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County Recorder Toolkit

Butterflies on the web

This is a list of websites that County Recorders and Verification Assistants may find useful or interesting for their volunteer role. We are not responsible for third party links and content.

Social media sites are also optionally used by some verification volunteers. There are many local moth groups active on Facebook – usually these are private groups that have to be joined to see people's posts, and to be able to post yourself. X (formerly Twitter) searches, for example searching for species by English or scientific name, can also be a useful source for recently shared records.

Butterfly Conservation

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/>

Main Butterfly Conservation website – lots of information, including identification, reports, factsheets, etc.

Recording Butterflies

Britain & Ireland

<https://ukbutterflies.co.uk/index.php>

A community focused website for responsible butterfly enthusiasts of Britain and Ireland, run by Pete Eeles.

<https://britishlepidoptera.weebly.com/>

Covers many species, including dissections. Also lots of photos of moths pulled apart into their constituent parts (legs, wings, etc)

<http://www.ukleps.org/>

Excellent photos of the eggs, larvae and pupae of UK butterflies and moths (mainly macro-moths)

<http://www.flickr.com/>

Many people post their photos on Flickr – if you search for a particular species you should find plenty of photos (warning: a few are incorrectly identified)

Europe

<https://lepiforum.org/>

The best moth website out there. Comprehensive, covering pretty much all UK species, including photos of immature stages and habitats. In German, but easy to search using scientific names in the *Suche...* box (top right of screen)



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<https://projects.biodiversity.be/lepidoptera/>

Lepidoptera of Belgium. Good range of photos of adults and larvae of all Lepidoptera. Includes English names

<https://leps.it/>

Moths and Butterflies of Europe and North Africa. Good range of photos of adults and immature stages for macro-moths. In English

Country, County & Regional Websites

www.northantsbutterflies.com Northants butterflies

www.naturespot.org.uk Relevant to the whole Midlands and beyond

www.eakringbirds.com Covers all insects again relevant to Midlands and Yorkshire

<http://www.simplybirdsandmoths.co.uk/sbam/european-butterflies/> Great images of the UK and European butterflies

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