

EAST MIDLANDS

# Butterfly

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**Welcome** to the Spring 2025 Newsletter. This issue has been compiled by myself (*Richard Jeffery*), with able assistance from Melanie Whitehouse, who is looking at taking on the role of Newsletter Editor on a permanent basis in the near future.

I would like to thank everyone who sent in positive comments about the Autumn/Winter edition. My aim was to keep the appearance as close as possible to those produced previously by Eliot Taylor. I believe I just about achieved that goal.

As the new season dawns, I wish you all a fruitful butterfly year. Best regards. **Richard**

## Newsletter – Our New Way Forward

**Over the last few months** Butterfly Conservation have been focussing on how they will be able to go forward in the current cost of living crisis by looking at how they can reduce costs without compromising on the charity's primary goal of conserving butterflies, moths and their habitat. Regional branches have also been asked to look at ways of saving costs, and one of these is how and how often branch newsletters are produced and distributed. Many of you will have received the Autumn/Winter newsletter electronically, with only a limited number receiving a paper copy. If you have already notified BC that you are prepared to receive communications by email or paper, then you will only receive your newsletter electronically. Those who are not happy with receiving emails will continue to get a paper copy of the newsletter. Anyone who wishes to receive a paper copy must notify the membership team at BC Head Office of your chosen preference. This initiative has already reduced the cost of producing and posting our newsletter considerably, and also means that we will now be able to produce an additional newsletter in the summer, meaning three issues per year instead of two, keeping you updated throughout the year.

I do hope you will all understand the need for these changes. *Richard M. Jeffery*

## Branch Organiser's Notes

**With the imminent arrival** of spring, our attention becomes drawn to the new butterfly season. Some of you may have been lucky enough to record your first butterfly sighting of the year during the odd calm, sunny spells we've experienced in January and February. I still await my first sighting of the year.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS), which makes it one of the longest running insect monitoring schemes in the world. The scheme enables us to record butterflies and day-flying moths on fixed route transects, and on set routes in 1km squares in the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) in the region. There is more information on the scheme and how you can get involved within this newsletter.



Brimstone butterfly on Dandelion  
*Photo by Richard Jeffery*

It has been widely publicised that we are in a Biodiversity Crisis and much of our flora and fauna is in a serious decline. Almost 80% of our butterfly

species have seen numbers fall dramatically over the last 40+ years, and about 33% of our more common moths have suffered a similar fate. It is, therefore, highly encouraging to hear that some species are actually bucking that trend. The Purple Emperor is one of those species. His and Her Imperial Majesties, as they are affectionately known, have been expanding their range in the East Midlands over the past few years, but had remained elusive in Derbyshire. I had long thought that the Purple Emperor was present in areas of the region and they had slipped under our radar, and that all we had to do was find them (*easier said than done, I know*). Ken Orpe had come up with an initiative to encourage H.I.M. to cross the border from Leicestershire into Derbyshire. Planting Sallows along the county border it was thought, would see positive results over the next few years. The butterfly had other ideas though, and revealed itself in VC57 last summer, clearly one step ahead of everyone else. You can read the full details in Ken's report in the following pages.

Finally, with spring just around the corner I would like to encourage you all to venture out into your garden and think about how you could encourage butterflies to visit. Planting a few nectar rich plants for the adults and a few UK natives for the larvae should do the trick. Please refer to the Gardening for Butterflies page on the BC website.

**Richard M. Jeffery**  
*Acting Branch Organiser*

# The Purple Emperor finally arrives in Derbyshire



**His Imperial Majesty, the Purple Emperor (*Apatura iris*) butterfly**  
*Photo by Sarah Simpkins*

**As mentioned in the Spring 2024** Issue No. 74 of “Butterfly”, a great deal of planning and work has gone into preparing for the arrival of the Purple Emperor butterfly into Derbyshire with 575 Sallow whips being planted in South Derbyshire in late 2023 and early 2024. They were planted in clusters of around 12 on the eastern side of woodlands as the female lays her eggs on either Goat Willow or Grey Willow which are in the shade during the afternoon.

Then in July 2024, I was delighted to get two sightings of the Purple Emperor for the first time ever in Derbyshire –

this first being at Bretby on the 8<sup>th</sup> with a male that was seen basking on a driveway opposite a private wood whose owner had planted Sallows under the Joint Venture between South Derbyshire District Council and Butterfly Conservation East Midlands. This was followed by a sighting of a female Purple Emperor on a track next to a wood at Aston on Trent – this being about 1 mile north of the Cloud Wood Colony in Leicestershire.

To highlight the project, an interviewer from BBC TV East Midlands Today visited Aston Brickyards LNR in July 2024 so that we were able to let the

general public become aware as to what is happening in Derbyshire so that they could let me know of any future sightings of Iris.

Then in September 2024, my contact at South Derbyshire DC entered the JV Project into the International Green Apple Environment Award Scheme, which duly awarded us The Silver Award for the Environment – a successful project duly recognised!

If you want to be kept informed as to what is happening in Derbyshire in

connection with butterflies, including sightings as they happen including distribution maps, fantastic photos, then why not send me an email so that you can receive my regular ‘Derbyshire Updates’, blind copies of course; 1,760 recipients enjoy them and so could you!!

Email: [ken@malaga.plus.com](mailto:ken@malaga.plus.com)

**Ken Orpe**

Butterfly Recorder for Derbyshire





**The UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS)** began in 1976 and is one of the longest running insect monitoring schemes in the world. As a result, we now have five decades of data that allow us to study how the key changes that affect our butterflies (climate change, habitat loss and the over use of pesticides and herbicides) have resulted in a major decline in the abundance of many of our most familiar butterflies and day-flying moths.

Current statistics show that over 3000 sites are monitored by volunteers throughout the country on fixed route butterfly transects, and on 1km squares in the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS). Over 200 of these sites are in the East Midlands region.

The objectives of the scheme are:

- To maintain and develop a network of transect sites in order to assess and interpret changes in the abundance and status of UK butterflies
- To encourage participation in recording butterfly transects by supporting volunteer recording networks

- To ensure a high level of quality assurance for butterfly transect data by development and promotion of standards, and by applying rigorous data validation and verification procedures
- To secure and manage transect monitoring data and provide access to academia, governments, industry and the public
- To advance knowledge in butterfly ecology through interpretation of transect monitoring data
- To provide the scientific underpinning for solutions to butterfly conservation issues arising from and habitat and climate change
- To provide the knowledge base, including indicators of change, for government policies addressing environmental issues
- To promote public awareness and understanding of butterflies through communication of the results of the scheme

There will be a series of events planned nationwide to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the coming year. Details of events here in the East Midlands will be published in the Summer Newsletter in June.

**Richard M. Jeffery**

# Transect Recording in the East Midlands



Marbled White (male & female)

*Photo by Richard M. Jeffery*

The National Scheme for monitoring butterflies was started by Ernie Pollard of The Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Monk's Wood, Cambridgeshire back in 1976. Since then, the popularity of carrying out these butterfly surveys has been very intense with over 2500 sites being monitored across the UK in 2020.

Here in the East Midlands we have in excess of 500 volunteers carrying out butterfly transects which involves visiting a site once a week between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September and following a set route.

Sometimes the collection of data is carried out by just 1 individual volunteer per site, but usually there is a rota of about 4 volunteers who share the responsibility.

If you would like to participate in this excellent way of both getting exercise whilst doing important survey work on the distribution and numbers of the

local butterflies, then please send me an email to: [ken@malaga.plus.com](mailto:ken@malaga.plus.com)

**Vacancies exist in 2025** for volunteers at a number of sites in the region including Dene Quarry, Cromford, Dunsley Meadows NR, Longstone Edge, Bonsall, the Plantlife NR at Deep Dale, Sheldon, Toyota Pond & Meadows Burnaston and at a number of sites in N E Derbyshire including Markham Pit, and also at the following sites in Leicestershire – Burbage Common, Croft Quarry Nature Trail, Morley Quarry, Stonebow Washlands and Pick Triangle Wood.

## 2024 National Transect Totals:

East Midlands	206
Hampshire & I.O.W	201
Surrey	166

The breakdown of the number of transects walked in the East Midlands region by county was as follows:

Derbyshire	140
Nottinghamshire	29
Leicestershire &	37
Rutland	

## Ken Orpe

### *Regional Transect Co-ordinator*

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# Transect Training & Butterfly Identification courses in 2025

The following free training courses are available to volunteers who wish to get involved in this important survey work in 2025:-

## Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2025

Transect Training and Butterfly I D at **Pleasley Pit in the Ken Lomas Room** from 11 am by Willy Lane - this will appeal to mainly volunteers in N E Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire - please book you place by contacting Willy at the following email address;

[doealabay@gmail.com](mailto:doealabay@gmail.com)

## Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

Transect Training and Butterfly I D at the **Evergreen Club , Allestree, DE22 2FT** from 11.30 am till 2.30 pm. This course will be run by Ken Orpe and will appeal to volunteers from the remainder of Derbyshire and other parts of the region - please contact myself to book your place at

[ken@malaga.plus.com](mailto:ken@malaga.plus.com)



Butterfly Transect volunteer

*Photo courtesy of UKBMS*

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## Hoe Grange Quarry Open Day 2025

### Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2025

Open from 11 am to 4 pm.

This event will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Day at Hoe Grange Quarry Nature Reserve, held courtesy of the owners, Longcliffe Quarries Limited.

Please see the following page for further details.





# HOE GRANGE QUARRY DERBYSHIRE

## OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 July  
2025

11am – 4pm

### First County Butterfly Reserve

The seventh Open Day for Derbyshire's first Butterfly Reserve has been organised for Sunday the 6th of July 2025 from 11am to 4pm.

Members of Butterfly Conservation East Midlands, including Ray Walker (Hon Warden), together with Pat and Ken Orpe (Derbyshire Butterfly Recorder) will be able to show visitors around this restored limestone quarry. The Information Centre will be open on site, containing illustrated charts of species recorded there recently.



Common Blue



Red Admiral

© Pete Clarke



Wall Brown (Male)

Longcliffe Quarries will be offering refreshments and providing toilet facilities. For further information, check out our web page: [www.hoegrangequarry.co.uk](http://www.hoegrangequarry.co.uk)

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Car Parking will be at Curzon Lodge (DE4 4HN) which is situated down the hill towards Grangemill from the crossroads in Longcliffe village. Mini buses will then take visitors direct into nearby Hoe Grange Quarry.

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## Conservation work in Nottinghamshire



Scrape at Ollerton Pit Wood

*Photo by Jane Broomhead*

**The Severn Trent Water Funding** is now in its final months and the branch is trying to spend as much as possible before any unspent money has to be returned. I have been working closely with Forestry England for several years and with the help of Amy Chandler (FE) and Rhona Goddard, BC's Midlands Landscape Officer to identify two sites in central Nottinghamshire where work is needed. One of the sites is on my butterfly transect at Ollerton Pit Wood and the other is at Bevercotes. Both of these sites are owned by FE and have weekly work parties managed by Amy and her hard working helpers, although she is always happy to accept new volunteers (*If you are interested I can put you in touch with Amy*).

These are long closed colliery Brownfield sites where over the years the large numbers of Common Blue, Dingy Skipper and Small Heath have gradually fallen. The main reason is the original poor landscape is now lush and green with annual mowing where the cuttings have not been removed. To try and reverse some of this and provide more suitable conditions we tried 5 scrapes two years ago. These were monitored and more butterflies were found on these than the greener areas of the site, it was noted the main butterfly to use these was the Common Blue.

After recent consultation on the sites with Amy, Rhona and myself we decided to go bigger and scrape larger areas. This has been the case at Ollerton Pit Wood where sunny bankings near the large pond were scraped in early February 2025. Also the smaller

triangle at the far end of the site which was very overgrown has been cleared. Amy is now busy removing the fencing round the field and bare earth has been exposed on a large east facing banking. All of these will be monitored during 2025.

At Bevercotes which is wonderful large quiet brownfield site the areas are much more diverse, with a large pond and a river splitting the site into the North and South pits connected by a bridge. Although this bridge is the only access to the North pit side, this area has been the best site for CB, DS, and SH. When I first monitored this site a few years ago you were able to have access to the area which holds the old colliery workings which has broken concrete with little vegetation. Large amounts of DS were found here, but since then this area has been threatened with industrial and housing developments and is now in private ownership. With this in mind we have been working to clear a corridor for the DS to move to the North pit. This was cleared in early February along with an old road at the far end of the South pit. Amy and her volunteers photographed a DS here in 2024.

Monitoring on both sites will take place in 2025, although STW funding will have ended, the Branch will continue to work with Forestry England to ensure these sites on suitable for our iconic butterflies.

**Jane Broomhead**

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## **Gardening for Butterflies Spring 2025**

**Springtime hurries along** since the first issue of Window Box. Few ‘Special Agents for Nature’ will have much time to read this second issue, being hard at work preparing Lepidoptera site visits and plantings for new insect appearances. Among gardens and window boxes, my friend Robbie the Robin will inspect your work quite soon, especially the hidey holes for caterpillars.

Rain and deep frost last winter revealed the pressing need for places for insects to lie dormant. Your task this summer,

when outdoors, is to lean sticks and bits of wood to catch the morning sun and to make some new holes in your shed. Indoors or without a garden, make a model of a shed to fix onto your window box and put various things in it. Be creative and untidy. We are in an insect emergency and every effort counts. Publicise your efforts amongst friends and family.

Derby City Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council both retain large veteran trees and stumps in their public parks, reducing the crowns if needs be. These are stable and safe and full of natural fungus rot that smells nice. They are also a favourite refuge of hibernators. Last year I pressed Solihull

BC and Rushcliffe BC to do the same instead of grubbing out veterans, it was pushing at a partly open door. SBC appear to have stopped removing older street oaks and RBC now include veterans in their Tree Management Policy.

In my own World Nature Garden (make your own signboard if you too create a WNG), I put fallen branches around my climate change olive so that it looks a bit more Greek and ancient. I keep two leaf pens not one. I only cut 1/3 of an ivy hedge each year because yellow underwing moths often fly out while I'm doing it. Where I hung my favourite worn out sandals and swim hat in the cleft of a climate killed tree, Robbie nested last year I think. Or one of his friends.



Let your Ivy flower.

Neighbours must be approached with tact, grey paved pavilions are dead ground for butterfly conversions. A neighbour across the road spent a whole day jet washing his front paving, covering himself in filth from head to foot. But I leafleted the nearby streets with our BC 'Introduction to

Caterpillars' brochure and others, wherever nature friendly planting suggested. Afterwards, in the afternoon, I lounged in my deckchair observing Holly Blues going around and around and cultivated some spiritual wellbeing.



Holly Blue

*Photo by Richard Jeffery*

It's very likely that I've done the least of all you Special Agents this year. I'm quite lazy. All of the above items probably used up less than 2% of my time. Most EMBC boffins and labourers do way more than that in a fortnight, but even so we need many more of them. You might meet one of two famous boffins at our summer Garden Open Day to the public, see BC magazine and the website for details. Here, in 34 years we have recorded 19 species of butterfly and 54 moths so far (thanks to Melanie Penson's moth traps). Keep up the good work all of you.

**Nick Sparrow**

# Moths Matter

## Ways to help our night time visitors.



Buff Arches moth.

*Photo by Richard M. Jeffery*

**Moth numbers**, just like butterflies, are in decline with numbers down nationally by almost 33%. So what are the main reasons for this downward pattern?

Many of the factors that affect our key butterfly species also affect our moths, be they day or night flying. Habitat loss resulting from intensive agriculture, commercial forestry and urban development are some of the main reasons.

Other reasons include overuse of herbicides and pesticides, the effects of climate change and, one key factor for the nocturnal flyers, light pollution. Light pollution affects not only the moth's flight pattern, but also their breeding pattern too. Research carried out by Butterfly Conservation showed that moth caterpillar numbers under LED street lights were 52% lower in hedgerows and 43% lower on grass

verges compared to those that were unlit.

So what can we do to combat light pollution? We can reduce the dangers caused by light pollution by creating a Moon Meadow. *But, what actually is a Moon Meadow?*

A Moon Meadow is a green space or a planted area such as a small flower border or even a container with plants aimed specifically for night-time pollinators. One additional secret ingredient is.....the moon. Night scented plants provide nectar. Native wildflowers provide food for larvae. Try to set up your meadow somewhere well away from street lights so that only natural light can reach them.

Remember to check out your meadow at dawn and see who has moved in over-night.

For more details visit <https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/why-is-light-pollution-bad-for-moths>



Green Carpet moth  
*Photo by Richard Jeffery*

# East Midlands Butterfly Conservation

## Field Trip Programme 2025

These field trips are a great way to learn about butterflies and their habitat, there will be help with identification available and there will also be photographic opportunities. Walks are open to anyone to attend. Please check weather conditions and come suitably prepared.

**The following is very important.**

All walks must be **pre-booked** (with the exception of the Hoe Grange Quarry Event) with the leader of the walk. This is essential so the leader can inform you if the walk is cancelled for any reason. Also, all walks will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants. If you arrive at a venue without booking, you could be turned away if the number of participants has reached its maximum.

### **Bagworth Heath Woods Country Park**

**(Leicestershire)**

*Date Tuesday 13 May*

**Meet at 11.00am** in the Car Park, Grid Ref: SK 457068

Target Species: *Dingy Skipper* and *Green Hairstreak*.

Bagworth Heath Woods is located off Heath Road, approximately 0.6 miles south of Bagworth towards Merry Lees and Desford, in West Leicestershire.

This 75 hectare (185 acre) Country Park has been transformed from the scarred industrial landscape of Desford Colliery into a valuable recreational resource. Owned and managed by Leicestershire County Council, Bagworth Heath

Woods is made up of woodland, grassland, heathland, lakes and ponds. There is a network of grass and surfaced paths through varied habitats.

There is a free car park at Heath Road Bagworth, LE67 1DL, but no toilet facilities.

**Contact: Richard Jeffery**  
**07803 599247**



Dingy Skipper

*Photo by Richard Jeffery*

**Bingham Linear Park  
(Nottinghamshire)**

***Sunday 18 May***

**Meet at 10.00am** at the bridge on Tithby Road in Bingham (grid ref SK 701393).  
Approx NG13 8GP.

Target Species: *Spring butterflies - hopefully Grizzled Skipper.*

Wear stout walking boots or shoes as the ground is rough.  
No toilets or facilities so bring your own drink or snack.

The walk is about 6 km and takes approx 2 hours.

**Contact: Jenny Craig: 07979 355413**

**Longstone Edge**

**(Derbyshire)**

***Saturday 24 May***

I propose meeting at **10.30am** in the big layby Grid Ref SK 199 730 on the single-track road that leaves Great Longstone on the left, just at the RHS bend in the village coming from Monsal Head. The St Crispin pub is just beyond this. If you see this you have gone too far!

This is a meet suitable for those who have difficulty getting around as the walking is very short and easy. There are no conveniences. Last year was a wash out, so this year must be better, I hope. Even if we do not see many

butterflies the views are wonderful from the car park. Hope to see you there.

Target Species: - *We hope to see Green Hairstreak and Wall Brown if they are out, but also other spring butterflies.*

**Contact: John & Sylvia Green 07760 136369**



Green Hairstreak

*Photo by Christine Maughan*

**Pleasley Pit Country Park, Pleasley**

**(Derbyshire)**

***Sunday 25 May***

Meet at the Pit Café (open 10.00am – 2.00pm) at **10.45am**, Post Code: NG19 7EY, Grid reference: SK49918 64418.

There are good facilities on site and if members of the Pit Team are on site it will be possible for anyone interested to have a tour of the Pit Top and Winding Houses.

Also well worth a mention is that Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group are holding their Wildlife Day on the same day, which means there will be a number of stalls representing a wide

range of organisations, including EMBC, so plenty to look at and get involved in right throughout the day

The walk (weather permitting) should be easy going with two hours being the maximum time needed for the route.

Target species: *Countryside butterflies, plus there has been good numbers of Small Blues (pictured below) seen on site during the last four years.*

Directions: From M1, Junction 29 take the A617 to Mansfield. There is only one roundabout on the route, approximately 3.5 miles from the Motorway. At the roundabout take the 4<sup>th</sup> turn right, then take the first right up Pit Lane, drive past the first car park, go through the gate and turn right and drive up to the car park at the Pit. Approaching from Mansfield (A617), the roundabout is approximately 3.5 miles from Mansfield, at the roundabout take the first turn left, then following the instruction outlined above.

**Contact: Willy Lane**

**Mobile: 07790 000770**



Small Blue

*Photo by Christine Maughan*

## **Hoe Grange Quarry Open Day (Longcliffe, Derbyshire – SK222560)**

***Sunday 6 July***

**This event does not require advance booking**

**The 7th Open Day for Derbyshire's first Butterfly Reserve**

**From 11.00am to 4.00pm.**

Members of Butterfly Conservation East Midlands, including Ray Walker (Hon Warden) together with Pat and Ken Orpe (Derbyshire Butterfly Recorder) and other volunteers, will be able to show visitors around this restored limestone quarry. The Information Centre will be open containing illustrated charts of species recorded there recently.

Longcliffe Quarries will be offering refreshments and providing toilet facilities.

**No Dogs please**

Car Parking

This will be at Curzon Lodge (DE4 4HN) which is situated down the hill towards Grangemill from the crossroads in Longcliffe village. Mini buses will then take visitors direct into Hoe Grange Quarry.

**Contact: Ken Orpe:**  
**[ken@malaga.plus.com](mailto:ken@malaga.plus.com)**



## Cloud Wood (LRWT) Nature Reserve

(Leicestershire)

*Date Tuesday 15 July*

**Meet: 2.00pm** in the lay-by opposite the reserve.

Location: SK419214. (Postcode for SatNav DE73 8BG). Cloud Wood lies in the N.W. of Leicestershire, 1.5km S.E. of Breedon-on-the-Hill on the road between Tonge and Griffydam. It is part of the site of an ancient woodland that was originally coppiced in the traditional way. Parts of the wood are still coppiced by the Wildlife Trust in rotation, and other areas are left to grow naturally. There is a diverse range of flora and fauna present.

Nearest toilets and facilities (lovely cafe) are in Staunton Harold Garden Centre (LE65 1RU).



Silver-washed Fritillary  
*Photo by Christine Maughan*

Target Species: *Silver-washed Fritillary, White-letter Hairstreak and hopefully Purple Emperor.*

**Contact: Richard Jeffery: 07803 599247**



Brown Argus  
*Photo by Christine Maughan*

## Coombs Dale

(Derbyshire)

*Wednesday 23 July*

**Meet at 10.00am** at the bottom of the Dale by the playing field where there is a parking area - SK 236751. It is on the A623 towards Stoney Middleton. There is also parking around Calver Crossroads.

Target species: *Dark-Green Fritillary, Brown Argus and other summer butterflies*

Morning walk finishes around 12.30pm. Facilities available in nearby pub and cafe.

**Contact: Al Roberts: 07752 675363**

## Amore Designs supports Butterfly Conservation

A local business is supporting East Midlands Butterfly Conservation's Purple Emperor project.

**Sheryl Hanger**, business owner says:

"I am based in Leicester and run a small online e-commerce shop where I handcraft and sell unique creations, including handmade gifts, jewellery, homeware, and art. I have been working with The National Forest and Rosliston Forestry Centre (South Derbyshire County Council), supplying them with my handmade nature-themed sculptures for their gift shop.

Given my interest in the project, I was asked if I would be willing to create a special piece representing the Purple Emperor butterfly to sell in the gift shop, which would help promote and raise awareness of your conservation efforts and this magnificent creature.



As part of my craft, I work with natural semi-precious gemstones. I wanted to incorporate these into my design to add that distinguished bespoke touch and spiritual attributes which also represent a butterfly. I plan to donate a portion of the proceeds from each Purple Emperor butterfly piece sold to the conservation project."

<https://www.amoredesignsuk.com/ja/product-page/purple-emperor-butterfly-sculpture>

If you know of anyone who supports Butterfly Conservation in any way that deserves a mention in these pages, then please feel free to let us know using the contact details on page 19. *Editor.*

## How you can help

If you want to help us save butterflies and moths in the UK, there are lots of ways to contribute! Whether you want to give your time, donate to an appeal or even run an event on our behalf - everything helps towards our conservation work. Alternatively you may wish to buy a gift from the online shop or even leave a gift in your will. Follow the link below to see how you can help.

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/how-you-can-help>

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# Vacancy:

## Branch Organiser and Chairperson.

We are still actively seeking a replacement for this role as Jane Broomhead stepped down at the November AGM to give herself more time to concentrate on Events and Fund Raising, and also her role as Treasurer.

The position involves chairing two committee meetings per year, one in January and one in September, and also the branch AGM, usually held in November. As Branch Organiser the role entails being the main link between the branch and BC head office, and will include regular Zoom meetings with BC and other county branch organisers. For more details please see the link below, and please feel free to contact Jane Broomhead to discuss the role further. (*See contact details on page 19*)

[BC Branch Organiser Role Description.pdf](#)

## Articles required for the next Newsletter

We would like to invite you, the members of East Midlands Butterfly Conservation, to participate in future editions of this newsletter. If anyone has an interesting story or item of news about butterflies and moths in your local area, in your garden or on your regular butterfly transect and would like to share it, then please feel free to send details to myself (*See contact details on page 19*), and I will pass them on to Melanie. Please attach a high resolution photograph in JPEG format if you have one, and we will include your article in subsequent editions. The content can be either in the form of an email or as a Word document attached to your email.

***The deadline for the next issue is the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.***

**Front Cover Photo:** Wall Brown basking on a fence post on Bardon Hill, Leicestershire. *Photo by Richard Jeffery*

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