

## Trevor

by trevor, 25-Sep-14 08:56 PM GMT

A bit late for this season i know, but i thought it was high time i joined uk butterflies. my name is Trevor and i live in East Sussex i have had the pleasure of meeting several ukbers when out and about including Neil Hulme, Katrina, Pauline and Essex Buzzard. All of you take the most fantastic images, thanks for sharing them.

When i get a little more computer savvy i will share some of my 2014 highlights. But for now i will let my Daughter post some for me. I don't have the best camera in the world preferring something i can slip in my pocket. I like to travel light. 😊



## Re: Trevor

by Neil Hulme, 25-Sep-14 09:06 PM GMT

Hi Trevor,  
Welcome aboard the good ship HMS UKB!  
BW, Neil

**Re: Trevor**

by Pauline, 25-Sep-14 09:06 PM GMT

Welcome Trevor –a nice start to your diary, hope to see more.

**Re: Trevor**

by Nick Broomer, 25-Sep-14 09:11 PM GMT

Hi Trevor,

Welcome to the forum.

I met you at Chiddingfold Wood this year, i photographed the Purple Emperor with you. The same one you have just posted.

All the best, Nick.

**Re: Trevor**

by trevor, 25-Sep-14 09:58 PM GMT

Many thanks for the lovely welcome folks,I hope my first few images are to your liking. I ought to mention where the images were taken. The Wood Whites and His Majesty were at or near the triangle at Botany Bay and the marsh Frit. at Cotley Hill,Wiltshire.

Cheers for now Trevor.

**Re: Trevor**

by Wurzel, 25-Sep-14 10:30 PM GMT

Welcome Trevor great intro, looking forward to seeing some more of your work 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Trevor**

by David M, 25-Sep-14 10:38 PM GMT

Wood White, Purple Emperor and Marsh Fritillary isn't a bad way to start!

**Re: Trevor**

by Trev Sawyer, 25-Sep-14 10:42 PM GMT

... and it's a "welcome aboard" from me too. Glad to hear from a fellow Trevor – There aren't enough of us around at the moment 😊

Happy butterflying,

Trev

**Re: Trevor**

by CJB, 26-Sep-14 09:57 AM GMT

Welcome aboard Trevor!

You have posted a species I am yet to see (Wood White), so well done there. 😊👍

I am on a quest to photograph all the UK species on my mobile and am up to 49, so a few to go yet. Once I have succeeded I will move to a decent camera!

I hope you enjoy using this site.

Flutter on!

CJB

**Re: Trevor**

by Goldie M, 27-Sep-14 05:40 PM GMT

Welcome from me as well Trevor, you've got two species already I've not got 🍷 I trailed all round Bently Wood this year and nothing, so very well done Goldie 😊

**Re: Trevor**

by Maximus, 27-Sep-14 07:44 PM GMT

Welcome from me too Trevor, nice start 😊

Mike

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 28-Sep-14 09:50 PM GMT

Yesterday 27 Sept.I went searching for Wall Brown at a local hotspot,Frog Firle.and I struck lucky with a female. as it was cool and cloudy she only gave me the runaround for about 10 mins.finally landing in a Rabbit scrape and settled long enough for several shots.

TREVOR

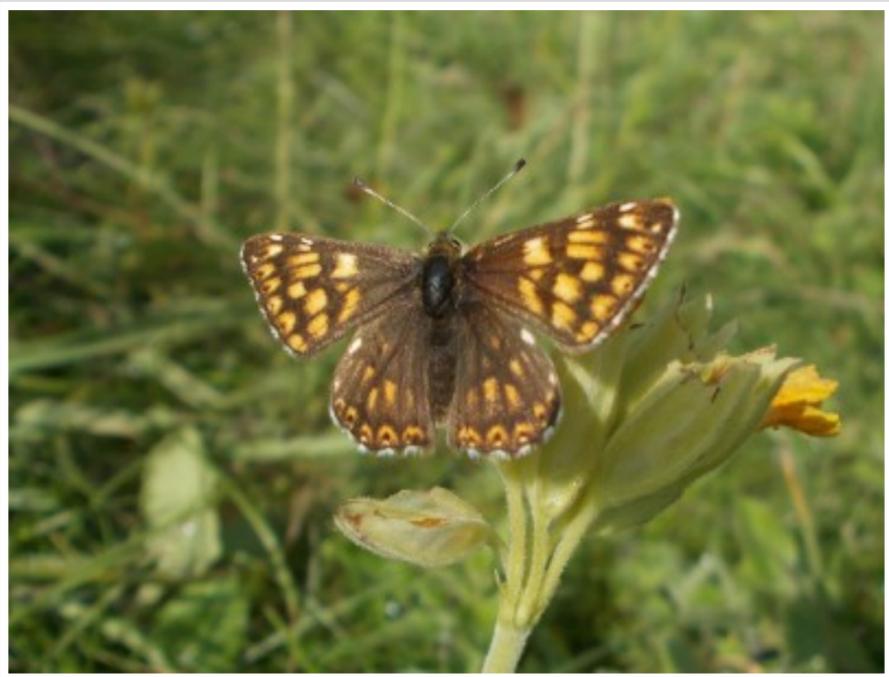


### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 28-Sep-14 10:19 PM GMT

As promised here are a few more images from this year, some as recently as this month. Thanks Goldie and Maximus for your warm welcome.

TREVOR.







**Re: Trevor**

by David M, 28-Sep-14 11:44 PM GMT

That Brown Hairstreak positively glows, Trevor!

**Re: Trevor**

by Neil Freeman, 29-Sep-14 08:13 PM GMT

Hi Trevor,

Welcome from myself as well. A great start to your diary with a good selection of species already.

Cheers,

Neil.

**Re: Trevor**

by trevor, 29-Sep-14 09:44 PM GMT

Hi all, many thanks to you all for your welcome to this site, and for your kind comments.

I have had a lifelong interest in butterflies, but I expect like myself it was the digital camera that made the passion blossom in many people. This technology allows us to instantly record a butterfly, see the result straight away, and if not happy take another shot, and of course we come back year after year for that better image, eg. all four wings purple on His Majesty then after that an image of him not perching on something unpleasant and so on. At least this is what keeps me inspired.

Forgive me, but I am new to posting things on computers, especially images are causing difficulties.

TREVOR

**Re: Trevor**

by David M, 29-Sep-14 09:57 PM GMT

I'm sure you'll get the hang of things, Trevor, if you persevere.

Most of my early images on this site were truly appalling (and not much has changed since) 😊

**Re: Trevor**

by millerd, 29-Sep-14 10:21 PM GMT

Hi, Trevor – as David says, just keep at it – you've found a good selection already and got some good photos. Your Wall Brown female is one I am very envious of...

Every season brings something new!

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Trevor**

by Goldie M, 30-Sep-14 04:55 PM GMT

Hi! Trevor, you've done it again 😊 Another one I've not got and it looks fantastic, your "Brown Hair Streak" 🍷 Goldie 😊

**Re: Trevor**

by John W, 01-Oct-14 01:11 AM GMT

Hi Trevor, nice to see you on here. We last met at Steyning Rifle Range. Hopefully catch up with you next year, or at the Sussex BC AGM.

Cheers

John

**Re: Trevor**

by trevor, 01-Oct-14 10:01 AM GMT

Hi, all

I have a question for those in the know.

Abbots Wood, near Hailsham, is only about 3 miles from my home and is very good for most woodland Butterfly species.

But all the experts will tell you there are no Purple Emperors there. Yet this woodland has much in common with woods that do have a population ie, open rides, oak ash, and some sallows. And its location is not too far from known sightings of Emperor.

A friend of mine who was 60 this year swears blind he saw some there when he was a boy, say 50 years ago.

So, have they ever been there, never been there. likely to arrive there sometime soon.

Answers on a postcard please!  
TREVOR

## Re: Trevor

by Neil Hulme, 01-Oct-14 11:23 AM GMT

Hi Trevor,

Purple Emperor has been relatively scarce and localised in East Sussex in recent times, but is undoubtedly now spreading east and SE within East Sussex. I'm pretty sure we will get a confirmed sighting at PCH/Rowland Wood in the next couple of years, and I suspect it might get to Abbots in the future, assuming there is enough suitable willow there. However, I don't know how much good quality willow is present (large, semi-shaded and shaded trees required), bearing in mind my very infrequent visits.

BWs, Neil

## Re: Trevor

by Butterflysaurus rex, 01-Oct-14 09:12 PM GMT

Nice to see you on here Trevor, I'm sure we'll see each other out there somewhere next year.

All the best

B'suarus

## Re: Trevor

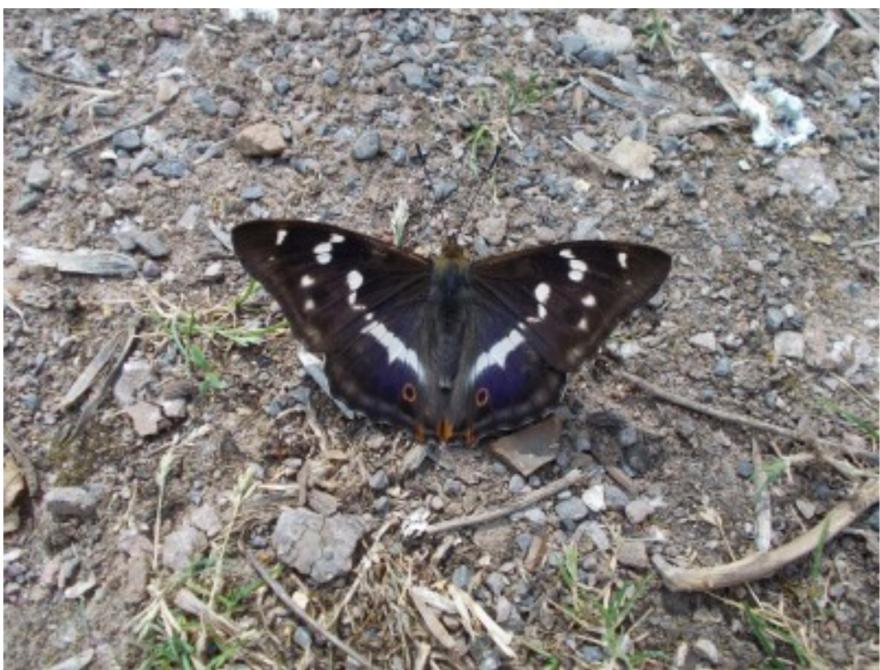
by trevor, 04-Oct-14 02:40 PM GMT

One of the highlights of 2014 were, for me, the Purple Emperors at Botany Bay.

My first sighting of one on ground, was from quite a distance, it could have been a Red Admiral seen earlier, but when it flew up I was close enough for a positive ID. My first image was in bag after I had located it again at top of an Oak tree. Later in the morning this specimen gave the waiting cameras some spectacular views.

Another lovely specimen (see one of my images) had some additional tiny white spots on his open wings, but denied us his purple sheen.

In all, over two days I witnessed a total of 10 Emperors on the ground. A very magical experience indeed!





by Wurzel, 05-Oct-14 08:30 PM GMT

Cracking shots Trevor 😊🎁 I didn't have much joy with His Nibbs this year but if I put in the hours Bentley Wood will eventually repay me I'm sure. 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Trevor

by David M, 05-Oct-14 09:08 PM GMT

Always a heart-stopping moment to see His Majesty grounded.

Glad to see you were afforded an audience, Trevor.

### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 06-Oct-14 03:17 PM GMT

Oh! Trevor now I'm really Jealous 🎁🎁 I searched loads of places this year for his Nibb's , no luck 😞

Your photo's are great and have spurred me on, roll on next year Goldie 😊

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 07-Oct-14 10:53 AM GMT

Hi,All,

I've had an idea to keep us all on our toes throughout the coming Winter.

Over the years i have seen the odd Red Admiral in every Winter month,including very near Christmas.

So how about friendly competition to see who can get the nearest to a Christmas Day photo of one,I have certainly seen one basking on my south facing fence on a sunny December Day.

Are we up for it !!.

TREVOR.

### Re: Trevor

by David M, 07-Oct-14 05:49 PM GMT

I think anyone who sees any species of butterfly in December deserves a round of applause, but I agree Red Admiral is most likely.

I saw one on the Saturday before Christmas on the hanging baskets outside Burton's in Abergavenny in 2008, which remains the only time I've ever had a December sighting. I'll certainly keep your challenge in mind, Trevor, as I'd love to have a repeat performance!

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 16-Oct-14 06:23 PM GMT

Hi,All

Today I saw two Red Admirals sunning themselves on a brickwall at Halnaker West Sussex,unfortunately no camera!

Both were in good condition.

All the best TREVOR

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 16-Oct-14 09:59 PM GMT

Some images from July 2013,

On this trip we went to Alice Holt forest for Purple Emperor,which as it turned out,failed to show.But while we waited in vein we were attracted to a large patch of Brambles which were host to many nectaring White Admirals and Silver Washed Fritillaries, there were almost too many to count!. i have,in the past found White Admirals almost as skittish as Wall Browns but these were very approachable . This year this same patch of Brambles was almost devoid of Butterflies.

TREVOR.







## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 16-Oct-14 10:34 PM GMT

August 2013,  
2013 will for me, go down as the year of the Clouded Yellow, at least here in East Sussex they were an every day sight.  
One day I went to Rowland Wood for this species, my camera was spoilt for choice!. My first encounter was with a very white Helice, then within minutes the brightest yellow specimen I have ever seen.  
This year I have only seen about six.  
TREVOR.





### Re: Trevor

by Wurzel, 16-Oct-14 10:56 PM GMT

I've still to see a Helice so my envy meter was already quite high but it went off the scale when I saw the "really yellow" yellow 🤪 That is so yellow is almost hurts my eyes 😊 😊 🍷

Have a goodun  
Wurzel

### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 17-Oct-14 05:17 PM GMT

Trevor, I just love the WA photo's, it's another species I failed to get this year also the CY so I'm green with envy 🍷 as for seeing Red Admiral's in the North over Christmas ? Big question mark there 😊 Goldie 😊

## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 30-Oct-14 07:26 PM GMT

Hi,All  
I took a walk into Town this morning,keeping an eye out for Butterflies on this very warm,almost hot morning.  
So i was delighted a when I saw a Painted Lady on the wing near Hailshams common pond.  
On this day in 2009 I saw six Clouded Yellows on a chalk bank in Small Dole, West Sussex.  
TREVOR.

## Re: Trevor

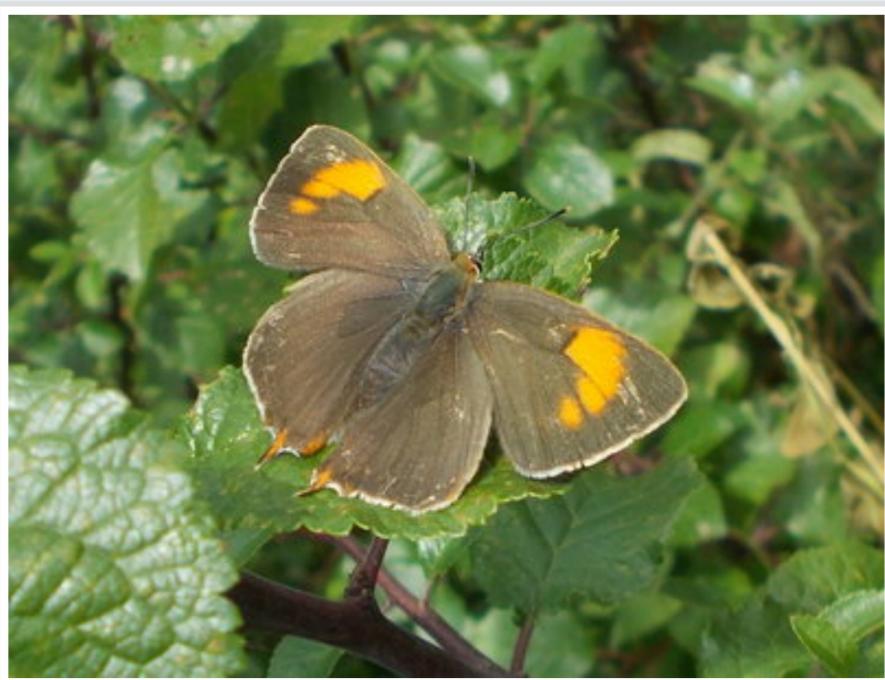
by trevor, 01-Nov-14 03:18 PM GMT

Hi Everyone,  
Another warm sunny morning in Hailsham.A walk along the disused railway line through the town produced four Red Admirals and a bonus pristine Speckled Wood.I had to remind myself that we are now in November!.  
This season refuses to die.  
TREVOR

## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 06-Nov-14 08:17 PM GMT

Hi All  
Here are a few more shots from late summer 2014.  
TREVOR





### Re: Trevor

by David M, 06-Nov-14 08:35 PM GMT

That's cruel torture for 6th November, Trevor!! 😡

Lovely images of a rare and precious butterfly.

### Re: Trevor

by Wurzel, 06-Nov-14 10:58 PM GMT

Great shots Trevor 😊 But posting from late summer 😬 I thought I was bad being 6 weeks behind with my PD 😲😂😄

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 08-Nov-14 01:14 PM GMT

Once again you've hit on the species I've not got, lovely shots Trevor, 🍀 Goldie 😊

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 09-Nov-14 08:17 PM GMT

Hi,All

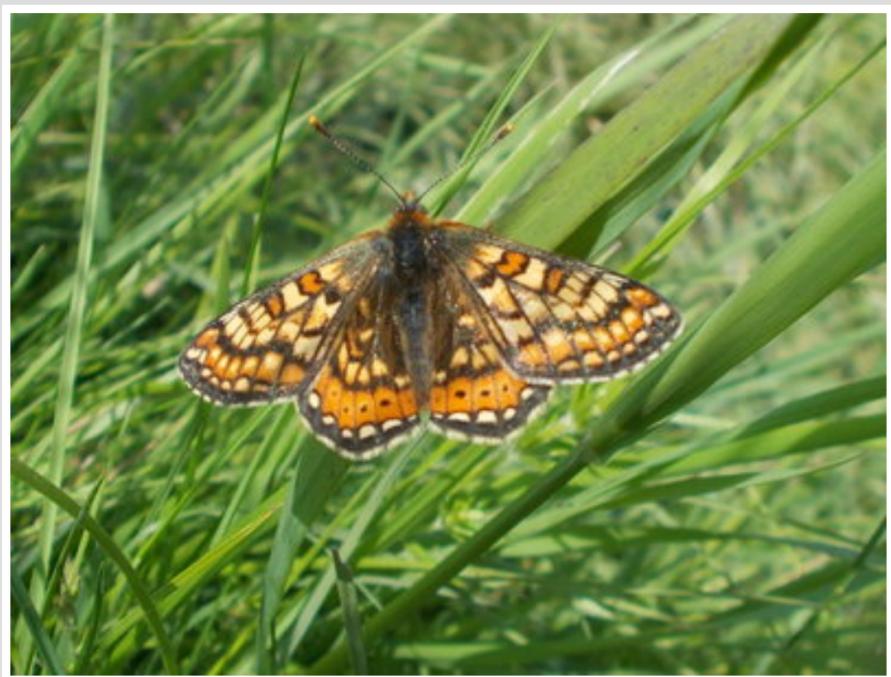
Two Red Admirals on the wing at Horsted Keynes today torn between rapid flight and frequent stops to sunbathe.Maybe my friendly Christmas competition might have plenty of entrants at this rate !!.

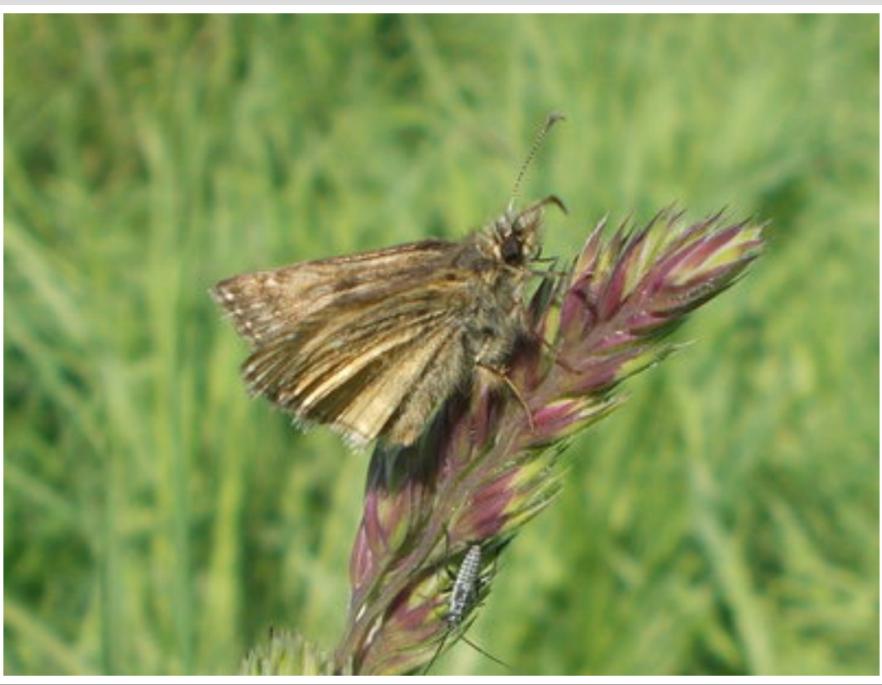
TREVOR. 😊

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 10-Nov-14 10:59 PM GMT

Hi All ,  
One Butterfly species we don't have here in Sussex is the Marsh Fritillary, and as i had never seen one i made it my target species this year.Consulting the Dorset and Wiltshire BC.websites 40 were reported at Cotley Hill.So on May 20th i left home at dawn hoping to catch them before they warmed up. Which i did by the skin of my teeth as a warning light came on in the car near Wilton ,ruining the day because i cut the visit short in case it was something serious with the car .  
As soon i arrived at the base of the hill i saw my first ever Marsh Fritillary, then another,and another and so on they were every where ! i was thinking this is supposed to be a rare Butterfly!.Anyway i took lots of shots and as a bonus i had a Small Blue on my shoe,and a Green Hairstreak on my shirt.  
In all a lovely day out,and that warning light never came on again.  
TREVOR





**Re: Trevor**

by Goldie M, 11-Nov-14 01:14 PM GMT

Lovely photo's of the Marsh Fritillary Trevor, I've only ever seen once but it was well worth the visit, Goldie 😊

**Re: Trevor**

by Maximus, 11-Nov-14 07:35 PM GMT

A great day out that Trevor, just what we all need once in a while 😊

**Re: Trevor**

by David M, 11-Nov-14 10:01 PM GMT

I particularly like the Green Hairstreak on clothing!

Marsh Frits are almost a bore for me (they're outside my house).

**Re: Trevor**

by kevling, 13-Nov-14 11:20 AM GMT

Lovely photos of the Marsh Fritillaries Trevor.

I'm hoping to see my first Marsh Frits in 2015. A trip to the Dorset (2012) and Gloucester (this year) yielded nothing as the weather gods completely scuppered my chances. I think I will travel down on the back of a last minute weather forecast next time, as opposed to a pre planned holiday. They certainly look worth waitign for.

Regards Kev

**Re: Kevling**

by trevor, 13-Nov-14 09:45 PM GMT

HI Kev,

Cotley Hill was a real hot spot for Marsh Fritillary this year,and the weather was perfect.

I understand that this Butterfly can boom one year and crash the next,so a keen eye on the

BCwebsites is a good idea. Glad you enjoyed my shots. 😊 All the best,

TREVOR

**Re: Trevor**

by Wurzel, 13-Nov-14 11:39 PM GMT

Great shots Trevor, really like the Greenstreak on clothing 😊👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Trevor**

by trevor, 15-Nov-14 02:45 PM GMT

HI All,

More shots from 2013.

Quite near home there is a wonderful site for Dark Green Fritillaries,which in 2013, were very abundant.

this site is also host some spectacularly marked females, some of which could be mistaken for another species!.

Also last year a friend introduced me to a known White Letter Hairstreak site, and luckily we saw six and

both sexes were present.Several visits to the same site this year produced nothing.





### Re: Trevor

by nomad, 15-Nov-14 06:09 PM GMT

Love the White-letter Hairstreak images – super captures.

### Re: Trevor

by Wurzel, 16-Nov-14 06:36 PM GMT

Cracking shots of the DGFs and Whitters 😊 When you say 'a known site' would you be able to share the info as I'm always on the look out for Whitters sites as they're so lofty usually?

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 18-Nov-14 09:08 PM GMT

Love the WHS Trevor, it's a species I've got to see yet Goldie 😊

### Re: Trevor

by PhilBJohnson, 18-Nov-14 11:29 PM GMT

Some super images, Trevor. It looks like you found the White Admirals and SWF quite fresh in 2013.

At Bookham Common, Surrey in 2013 and 2014 I have found that the Silver Washed Fritillary can be quite elusive when the males first emerge, becoming easier to photograph once the females emerge but after this some males quite quickly lose their fresh appearance.

Best wishes,  
Philip

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 04-Dec-14 10:27 PM GMT

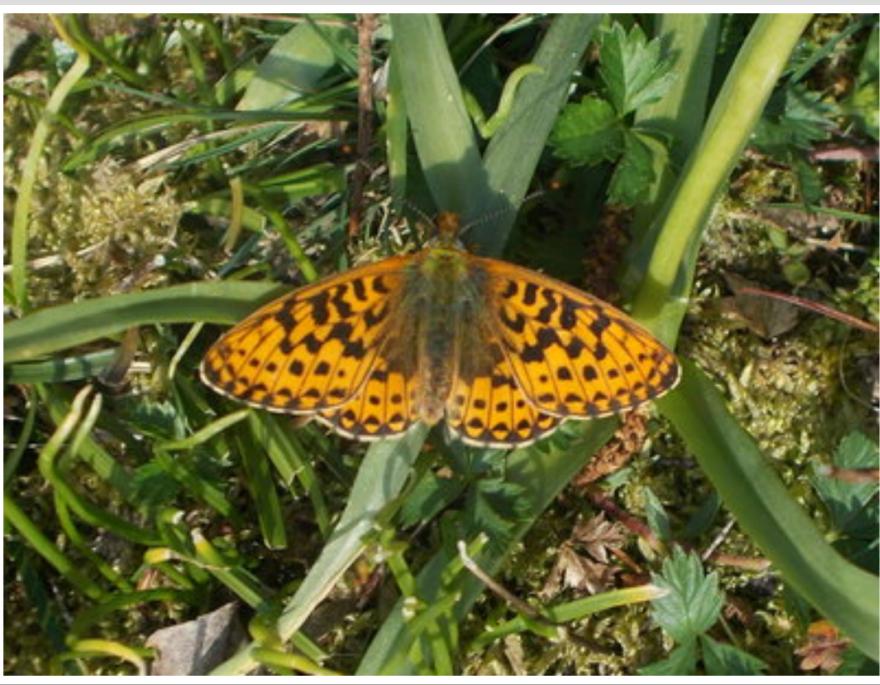
The Pearls of Abbots Wood.

Hi All

This year, as usual I went to Abbots Wood for the Pearl Bordered Fritillary, I don't go there to count them them but it is noticeable that their numbers are in decline, the most seen in one day was about fifteen. well below say that of five years ago. Is the reason down to three bad winters, over grown rides, or the lack of new arrivals to add to the gene pool. There is not another population for miles around. lets hope i'm wrong and 2015 is a bumper year!.

TREVOR.





### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 04-Dec-14 11:48 PM GMT

Hi All,  
Late this summer I was invited to witness the maiden flight of a Continental Swallowtail, that had emerged the night before. The sight of it was something to behold, I would liken it to seeing the Purple one for the first time, I doubt if I will have such a close encounter again.

TREVOR



### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 05-Dec-14 02:54 PM GMT

Lovely photo Trevor 🍷 I've yet to see the Purple Emperor, may be next year Goldie 😊

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 05-Dec-14 04:29 PM GMT

Hi All,  
After some more tutoring, I have uploaded some images of Silver Studded Blues unaided!! 😊.  
These shots were taken this June at Iping common near Midhurst. Unlike last year we found our quarry quite easily. 2014 was our first visit to this site, after searching in vain for some while we saw an elderly gentleman walking in our direction. I asked him if he knew where we could find some SSBs, yes he said, there's one down there pointing near to my right foot 🙄.  
TREVOR.

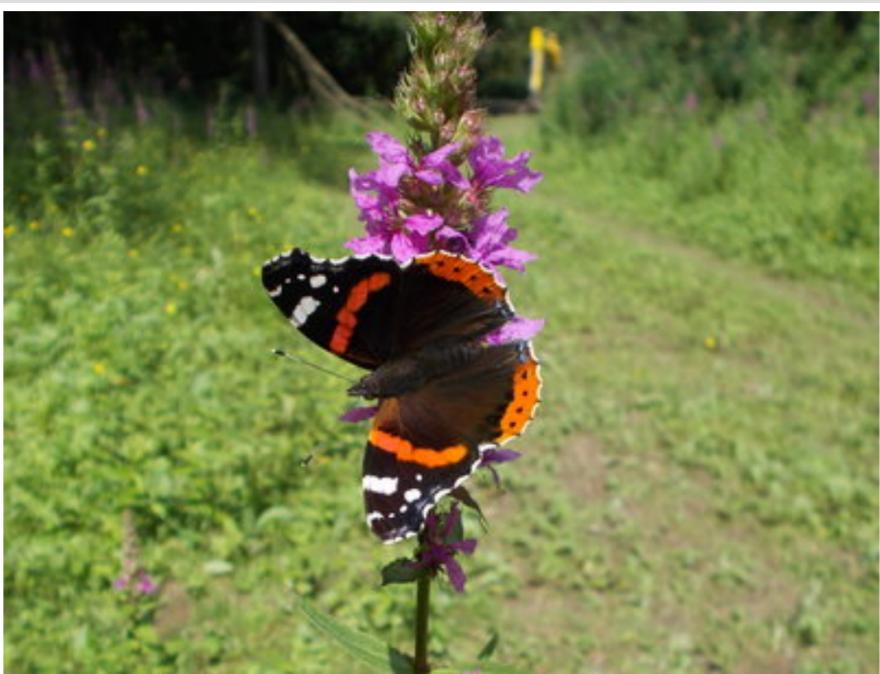




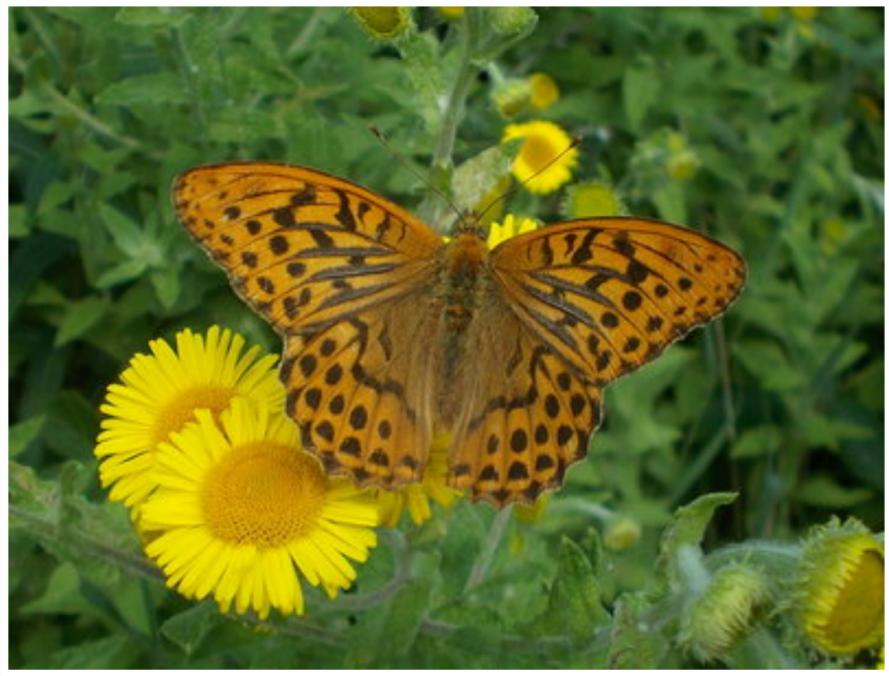
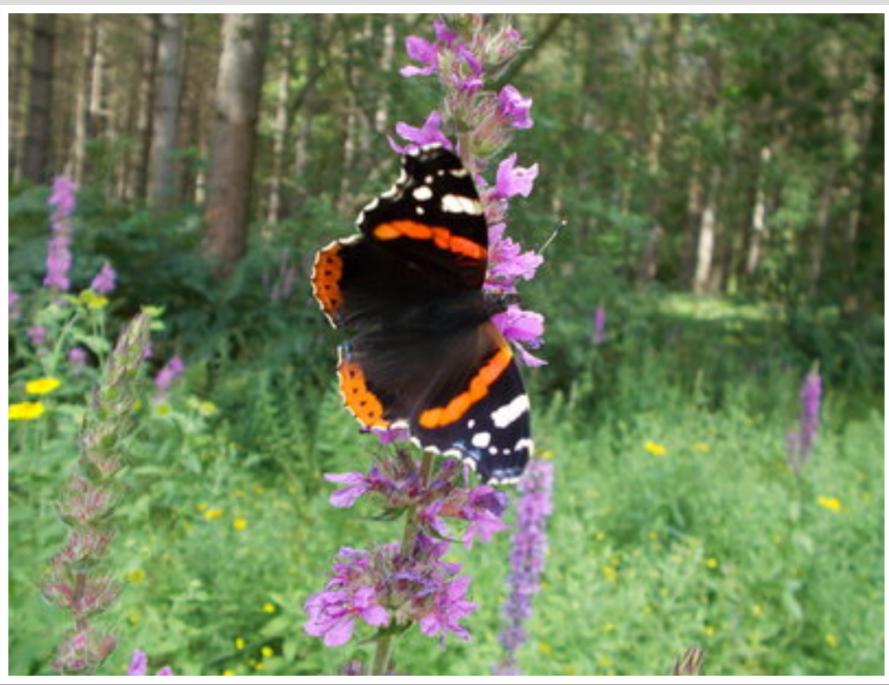
## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 06-Dec-14 03:38 PM GMT

A hot summers day at Beckley Wood,  
Little did I know it ,but the JCB just visible in the Red Admiral shot, would later bulldoze the site where most of these Images were taken,right down to bare earth! How much wildlife destruction took place can't be calculated. We were told it was in preparation for timber extraction.



*NOTE THE JCB IN THE BACKGROUND!*





## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 08-Dec-14 11:37 PM GMT

Hi All,

As the Purple Emperor season waned we went back to Botany Bay on 1st Aug. this year for the second brood of Wood Whites and they were quite plentiful and all very fresh. By late afternoon we could stop chasing them as they became more settled, allowing very close approach. Courting and mating was taking place all around us. One of the most enjoyable days this year.



*Wood Whites Botany Bay/Tugley Wood 1st august 2014*





## Re: Trevor

by Wurzel, 09-Dec-14 10:52 PM GMT

Lovely Wood Whites Trevor – a species I missed out this year 🍷

Have a goodun

Wurzel

## Re: Trevor

by keving, 10-Dec-14 11:45 AM GMT

Trevor,

Enjoyed your photo of the Swallowtail. It must have been an exciting moment. Also liked the Red Admiral in Beckley Wood. As for Wood Whites, this is a species that I have never seen in the UK. This is also true of the Purple Emperor. Are these two species ever on the wing at the same time at Botany Bay or is there an agonising gap between the two?

Regards Kev

## Re: Trevor

by keving, 12-Dec-14 12:08 PM GMT

Thanks for reply on Botany Bay. Two visits it is then.

Kev

## Re: Trevor

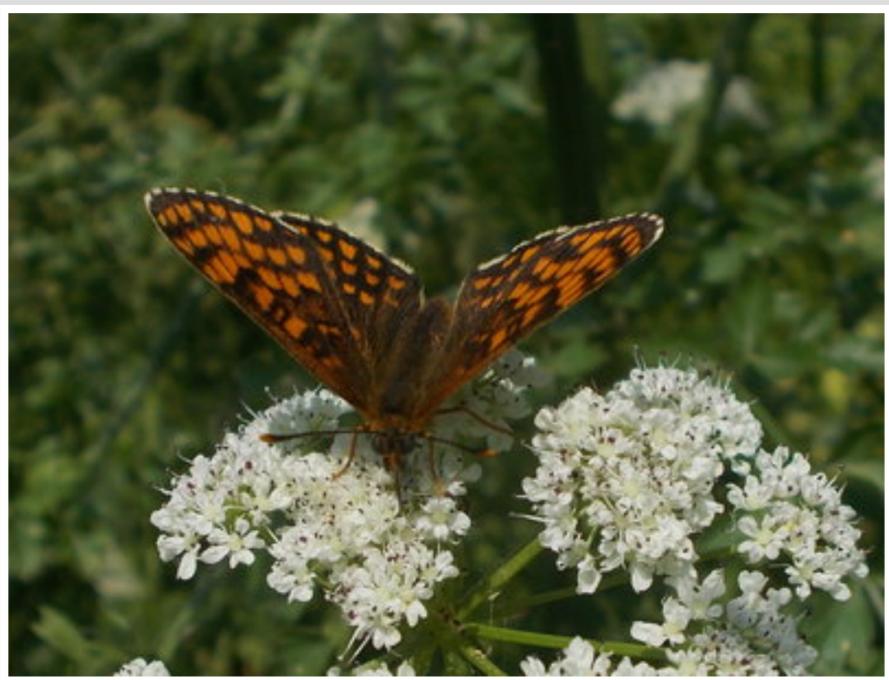
by trevor, 14-Dec-14 04:46 PM GMT

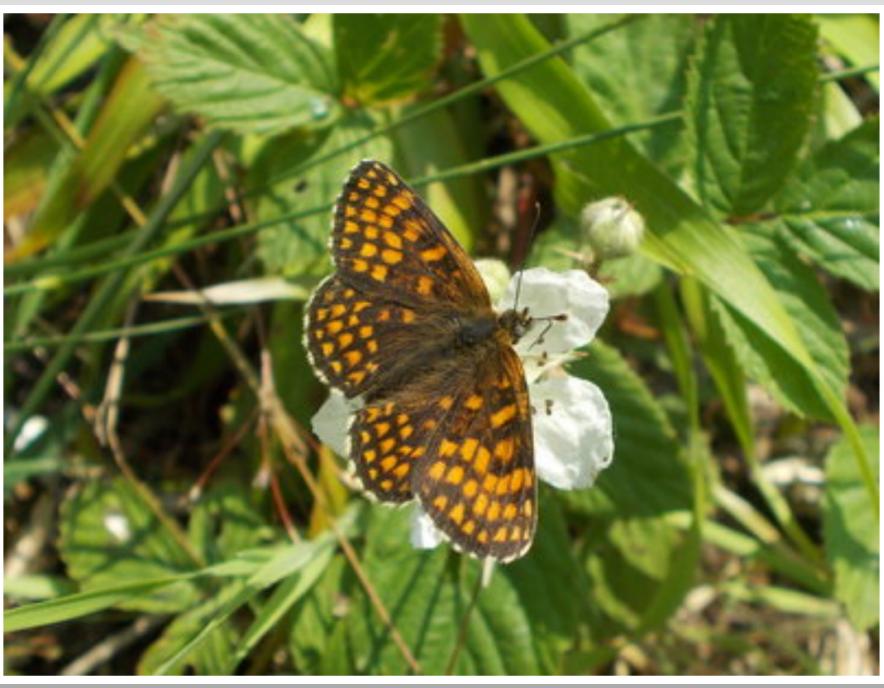
HI All,

Here are some images of the Heath Fritillary at East Blean woods near Canterbury .It is an ideal Butterfly for those who like the easy life,no long hikes or hours of searching,just drive into the car park [and if you're feeling really lazy] wind down the window and start shooting!.

At least on the day we went they were fluttering around the car,and were there in some numbers.

all the best,  
TREVOR







### Re: Trevor

by Wurzel, 14-Dec-14 10:18 PM GMT

Cracking stuff Trevor 🍷 They're on my hit list for next year for definite, mind you I've been saying that for the last 3 years 🤔🤔

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Trevor

by Goldie M, 15-Dec-14 02:09 PM GMT

Hi! Trevor, when did you go to East Blean Woods? I went there in July about the 12th or 13th and saw only a couple of Heath Frits and the People there said they'd been few and far between this year, I'm so pleased to hear you saw loads of them but curious to know just when, usually like you say the car parks full of them, at least I got some shots Goldie 😊

### Re: Trevor

by trevor, 17-Dec-14 04:28 PM GMT

Hi All

Spring flowers before Christmas! two scenes from my garden today.

TREVOR.





*GALANTHUS 'COLOSUS'*

## Re: Trevor

by trevor, 25-Dec-14 01:14 PM GMT

HI All

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

What will 2015 bring?. One thing that can never be predicted, is how the new season will pan out. For some of us the hope of finding a new species will be high on the list, but will the weather behave when that species is on the wing ?. Will that elusive species appear at the right moment before our camera for that longed for shot of a lifetime.

For me a Purple Hairstreak is near the top of the list. The large Oak (pictured here) at the bottom of my garden is usually host to a large colony of this frustrating species, I have yet to find one at a low level.

Whatever your quest,may 2015 be the year it happens!! 😊

Best wishes

TREVOR



## Re: Trevor

by PhilJohnson, 27-Dec-14 08:24 AM GMT

.It is an ideal Butterfly for those who like the easy life,no long hikes or hours of searching,just drive into the car park [and if you're feeling really lazy] wind down the window and start shooting!.

Hi Trevor,

"the mind boggles. I have never **shot** a butterfly and am always try to be very careful when talking about **catching one** or[b]pinning one[b] (although I did catch one once on a dandelion before shooting with a camera).

Any more jokes with double meanings? 😊 or maybe just a "like button" 😊 Best wishes,  
Philip