of time to chat.

Please contact Brian Hancock to advise if you are able to attend, email: hancockb410@gmail.com