

EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEMBERS DAY & AGM 2021

(held on 20 March 2022 at Ravenshead Village Hall, Nottinghamshire)

PRESENT (33): Jane Broomhead (Branch Organiser), Jim Steele, Christine Maughan, Max Maughan, Eliot Taylor, Melanie Penson, Suzanne Halfacre, Gary Atkins, Bill Bacon, Al Roberts, John Roberts, Margaret Hobby, Brian Hobby, John Green, Sylvia Green, Willy Lane, Anita Aked, Pete Clark, Ian Hurst, Rosie Brace, Robin Brace, John Clarke, Sheila Brunt, Phil Horsham, Neil Pinder, John Scholey, Enid Scholey, Alan Armstrong, Nigel Bowler, John Schofield, Vivienne Evans, Michael Glendenning, Ernestita Cassanelli

Apologies for Absence: Richard Jeffery, Win Walsh, Malcolm Broomhead, Ken & Pat Orpe, Adrian Russell, Steve Mathers, Mark Searle, Rhona Goddard, Lynn Preece, Barbara Overton, Katharine Coulthard, Chris & Sheila Ragg, Clare Bowler, Brian & Jean Hallam, Mick Ball, Geof & Margaret Adams, Chris Cooper.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM, previously available on the branch website <https://www.eastmidlands-butterflies.org.uk/news.html>, were taken as read, and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Bill Bacon, seconded: Suzanne Halfacre.

(The 2020 AGM event was not held in person due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but reports were circulated electronically and also made available on the branch website and in the Spring 2021 newsletter).

Matters arising from these minutes: None.

Branch Organiser's Address – Jane Broomhead

Jane welcomed everyone to the AGM and Members Day which should have taken place in November 2021, and almost two and half years ago since the last 'normal' AGM at The Brewery Centre in November 2019. She reflected on the intervening times, including personal pleasures of seeing 5th instar Purple Emperor Caterpillars and of visiting many sites in the East Midlands with Rhona Goddard, our Midlands Regional Officer, for the Severn Trent Funding Project. She praised the many volunteers monitoring and maintaining these sites. With still over two years of the Severn Trent Funding to go, work had already started: in Nottinghamshire scrapes have been made at Ollerton Pit Wood and a corridor is to be created at Bevercotes, both for the Dingy Skipper, and in Derbyshire contractors' work on Markham Vale has been ordered. Thanks were given to Chris Jackson, Notts BAG, and some of our own members for all of their hard work on the Grizzled Skipper sites during the past winter. A special thanks went out to everyone attending for their continued support of East Midlands Butterfly Conservation.

Get well wishes were sent to Pat Orpe who had recently fallen and broken ribs and her ankle, to Adrian Russell, our ex-chairman, who has serious health problems and best wishes to Bill Bacon, another ex-chairman, whose wife is not at all well.

Praise was given to Jim Steele, standing down after the AGM as Derbyshire Conservation Officer, for his dedicated and exceptional conservation work during his time on the committee.

An invitation to anyone who would like to become a committee member was made.

BRANCH OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer – Jane Broomhead

The final audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 were presented. These had been prepared and checked by Finance at BC Head Office.

The income for the year up to the end of March 2021 was £7,909.00. This included a percentage of subscriptions to BC and £100 donations from talks by Committee Members. There was no sales income during this financial year due to Covid, but £1,996.75 was held in sales stock and a number of events had been booked in 2022 (see Sales and Display Report below for further details).

The expenditure consists of £2,000 which was for work carried out by Notts County Council over the winter of 2019/20 which was not paid until April 2020. The Branch also donated £150 to Shipley Woodside Garden (Derbyshire). Field Equipment £33.25 was for plants for the GS Project at Ticknall Limeyards (Derbyshire). £373 was for the hire of the Room at Attenborough Nature Reserve for the Nottinghamshire Transect Training Day in March 2020 just before lockdown began. Subscriptions related to the membership of the three Counties' Wildlife Trusts, and Insurance was the branch share of the insurance taken out by Head Office every year to cover field trips and events.

At the end of the financial year total funds amounted to £13,708.14. Although it had been difficult to commit any of the funds, the committee had allocated at least £3,000 towards the GS Project (£2,000 for Notts CC and £1,000 for Leicestershire GS work) for use over the winter of 21/22. The rest of the money was reserved for help with the Severn Trent Funding.

Membership Secretary – Christine Maughan

Annual statistics normally produced by Head Office each November were not available in 2021 so no direct comparison with the previous year's figures was possible. Information was based on statistics provided by Butterfly Conservation on 17 March 2022.

For the organisation as a whole, membership had remained fairly static since the November 2020 report, with a national total of just over 42,000 individual members.

Since 1 November 2020, membership within the East Midlands Branch had fallen slightly with a net loss of 29 households. However, the picture for the period since April 2021 showed a net gain of 11 households, so some of the losses have been recouped.

The total branch membership at 17 March 2022 was 1326 households, representing 1876 individual members. The branch is now ranked 9th biggest within Butterfly Conservation by household membership.

At a local level, a breakdown of branch membership by county showed that numbers are fairly evenly split with 33% of our total membership from Derbyshire, 32% from Nottinghamshire, 31% from Leicestershire and Rutland, and the remaining 4% from other areas.

BUTTERFLY RECORDERS

Derbyshire Recorder – Ken Orpe *(a powerpoint presentation prepared by Ken, shown in his absence, is summarised below)*

The weather in 2021 had resulted in a poor year with 18 frosts in April, and 17 wet days in May, leading to a very late spring. July had been warm & sunny, but August was disappointing with only 50% the usual amount of sunshine.

Numbers recorded on transects were 30 % down on the previous year. Most species had a poor year, but surprisingly BAP species appeared to do quite well. Small Heath had its highest ever total on a transect of 675 at Hoe Grange Quarry. Dingy Skipper recovered after a slow start with 122 recorded at Hoe Grange Quarry. White-letter and Purple Hairstreaks did quite well owing to a fine July, and Wall did better on transects than in 2020.

East Midlands transects totalled 183 in 2021 (Derbyshire 134, Nottinghamshire 29, Leicestershire 20), now leading the country ahead of Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Surrey, W Midlands and Upper Thames branches. There were 25 new transect routes, again leading other areas.

On the 134 Derbyshire transects, 103,747 butterflies were recorded, with Meadow Brown most common (24% of the total). 32 species were recorded on 2954 individual walks, with an average of 35 butterflies per walk. Over 300 volunteers took part.

Wall was recorded at 26 sites (153 records) with 51 seen at Hoe Grange Quarry. Maps showing national Wall distributions for 2005-9 and 2010-14 indicated a very clear movement to coastal locations, except for areas of higher altitude such as the Peak District.

Hoe Grange Quarry Open Day (Sunday 3 July 2022) was highlighted, with a Moth Watch the previous evening 2 July. Longcliffe Quarries had been awarded a trophy for community involvement by the Institute of Quarrying.

Wider Countryside Butterfly Scheme: there were currently vacancies in three squares – Abney, Pleasley Pit and Radbourne.

To date 15 butterfly banks had been created in the county with limestone chatter provided free of charge by Longcliffe Quarries Ltd.

Nottinghamshire Recorder – Stephen Mathers *(a pre-recorded video presentation was shown, summarised as follows:)*

A review of 2021

Approximately 23,000 records had been received from approximately 800 recorders, more concentrated in the southern half of the county

15,500 records had been verified in i-Record

6,500 records had been received from the Big Butterfly Count, and 1,000 for the Garden Butterfly Survey

32 species had been recorded, the most common being Small Tortoiseshell

Records were down about 10% on 2020

30 active transects in the county in 2021, spatially distributed mainly reflecting the population distribution.

In Spring 2021 previously separate Notts Moth and Butterfly Facebook groups were amalgamated, and these now had 170 members, providing the main forum for discussion, news and id queries etc.

A chart of flight times indicated an unusual third brood of Holly Blue in November, and increasingly interrupted hibernation patterns for the overwintering species.

There was further analysis of:

Hairstreaks, of which three of the five national species are recorded in Nottinghamshire (Green, Purple and White-letter).

Brown Skippers – fairly stable populations

Wall – endangered, and possibly extinct in Notts – last sighting in 2020

Dark Green Fritillary – endangered and only one record for 2021

Purple Emperor – expanding to 10 sites in 2021

Looking forward to 2022, casual sightings were invited, sent by email, preferably on excel spreadsheets.

Leicestershire and Rutland Recorder – Richard Jeffery (*this report was read out in Richard's absence*)

2021 Summary

The 2021 butterfly season fortunately was not subject to the constraints that curtailed much of the 2020 season and the full quota of butterfly transects had been carried out, including proposed new transects at Bagworth Heath and New Lount Nature Reserve which had to be put on hold the previous year. Both proved to be highly successful and an invaluable addition to the county transect portfolio. The total number of transects carried out in the county, including those organised in conjunction with the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, was 20.

There had been continued expansion of Purple Emperor in the county into, Bradgate Park (Swithland Woods) and Coalville Meadows, with more sightings being reported than ever before.

Meanwhile, the Garden Butterfly Survey and the Big Butterfly Count had continued to grow and produce more records year on year. The BBC in 2021, however, saw more butterfly records submitted than the previous year, but the number of butterflies recorded was fewer than the 2020 season.

The lengthy process of checking, compiling and submitting all of the county butterfly data for the 2020 season had been completed. The county butterfly transects recorded over 8000 butterflies, and the number of records submitted via i-Record, Excel spreadsheets, postal forms, direct email, Garden Butterfly Survey and the Big Butterfly Count totalled just over 25,500.

The 2021 records were currently being compiled and the data would be summarised in the report for the next AGM.

Looking ahead to 2022-23

It is hoped that, for the 2022 butterfly season, a concerted effort can be made into locating and recording the elusive White Admiral. This species inhabits similar territories to the Silver-washed Fritillary, preferring partly shaded woodland areas with occasional open rides, and where its host plant, wild Honeysuckle, thrives. White Admiral could, and should, be present in the county.

Additionally, more focus is to be placed on recording White-letter Hairstreak in the county, with particular attention being paid to surveying some of the key Parks in Leicester city centre, in conjunction

with the city council, where the butterfly has been recorded in the past and Elm trees, the host plant, are present.

For the 2022 butterfly transect season it was hoped that the following new transects would be up and running:

Burbage Common and Woods
Bradgate Park – Old John Transect (LRWT)
Bradgate Park – Newtown Linford Transect (LRWT)
Donington le Heath Meadow and Woods
Loughborough University Arboretum
Twycross Zoo Meadows

An appeal was put out for new volunteers to assist with recording on new and existing transects from members across the county, and also from their circle of family and friends. Full training in butterfly ID and recording methodology would be given.

Looking forward to 2023, an additional transect at Bradgate Park (Swithland Woods), a second transect at Bardon Hill Quarry to incorporate the newly planted heathland and the area adjacent to the new quarry, and a transect at the LRWT flagship reserve at Ketton Quarry were being planned.

Although online recording such as i-Record is becoming more popular, traditional formats such as spreadsheets are equally acceptable, and all records are gratefully received. Thanks were expressed to all those who had recorded and submitted butterfly data throughout 2021, as were best wishes for the season ahead.

Grizzled/Dingy Skipper Project Officer – Mark Searle

Results were not for general dissemination, but information could be obtained by contacting Mark Searle directly.

Moth Recorder – Leicestershire – Adrian Russell

No report had been received owing to illness.

CONSERVATION

Derbyshire Conservation Officer – Jim Steele

General:

- Endeavouring to obtain a summary of a presentation made recently by Phil Sterling to Derbyshire County Council and DWT about Roadside Verges for butterflies for circulation to the committee.
- Attended various site meetings associated with Mosaic Project, Habitat Management (Derbys and Notts)
- Attended two meetings associated with possible National Trust/BC Silver-studded Blue Re-introduction Project at NT Clumber
- Organised and attended Grizzled Skipper/Ticknall Limeyards BC/NT Re-introduction Project, Core Team Meeting

Projects:

- Bennerley Viaduct - supporting and advising on efforts to create a large, south-facing butterfly bank on the access ramp between the canal and the newly opened Viaduct walkway; seeding now taken place. Also D R Elms.
- Shipley Community Garden - supporting small Butterfly Bank; Wildflower meadow; Big Butterfly Count; to present a talk on butterflies this Spring
- Mead Project, Heanor - continued support and advice for Woodland Trust Staff; dedicated areas for butterflies; supporting newly formed Transect
- Weleda - ongoing support of butterfly habitat and transect; Shipley
- Coton Park LNR - visiting with South Derbyshire District Council and Burton Conservation Volunteers; management of habitat for residual Dingy Skipper colony, Common Blue, Small Heath
- Swadlincote Woodland - support and advice for large Butterfly Bank and re-planting, management
- The Forge, Ironville - support and advice for habitat management for Dingy Skipper, Common Blue and Small Heath
- Jim Mart Reserve, Kelstedge - support and advice of habitat, including two Butterfly Banks
- Whistlewood, Melbourne - community project; butterfly walk; habitat advice
- Lloist, Whitwell - company Biodiversity Area; support and advice for habitat management; two, large Butterfly Banks
- Little Eaton - local community project; visit and habitat advice
- Disease-resistant Elms – small number of new plantings; advice as requested

Individuals seeking advice for their land:

- Couple near Ambergate
- Lady at Stonebroom, near Alfreton
- Chris and Sheila Ragg at Darley Dale - their garden and a new community project, in its infancy, on publicly owned land nearby
- Person on farm near Aston-on-Trent - D R Elms; habitat advice
- Couple on farm near Kelstedge

Planning Applications:

- Lower Somercotes, Amber Valley Rugby Club
- Langley Mill, Bridge Street - brownfield site; Dingy Skipper
- Manners, Ilkeston - brownfield site; Dingy Skipper
- Whitwell Tip - ongoing; superb brownfield site; Holding Objection still in place
- Oxcroft Tip - ongoing; excellent brownfield site; Dingy Skipper stronghold; visited and walked land with landowner
- Stanton Iron Works - ongoing; excellent brownfield site; Dingy Skipper; invited and participating on pre-planning application Community Liaison Group; first development proposals will destroy main area for Dingy Skipper - submitted BCEM written response.
- Crich Quarry

Nottingham/Leicestershire Conservation Officer – Melanie Penson

Work on the following projects was outlined:

- initiated the Clearwings and Forester Moth Project, which was unanimously approved at the September 2021 committee meeting.
- attending site visits with Chris Jackson and Emma Gilbert (Notts BAG) at Green Hairstreak sites and mentoring Emma with her writing of the GH Species Action Plan for Notts.
- attending multiple site visits across all four of our counties with other committee members; assessing habitat conditions and management work for priority butterflies and moths as part of the Severn Trent Butterfly Mosaics Project. Monitoring to be carried out during the 2022 season.
- providing management advice to Newark & Sherwood DC / Miner2Major on Sherwood Heath, Sconce & Devon Park and Vicar Water regarding moths, especially clearwings.
- teaming up with Notts Wildlife Trust Rushcliffe Local Group and Laura Bacon (Notts WT Education Officer), mentoring and providing moth and butterfly education to their teams of young / apprentice wildlife rangers at Skylarks Nature Reserve and Mansfield urban fringe reserves. Moth trapping on at least one site commenced mid-March.
- assisting Richard Jefferies in setting up transects at Burbage Common and Twycross Zoo NRs (both Leicestershire).
- involvement with the heathland restoration / Silver-studded Blue reintroduction project at Clumber Park working in partnership with the National Trust. Production of a first draft of the SSB Reintroduction Roadmap. As part of this, researching the black ant *Lasius niger*, heather beetle and heiroglyphic ladybird; all of which impact on SSB survival, directly or indirectly.
- negotiation of an agreement with the Notts Mencap Garden Group for them to grow on bell heather seeds / cuttings for us so the project has locally sourced plants grown in a peat-free medium. The Group are also growing bird's-foot trefoil (from Bevercotes) to repopulate our scrapes there if needed.
- moth events: one event at Hunger Hill Allotments St Annes (Nottm City) in July 2021, more planned for 2022, informing their upcoming ten-year management plan.
- plans to be involved in a Nottm City-wide Biodiversity Mapping Project, further details to be confirmed.
- response to a planning application in Leicester City to safeguard white-letter hairstreaks and associated mature elm tree. Providing details which may go before a planning inquiry.

Regional Conservation Manager – Rhona Goddard *(the following report was read out in Rhona's absence)*

Butterfly Mosaics - Severn Trent Water

Year 1 - Project highlights across the Midlands

- 9Ha/KM of habitat management completed at 30 sites, completed by contractors and 14 volunteer work parties
- Visited and/or identified work at 42 sites
- Habitat management works completed this year will benefit seven priority species found in the Midlands (Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper, Grayling, Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Wood White, Brown Hairstreak and White-letter Hairstreak).
- Number of project sites increased from 65 to 77, following site visits over summer 2021
- Additional funding from Severn Trent Water to monitor approx 30 sites this summer across the Midlands

Year 1 - East Midlands region highlights

- 2.9 Ha of habitat management completed at 11 sites, completed by contractors and 10 volunteer work parties
- Visited and/or identified work at 20 sites
- Works will benefit Dingy Skipper, and Grizzled Skipper
- 6 sites added to project

Very positive meeting with Sustrans re: potential to work in partnership, in Nottinghamshire, especially in Bingham area. Site visit planned for early spring.

Very positive meeting with Reserves Manager for Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, happy for us to monitor DS and GS on their sites in the summer. Suggested meeting again in July/Aug to discuss results and habitat management planned for the winter. Copies of management plans for a number of their reserves now obtained.

Attendance at Branch events/site meetings:

Prees Heath branch visit - July 5th

Hoe Grange open day – July 3rd

L& RWT field visits - May 25th

Survey days planned (April to July)

April - 19th and 21st

May - 3rd or 6th, 19th (Ticknall Limeyards & other sites) & 30th

June - availability limited this month due to holiday and student placement supervision

July - 1st and 20th (and possibly 22nd)

Grizzled Skipper Reintroduction Ticknall Limeyards, Derbyshire

Unfortunately, if we need to top-up the GS population at Ticknall this year, the site in Lincolnshire is unlikely to be suitable because: GS population was very small last year and limited habitat management work completed this winter (only one work party).

No contact yet made with Lincolnshire branch about the idea of taking individuals this year, but it is possible to do so.

Obtaining permission from landowner to collect individuals will be difficult due to changes in their policies.

At this point in the meeting the Branch Organiser read out an official complaint from Ken Orpe against Rhona Goddard, relating to the continuing lack of response to emails, to the lack of monetary compensation promised for work already carried out, and to sites visited during the summer where work had been promised but nothing had happened. He asked for a vote of no confidence in her performance. The procedure for this to take place was questioned by a member from the floor, and it was agreed that advice would need to be sought from Head Office. However, Jane Broomhead confirmed that some of the points outlined in the above report required clarification since there appeared to be inaccuracies, and although Rhona had been ill, these points could not be excused. Jim Steele commented that Rhona had too great a workload due to the area covered by her remit, and needed support. The branch continued to fight for an East Midlands Regional Officer, living locally.

Since the AGM Dave Wainwright, BC Head of Northern Conservation, has apologised for the lack of response to emails. He indicated that this was partly due to the fact that he wanted to Rhona to not take on too large a workload due to her recent illness. He was aware that the East Midlands had a serious problem with work not taking place on sites as quickly as he would have liked. Rhona has been in touch with Ken and they have arranged to visit some of the Derbyshire sites he was concerned about over the

next few weeks. The Branch will continue to monitor how progress continues with regard to the Severn Trent funding.

Field Trips Organiser's Report – Max Maughan

Due to Covid problems it had been decided only to run field trips in July and August last year.

6 trips had been organised. Unfortunately, the trip to Aston Rowant was cancelled due to bad weather. The average number of people attending was 9.

The most species seen were at Poulter Park with a good count of 15.

Thanks were expressed to all the leaders of the trips for their hard work.

The programme for 2022 was confirmed as complete but an invitation was made for any additional trips that might be proposed.

Newsletter Editor – Eliot Taylor

As usual two issues of the newsletter were produced in 2021 - in Spring and Autumn.

The Spring issue ran to 24 pages rather than the usual 20 pages, and featured the minutes of the 2020 'AGM' (carried out by email) as well as:

- an article by Richard Jeffrey on the changing face of butterfly recording.
- The 2021 Field Trip Programme
- Two articles by Jim Steele on The Young People's Forest at Mead, and the new Environment Bill in Parliament.
- Melanie Penson supplied a piece on aberrations in British butterflies and an accompanying book review
- Mark Seale gave advice for hunting Hairstreak ova in Winter

The Autumn issue was later than usual for a number of reasons, including that the editor had contracted Covid, but as the branch AGM was postponed until Spring 2022 this was not a major problem.

This issue contained:

- Field Trip 2021 Reports.
- Reports on the Open Gardens Scheme.
- Gary Atkins celebrated Ken Orpe's 40 years of recording.
- A joint article by Steve Mathers, Denis Dell and Richard Jeffery covered the return of the Purple Emperor to our region.
- A contribution from Brenda Shore of The Friends of Little Eaton Canal, highlighting their good conservation work.
- An article from Melanie Penson about the Clearwing and Forester Moth Project.
- Rhona Goddard's article on the Butterfly Mosaics Project in partnership with Seven Trent.

The copy deadline for the Spring 2022 edition was confirmed as Friday 1st April.

A flyer for the Hoe Grange Quarry Open Day had been produced, and display boards featuring Day Flying Moths, Night Flying Moths, Dragonflies and Wildflowers, also for Hoe Grange Quarry, had been created.

Publicity Officer – Gary Atkins

Publicity had been relatively low key over the past two years, not helped by Covid eliminating a number of events that would normally have taken place (not least two Hoe Grange Quarry open days!).

Only a handful of releases had been issued by BC HQ this during the year – there were two in March (the first one covering a new report on the state of Britain’s larger moths, the other a UKBMS review of 2020’s “good year”), one in June, of local import, that spotlighted the BC / Severn Trent three-year conservation project, and the usual promotion, then results round-up, regarding the Big Butterfly Count.

There was little significant coverage locally from any of these, which was particularly disappointing regarding the Severn Trent agreement, though the hope might be for coverage as individual initiatives within the overall project are launched and begin to produce results. Usually, local media outlets request interviews about the Big Butterfly Count, but there appeared to have been none in 2021.

Another ‘hardy annual’ that generally generates local publicity is the aforementioned Hoe Grange Quarry open day, but once again this did not happen in 2021, though the site was the focus of an excellent video that went on our website, and may be used more widely, and a 2021 calendar featuring photographs including those by our members.

A piece in the Newark Advertiser regarding the discovery of Grizzled Skippers at Bantycok Quarry had been noted by Bill Bacon, and a piece was included on the EMBC website on the Big Butterfly Count event we put our name to at the National Stone Centre. All in all, coverage had been thinner than usual.

Looking forward, 2022 should provide wider scope for media interest as the Covid shadow fades – specifically with a growth in activity associated with the Severn Trent investment, such as the Clearwing Project, the reprise of Hoe Grange Quarry open day, plus interesting conservation projects and even the more thorny conservation issues surrounding planning applications.

Sales & Display Organiser - Jane Broomhead

The following events had been booked for 2022:

Burbage Common - 8 May

Hoe Grange Quarry Open Day – 3 July

Global Bird Fair, Oakham Showground – 15-17 July (this was taking the place of the former Bird Fair, but the branch was to cover the cost of the stand this first year, rather than HO)

Butterfly Distribution Maps Co-ordinator – Christine Maughan

Species distribution maps had been produced up to and including 2020, the most recent dataset currently available, and these had all been published on the branch website.

Webmaster – Neil Pinder

Neil was applauded for his excellent work on the branch website.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with branch rules, the three longest serving committee members stood down and offered themselves for re-election. These were Christine Maughan as Membership Secretary, Pat Orpe as Assistant Butterfly Recorder for Derbyshire and Suzanne Halfacre as Committee Member.

These were re-elected together under a single nomination.

Proposed by Melanie Penson, seconded by John Green.

Adrian Russell had stepped down from the committee during the year due to ill health, and Steve Mathers has also stepped down from the main committee but remains an associate committee member.

Any Other Business:

Brian Hobby asked for clarification about the official moth recorder for Derbyshire following the death of Dave Budworth of Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Entomological Society. It was pointed out that the branch was not affiliated to DANES and that Mick Ball was still officially Moth Officer for Derbyshire. This question would be investigated further with Head Office and an answer posted on the branch website.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 11.50am.

This was followed by:

- *a presentation by Melanie Penson – ‘East Midlands Clearwing & Forester Moth Project 2021-23’ – part of the Severn Trent ‘Big Nature Boost’, and*
- *Slides of Garden Moths by Christine Maughan*

After lunch Chris Jackson of the Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group gave a talk on ‘10 Years of Volunteering for the Grizzled Skipper’.

This was followed by Members’ photographs.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Christine Maughan