

Re: Clive

by Clive, 10-Apr-11 02:39 AM GMT

Hi

Lovely today at Magdalen Hill Down and lots of Butterflies about, 30 plus Brimstones, Orange Tips and Green Hairstreaks ... 20 plus Holly Blues ... along with Green-veined Whites, Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells and a Grzzled Skipper ...

Clive



Re: Clive

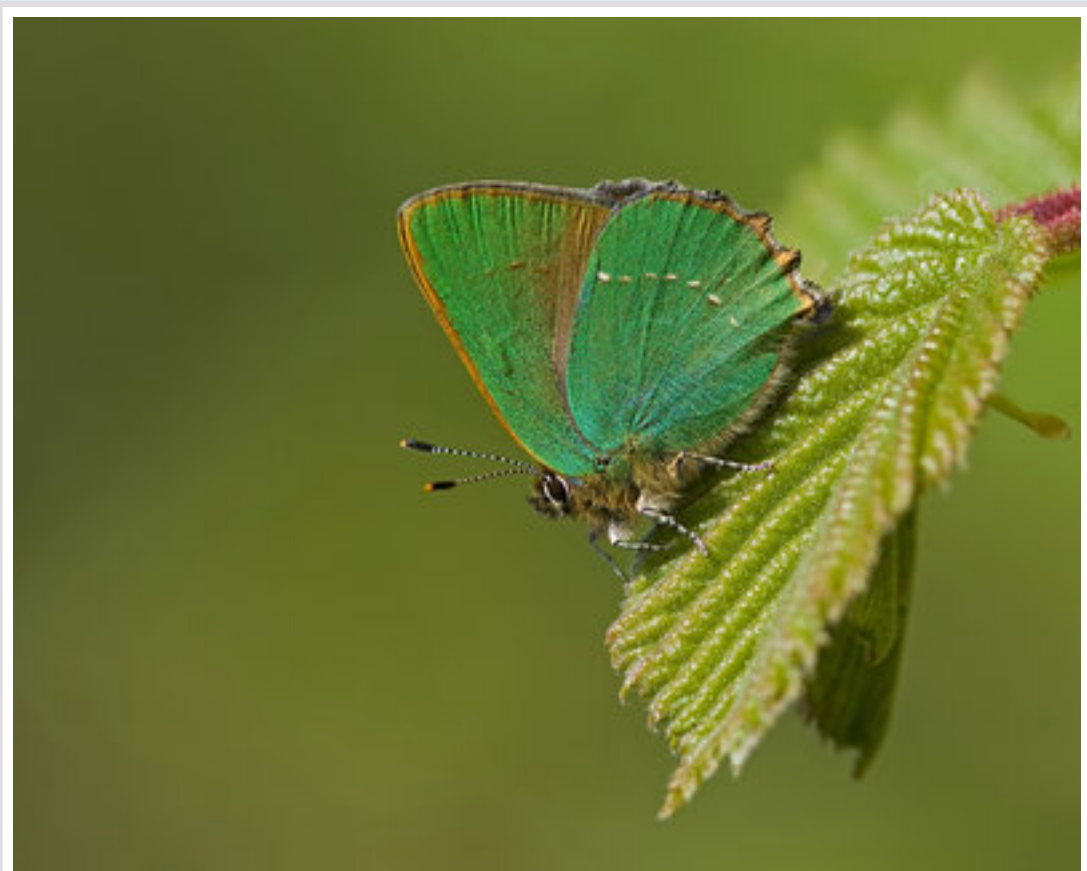
by Clive, 12-Apr-11 05:17 AM GMT

Hi

Back to Magdalen Hill Down again yesterday (Sunday) and nice to bump into Gary, Lisa and Ian ... again the Green Hairstreaks put on a fantastic display ... also found 6 Grizzled Skippers along with the Brimstones, Orange Tips, Holly Blues and Small Tortoiseshells ...

Today Shirley had a Orange Tip and Holly Blue for company in the garden ... didn't help me being at work!

Clive



Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-Apr-11 06:52 AM GMT

Hi

Very happy to find 45 plus Duke of Burgundy today at Noar Hill ... along with 30 plus Dingy Skippers ... good numbers of Holly Blues, Orange Tips, Green-veined Whites and Brimstones ... a couple of Green Hairstreaks and Small Heaths ... and a single Grizzled Skipper ... a Small Tortoiseshell joined us for coffee back at the car ...

Clive



Re: Clive

by Gibster, 26-Apr-11 07:13 AM GMT

Hi Clive,

Last week whilst at Noar Hill we met a local guy who does transects there. He said there's only been one Grizzled Skipper there - way back in 1993! We'd heard that one had been seen (this was on 21st) and he asked us to get a pic if we saw it and send the record in.

Hope you got that pic! 😊

All the very best, was thinking of you and Shirley when we were at Bentley last week.

Seth & Sam.

Re: Clive

by Clive, 27-Apr-11 04:30 AM GMT

Hi Seth

Only managed a record shot of the Grizzled Skipper at Noar Hill ...

Still hope to bump into you and Sam again one day ...

Clive



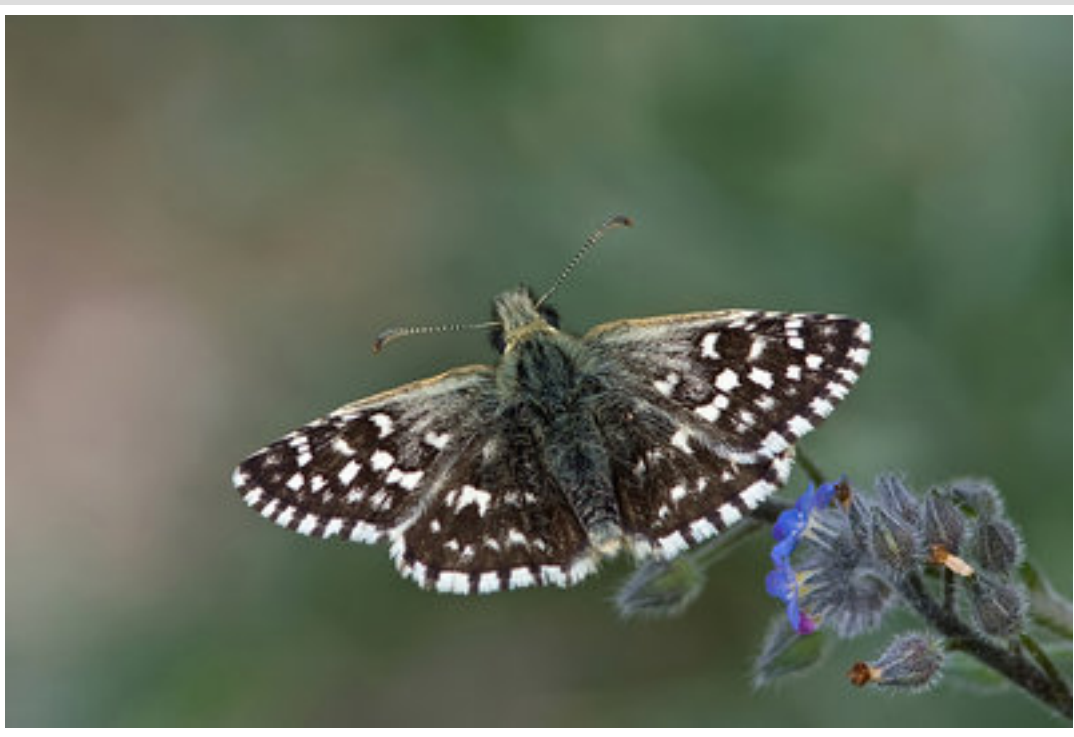
Re: Clive

by Clive, 02-May-11 07:58 AM GMT

Hi

Stockbridge Down today ... quite windy but warm ... a good selection of Butterflies found in the more sheltered spots ... Grizzled Skippers, Dingy Skippers, Brimstones, Orange Tips, Common Blues, Holly Blues, Brown Argus, Red Admiral, Small Heath and Small Copper ...

Clive





Re: Clive

by Zonda, 02-May-11 10:52 PM GMT

Your pics are superb Clive. 😊

Re: Clive

by Clive, 04-May-11 06:01 AM GMT

Many thanks Zonda ... 😊😊

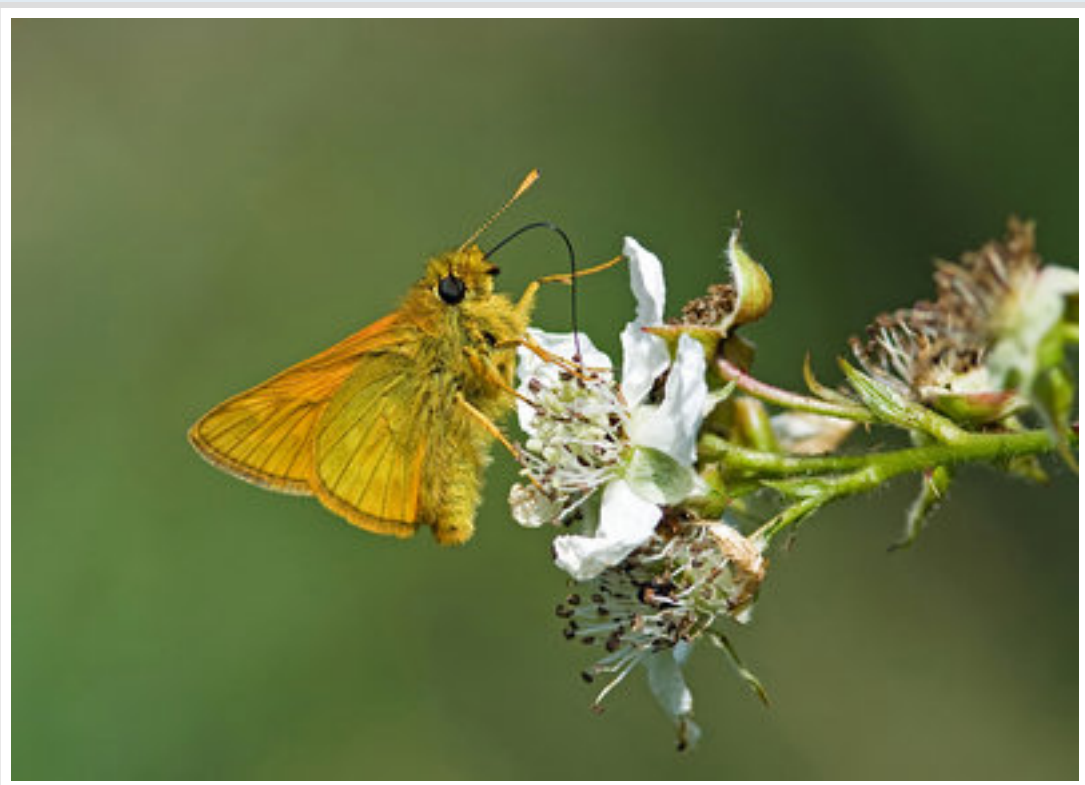
Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-May-11 03:48 AM GMT

Hi

Not so far from home this afternoon, about 300 yds, I spent a couple of hours with the company of half a dozen Large Skippers ... a worn Common Blue, a very worn Dingy Skipper was also seen along with a Burnet Companion ...





Also found this critter ... any help with ID please ...



Thanks Clive

Re: Clive

by ChrisC, 26-May-11 04:05 AM GMT

that would be *Agapanthia villosviridescens*

Chris

Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-May-11 04:09 AM GMT

Many thanks Chris ...

Clive

Re: Clive

by Susie, 26-May-11 04:44 AM GMT

"ChrisC" wrote:

that would be *Agapanthia villosviridescens*

Chris

That's easy for you to say. 😊

Cracking shot, Clive!

Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-May-11 05:01 AM GMT

"Susie" wrote:

That's easy for you to say

You're right ... Longhorn Beetle ... 😊

Thanks Susie

Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 06-Jun-11 06:09 AM GMT

Hi

A visit to Silchester Common today to look for the Silver-studded Blue ... I wasn't disappointed, as there was a good number ... males and females ...

Also a few Small Heaths and a couple of Meadow Browns blowing about in the wind ...

Clive





Re: Clive

by Clive, 12-Jun-11 08:35 PM GMT

Hi

We had a very nice walk around Pamber Forest yesterday ... loads of Speckled Woods and Large Skippers ... but the real excitement for us was our first White Admirals this year, three in all ... followed by our first Silver-washed Fritillary ... seven species seen altogether ...

We didn't see Pete 😊 (I've just read your Diary)

Clive



Re: Clive

by Pete Eeles, 12-Jun-11 09:36 PM GMT

"Clive" wrote:

We didn't see Pete 😊 (I've just read your Diary)

Hi Clive – I was only there for 30 minutes while walking the dogs, since I had quite a few errands to attend to! Hopefully we'll bump into each other again at some point!

Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Clive

by Clive, 15-Jun-11 04:22 AM GMT

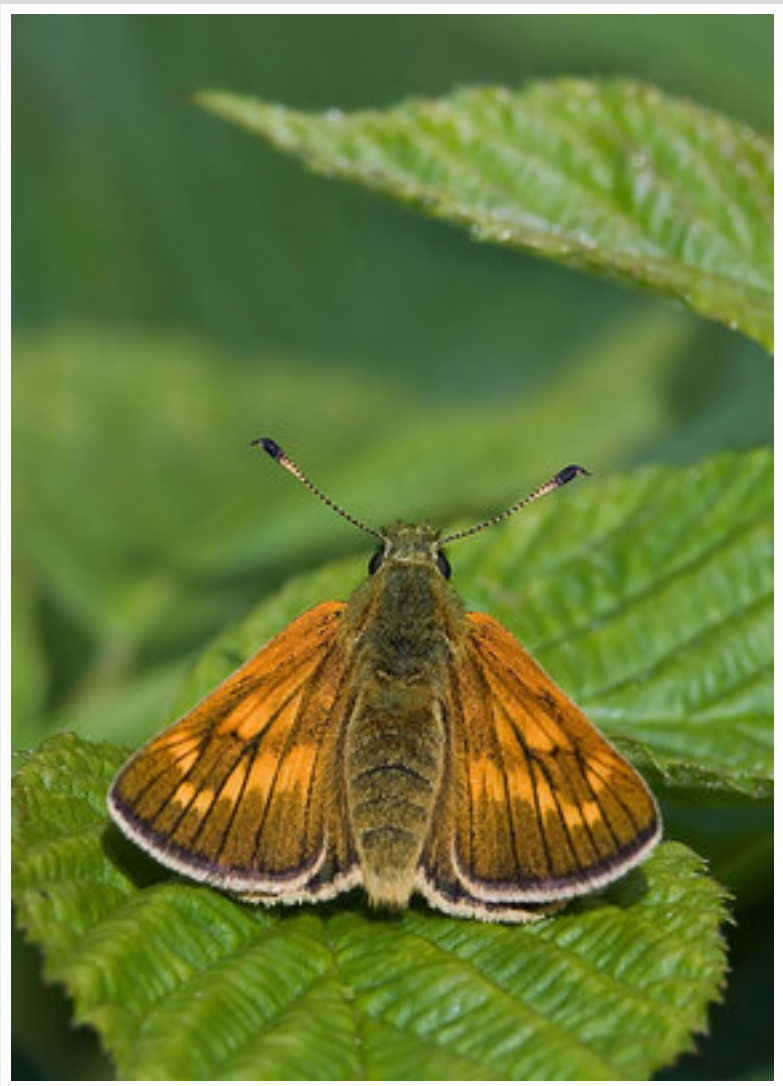
Hi

Returning home from work today to find out the washing machine had broke again for the third time in as many weeks ... Shirley really was not a happy bunny ... I thought I'd better disappear for half an hour and check out the Skippers! ...

300 yds from the back gate and they are still there, along with a Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Small Tortoiseshell and Beautiful Demoiselle ...

First photo I think is a female ...

Clive



Re: Clive

by Wurzel, 15-Jun-11 04:35 PM GMT

Stunning shot of the female 🐛 – I'd agree with you as it doesn't have the androthingy scales/brand thingy (still learning the technical terms!). Was it keeping low to the ground as that is supposed to be one of the behaviours that they show as opposed to the males? Anyhoo keep up the good work! Have a goodun

Wurzel

ps – did staying out of the way help – I've tried that with my wife but it merely postpones the inevitable! 😊

Re: Clive

by Clive, 16-Jun-11 03:19 AM GMT

Thanks Wurzel ... she was about 3ft above the ground on this bramble leaf (the brambles are very tall here) stayed there for about 5 mins and then started nectaring on the brambles flowers, about 5 - 6ft high ...

Staying out the way helped a little last night, but she is still not happy and it was raining tonight!

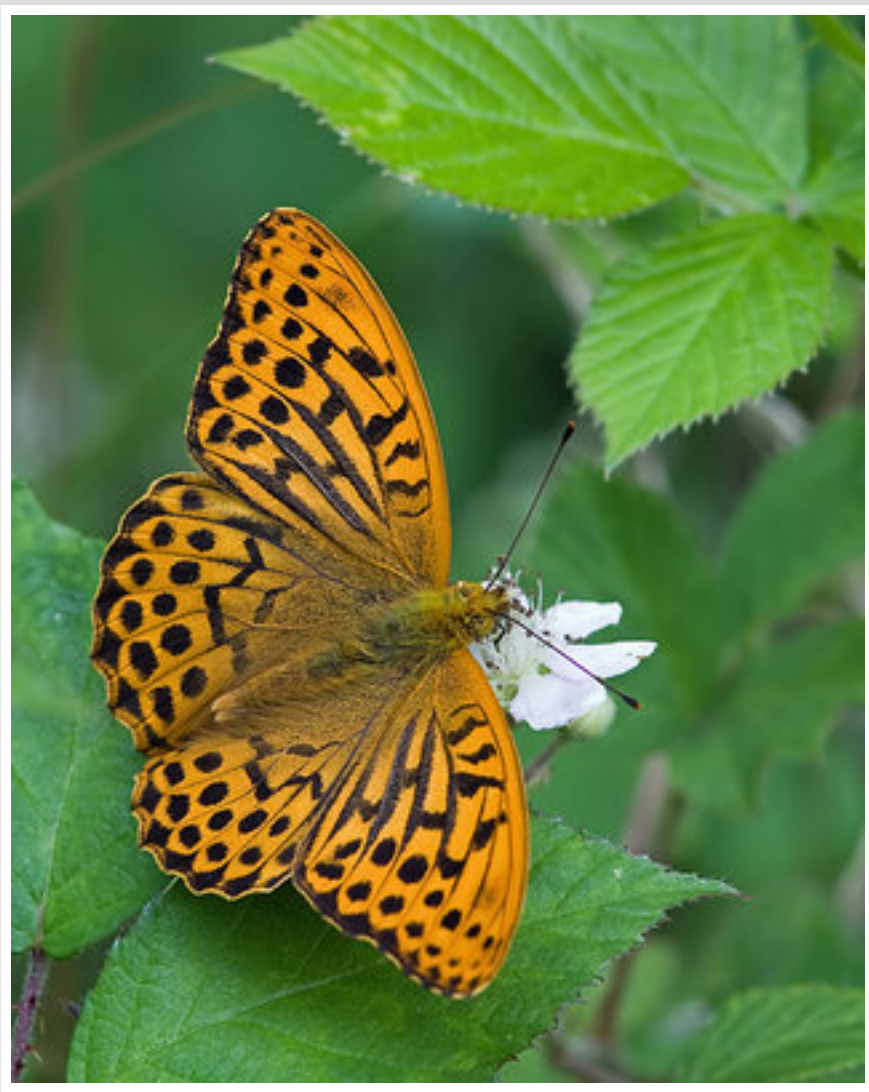
Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 20-Jun-11 03:25 AM GMT

Hi

Another visit to Pamber Forest today ... 8 White Admiral and 9 Silver-washed Fritillary along with a good number of Large Skippers (we have seen a lot of these this year) and Speckled Woods, 4 Commas, 2 Red Admiral, 2 Brimstones and a few Meadow Browns ...



Also found this critter, what ever it is ...



Thanks Clive

Re: Clive

by ChrisC, 20-Jun-11 03:37 AM GMT

scorpion fly. and there's something about that 2nd pic. very nice.
Chris

Re: Clive

by Clive, 20-Jun-11 03:44 AM GMT

Hi Chris

Many thanks again for your ID ... pleased you liked the second pic too, thanks ...

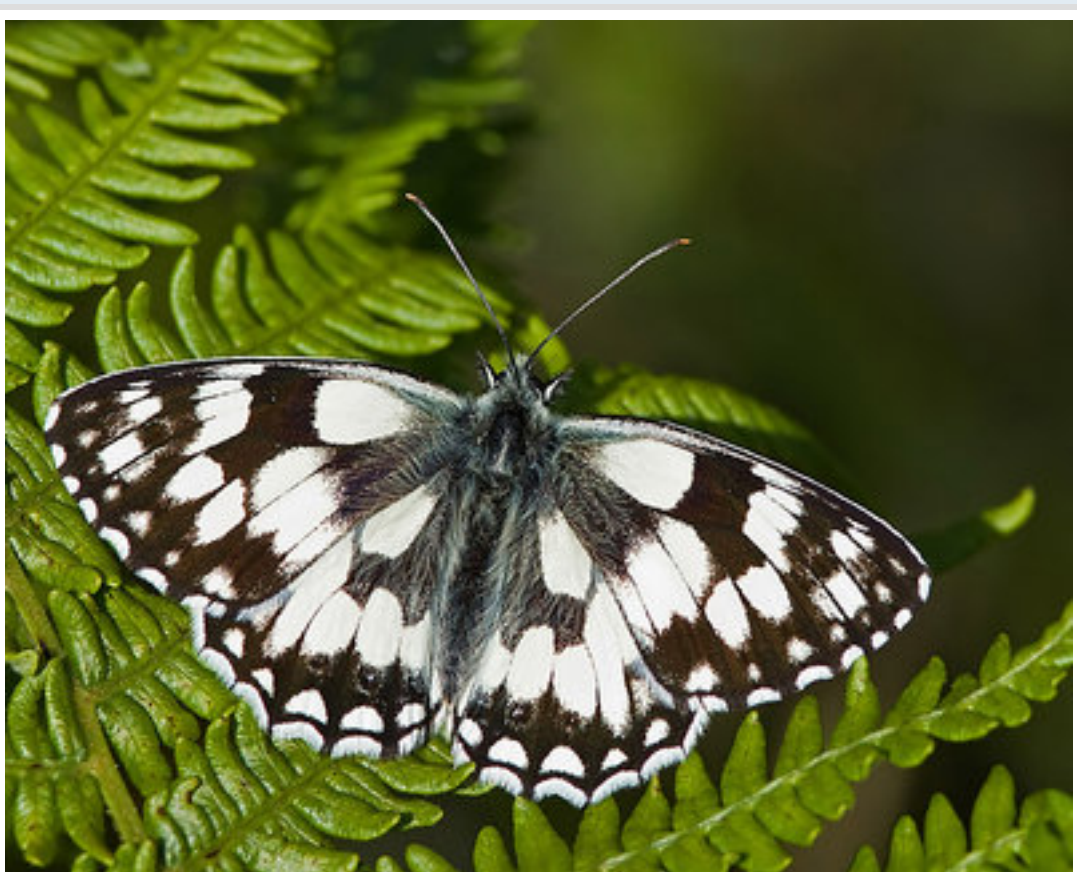
Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 22-Jun-11 03:53 AM GMT

Hi

300yds from the garden gate this evening and I found my first Marbled White this year ...



along with my first Ringlet this year too ... Large Skippers are still about with a Meadow Brown or two ... and one Small Tortoiseshell ...

Clive

Re: Clive

by Pete Eeles, 22-Jun-11 05:51 AM GMT

Ooh – nice shot!

Cheers,

– Pete

Re: Clive

by Clive, 22-Jun-11 06:36 AM GMT

Thanks Pete ... I was pleased to him ...

Checking out the local Skippers ... we've just seen so many this year!

Clive

Re: Clive

by Lee Hurrell, 26-Jun-11 04:58 AM GMT

Stunning pictures Clive, really nice shots 😊

Cheers

Lee

Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-Jun-11 07:02 AM GMT

Thanks Lee ...

Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 26-Jun-11 07:52 AM GMT

Hi

Checked out the local patch last night, cloudy with light drizzle and the Ringlets were still about, along with one speeding Large Skipper ...



Today started off looking out the back door at the grey cloud and drizzle (usual Saturday) ... had enough by midday and headed off to Stockbridge Down ...

Still cloudy on arrival ... played around with some insects in the car park ...



Then off to look for whatever butterflies might be about ... just amazing ... must have found nearly one hundred Marbled Whites, loads of Ringlets, Meadow Browns, Small Heaths ... more Large Skippers than I've seen here before ... half a dozen Green-veined Whites, one very fresh Small Copper, a couple of Red Admirals, the odd Brimstone or two, a Small White and three very worn Common Blues ... not forgetting a dozen Dark Green Fritillary's ...



All in all a brilliant afternoon ..

Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 27-Jun-11 07:06 AM GMT

Hi

Shirley and I had a great time in Pamber Forest this morning with Pete, Mike and Tom ...

Fantastic display from the White Admirals and Silver-washed Fritillaries ... along with Ringlets, Meadow Browns, Skippers both Large & Small all in good numbers ...

and all the other local butterflies ...

Even a Purple Hairstreak joined the party ...

Clive



Re: Clive

by Clive, 02-Jul-11 04:54 AM GMT

Hi

Checking out the local Butterflies ... all present and correct ... but now joined by the Small Skippers ...



Had fun watching the Grasshoppers too ...



Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 02-Jul-11 06:05 PM GMT

Hi

Excitement this morning with a Large White and Silver-washed Fritillary to add to the local list ...

Could someone please confirm my Small Skippers ... I always get them confused with Essex Skippers ...

Thanks Clive

Re: Clive

by MikeOxon, 02-Jul-11 07:50 PM GMT

Have a look at the thread "ID help please, Essex or Small?" under "Identification" – lots of good info! With my new-found knowledge from there, I'd say definitely Small – mainly from the shape of the antennae. Looking closely at your pics, there is a chisel end to the antennae and there's a glimpse of orange underneath. Nice photos!

Mike

Re: Clive

by Clive, 03-Jul-11 05:31 AM GMT

Thanks Mike ... I checked that thread, yes interesting info, but sill wasn't completely sure ... maybe it will become clearer when I find the Essex Skipper and take a close look ...

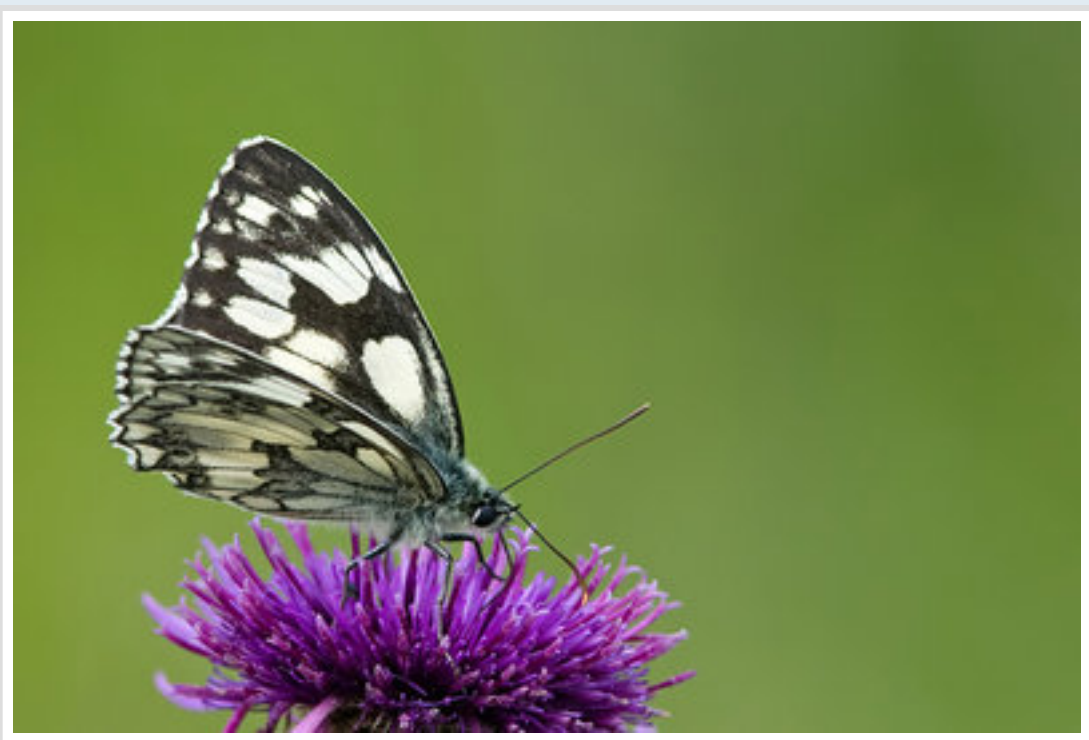
Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 03-Jul-11 05:43 AM GMT

Hi

Stockbridge Down today ... and a lot of time looking at the Skippers in the hope of finding the Essex ... no luck, all Small ones unless I'm missing something ... still a great day with loads of butterflies, Marbled Whites, Dark Green Fritillary's, Skippers both Large and Small, Holly Blue and all the usual suspects ... 16 species in total ... a good number of Forester Moths and half a dozen Humming-bird Hawkmoths ... all very exciting ...



And another unidentified critter ...



Thanks Clive

Re: Clive

by Clive, 03-Jul-11 06:41 AM GMT

Thanks Wurzel ... going by your shots I haven't seen one yet ... love that shot from below, really showing the ink pad dipped antennae ...

Clive

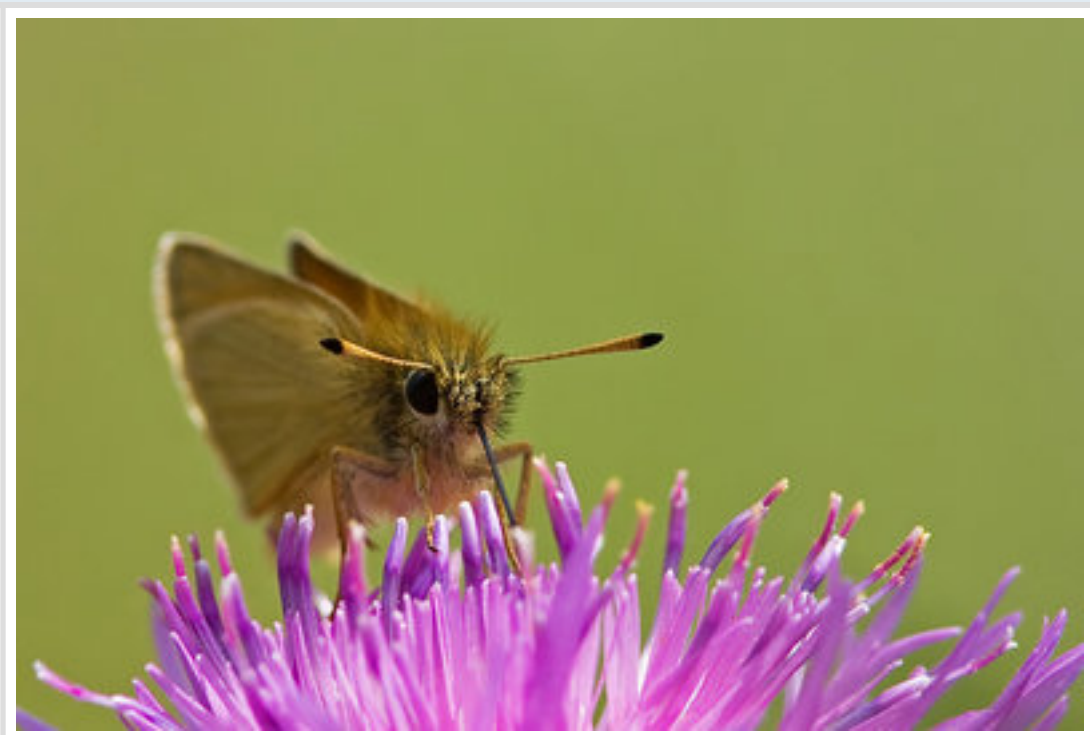
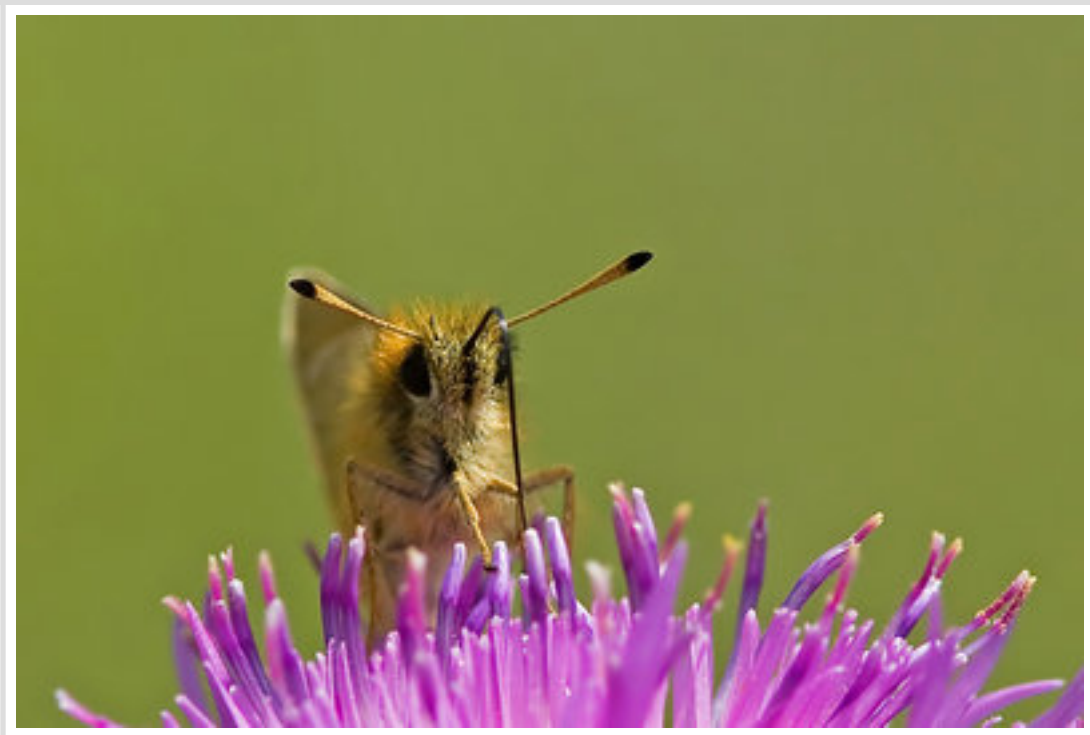
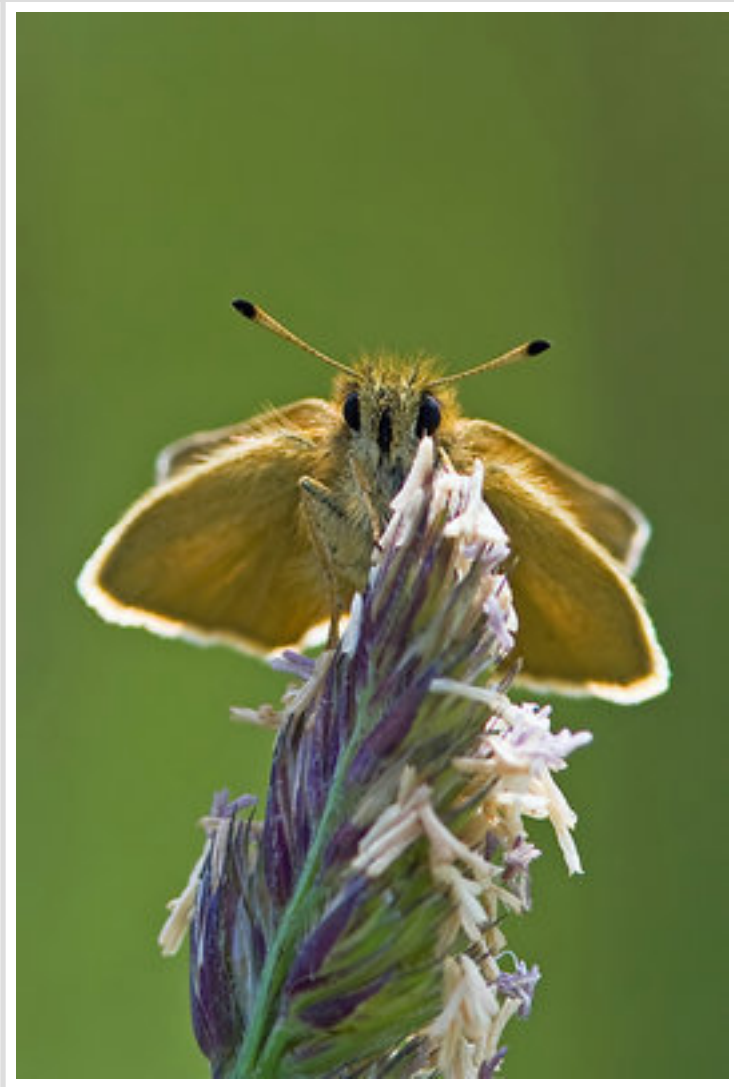
Re: Clive

by Clive, 03-Jul-11 08:41 PM GMT

Hi

Hopefully I've got these Skipper's sorted now (fingers crossed) ...

On my local patch too! ... the Essex Skipper (I hope) ...



Many thanks Clive

Re: Clive

by MikeOxon, 03-Jul-11 09:14 PM GMT

Congratulations! Classic Essex shots - very nice.

Mike

Re: Clive

by Clive, 03-Jul-11 09:18 PM GMT

Thanks Mike ... I'm very happy to have found one ...

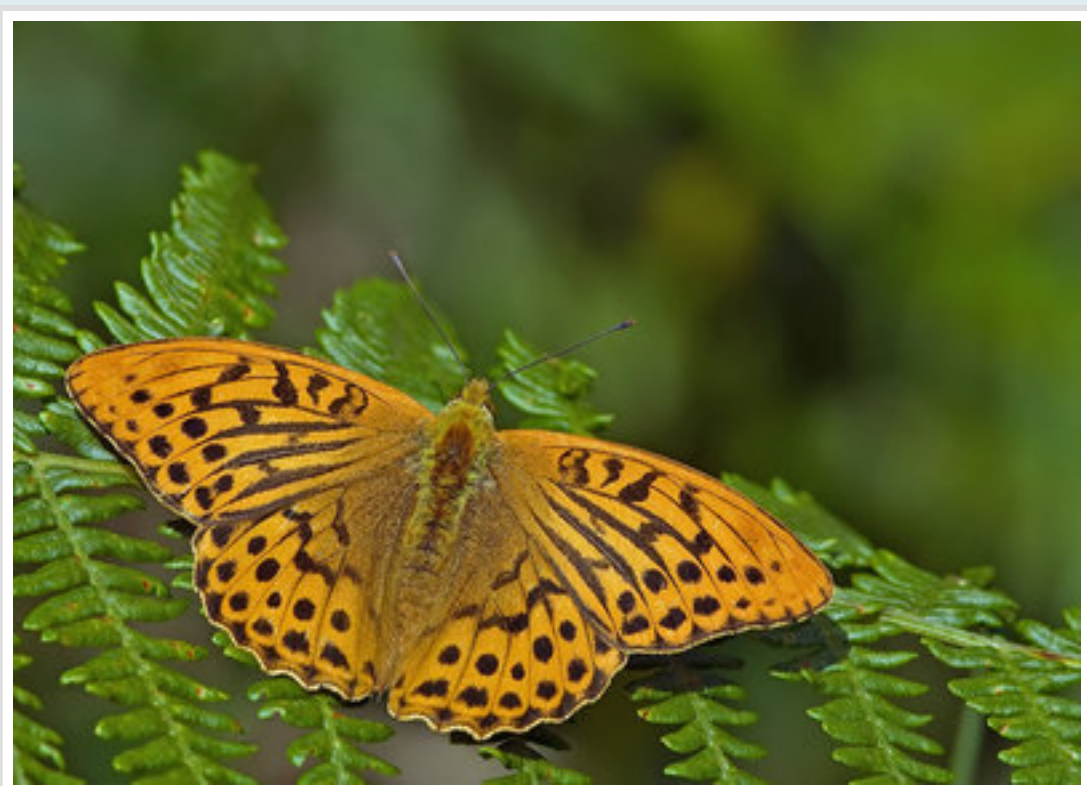
Re: Clive

by Clive, 10-Jul-11 06:40 AM GMT

Hi

Shirley and I joined the field trip at Silchester Common/Pamber Forest by the Butterfly Conservation/Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust today ... very enjoyable and 20 speices of butterflies found along with loads of moths, insects and wild flowers ... the highlight for me was my first Silver-washed Fritillary Valezina ...

Clive





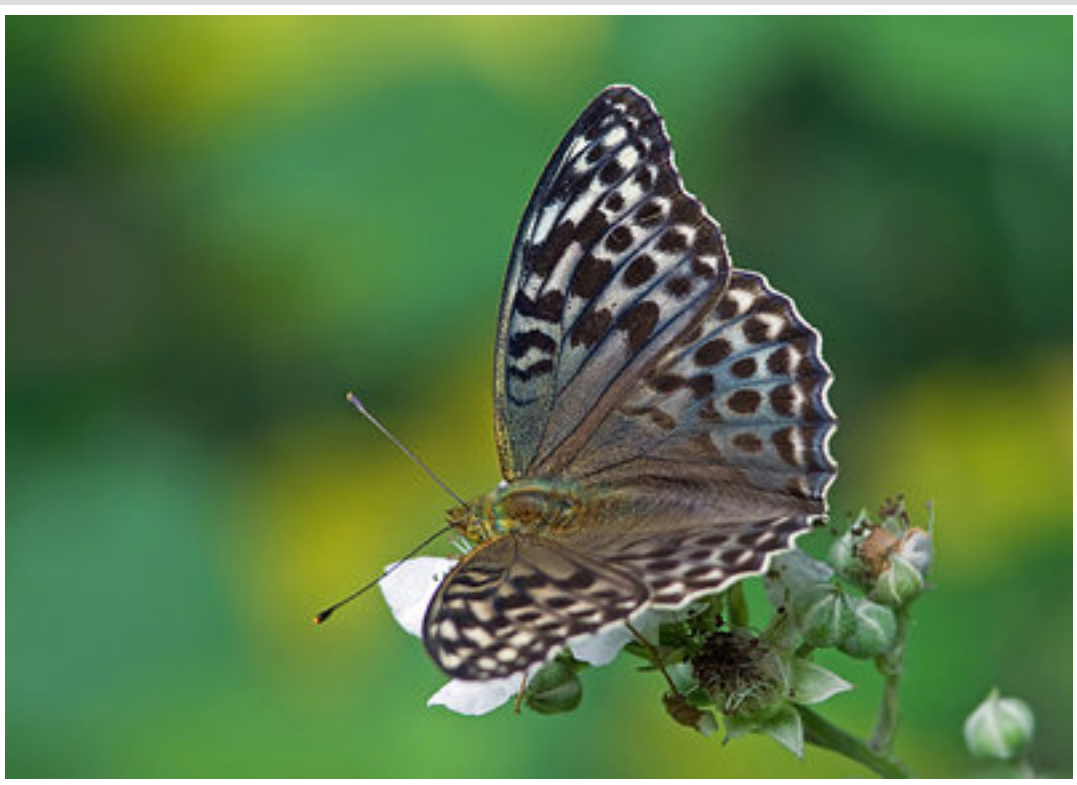
Re: Clive

by Clive, 11-Jul-11 04:19 AM GMT

Hi

Back to Pamber Forest today to look for the Silver-washed Fritillary - valezina ... bingo ...

Clive



Re: Clive

by Clive, 01-Aug-11 03:41 AM GMT

Hi

Shipton Bellinger today to look for the Brown Hairstreak ... found two males and a quick glimpse of a female ... good numbers of Gatekeepers along with the usual suspects ... also very nice to meet Wurzel along the way and spend a couple of hours with him ...

Clive



Re: Clive

by Wurzel, 01-Aug-11 06:36 AM GMT

Alright Clive! Great to meet you and Shirley today, some cracking shots there – I hope mine come out nearly as good as that! 😊 Might bump into you at Stockbridge next weekend...but if not then continued good luck with the butterflying and thanks again for the Brown Hairstreak!
Have a goodun

Wurzel