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Local status, adult flying periods, habitats (H) and examples of food (F) and nectar sources (N)

Large Heath <i>(Coenonympha tullia)</i>  <p>Rare, well worth looking for and recording</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Lowland raised bogs, blanket bogs and wet heathland F: Hare's-tail Cottongrass, Jointed Rush N: Cross-leaved Heath
Small Heath <i>(Coenonympha pamphilus)</i>  <p>Common on grasslands</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Lowland and upland grasslands and heaths and hill slopes F: fescues, meadow-grasses, bents N: bramble, buttercup, DBS, Tormentil
Meadow Brown <i>(Maniola jurtina)</i>  <p>Common everywhere, often found alongside the Ringlet</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Grasslands, open scrub, woodland edges, waste ground F: Smooth Meadow-grass, Cock's-foot N: knapweed, thistle, DBS, self-heal
Ringlet <i>(Aphantopus hyperantus)</i>  <p>Increasingly common in long grassy areas</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Damp grasslands, hedgerows, scrub and woodland edges F: Tufted Hair-grass, Cock's-foot N: brambles, ragwort, thistle
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary <i>(Boloria selene)</i>  <p>Uncommon, found in discrete colonies. Worth recording</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Damp grasslands and moorlands or woodland glades F: Marsh Violet, Common Dog-violet N: Marsh Thistle, Ragged Robin, CBFT

<p>Dark Green Fritillary (<i>Speyeria aglaja</i>)</p>  <p>Rare visitor. Worth recording</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S O N D</p> <p>H: Woodlands with open areas of damp grassland</p> <p>F: Marsh Violet, Common Dog-violet N: thistles, Common Knapweed, Buddleia</p>
<p>Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>)</p>  <p>Rare but numbers and distribution increasing. Worth recording</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S O N D</p> <p>H: Flower-rich gardens, parks, woodland edges, hedgerows</p> <p>F: Common Nettle, elm, willow N: Buddleia, Marjoram, thistles, bramble</p>
<p>Purple Hairstreak (<i>Favonius quercus</i>)</p>  <p>Rare, but may be overlooked. Worth recording</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S O N D</p> <p>H: Top canopy of mature oak trees</p> <p>F: oak (preference for Pedunculate Oak) N: aphid honeydew, sometimes bramble</p>
<p>Green Hairstreak (<i>Callophrys rubi</i>)</p>  <p>Uncommon, patchy distribution. Worth recording</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S O N D</p> <p>H: Sheltered wet heathland and grassland or woodland glades</p> <p>F: Blaeberry, CBFT N: Bluebell, CBFT, dandelion, bramble</p>
<p>Common Blue (<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>)</p>  <p>Common in localised areas. Worth recording</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S O N D</p> <p>H: Lowland flower-rich grasslands, waste ground, woodland glades</p> <p>F: CBFT, sometimes Greater BFT N: CBFT, clover, knapweed, ragwort</p>

Small Copper (Lycaena phlaeas)  <p>Uncommon, usually in singles or pairs. Worth recording</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Flower-rich meadows, waste ground, woodland glades F: Sheep's Sorrel, Common Sorrel N: ragwort, hawkweed, buttercup
Large White (Pieris brassicae)  <p>Common. The garden specialist</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Flower-rich meadows and gardens, brassica crops F: cabbage, rape, broccoli, nasturtiums N: knapweed, thistle, DBS, Buddleia
Orange-tip (Anthocharis cardamines)  <p>Once rare here, now common. No orange tip on female</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Damp grasslands, woodland glades, hedgerows F: Cuckoo Flower, Garlic Mustard N: Cuckoo Flower, Bluebell
Green-veined White (Pieris napi)  <p>Very common. The white usually seen in wildflower grasslands</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Flower-rich damp grasslands, especially with rushes dominant F: Cuckoo Flower, bittercress, Garlic Mustard N: Cuckoo Flower, Bluebell, buttercup
Small White (Pieris rapae)  <p>Common and widespread</p>	J F M A M J J A S O N D H: Open grassland, gardens, parks F: cabbage, rape, nasturtiums N: CBFT, knapweed, thistle, Buddleia

Small Tortoiseshell (Aglais urticae)  <p>Common. Overwinters as adult and can be seen year-round</p>	<div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <p>H: Gardens, parks, woodland edges</p> <p>F: Common Nettle</p> <p>N: knapweed, Creeping Thistle, Buddleia</p>
Peacock (Aglais io)  <p>Common. Overwinters as adult so can be seen year-round</p>	<div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <p>H: Gardens, parks, woodland edges</p> <p>F: Common Nettle</p> <p>N: knapweed, Creeping Thistle, Buddleia</p>
Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta)  <p>Common. Few will overwinter here, most first adults are migrants</p>	<div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <p>H: Gardens, parks</p> <p>F: Common Nettle</p> <p>N: thistle, bramble, Buddleia, daisies</p>
Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui)  <p>Migrant from the continent, numbers vary widely each year</p>	<div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <p>H: Gardens, parks, waste ground</p> <p>F: thistle, Common Nettle</p> <p>N: bramble, CBFT, knapweed, Buddleia</p>

CBFT – Common Bird’s-foot Trefoil

DBS – Devil’s-bit Scabious