

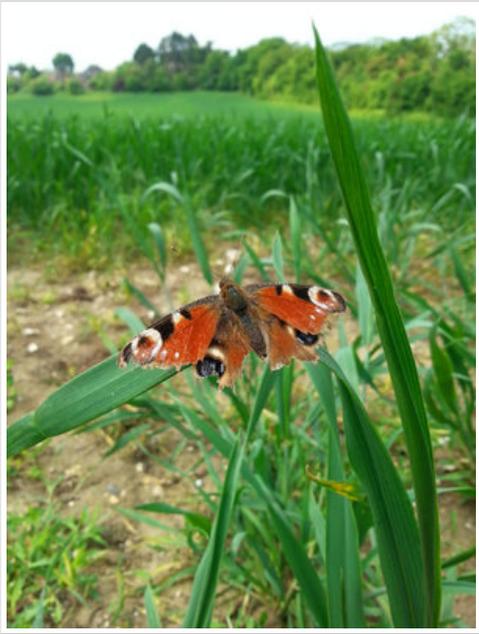
**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Nov-15 07:55 AM GMT

So it's high time I caught up!

**17th May 2014 - Part One**

At this point, still using my phone.



*I may be bruised, I may be battered. But this field is still mine. Peacock, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Stretching out. Small Tortoiseshell larvae, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Small Blue, mating pair, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 14th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 20-Nov-15 02:37 AM GMT

Great Blue shots Lee, the SB is on my list for next year Goldie 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 20-Nov-15 05:24 AM GMT

Welcome back, Lee! Eighteen months to catch up – that even puts Wurzel in the shade... 😊😊

Great Small Blues, too, and not far from me either. I must check them out some time.

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 20-Nov-15 05:35 AM GMT

**"millerd" wrote:**

Welcome back, Lee! Eighteen months to catch up – that even puts Wurzel in the shade.

LOL!

Joking aside, it's really good to see you back on here, Lee, and I look forward to catching up on your sightings.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 21-Nov-15 05:57 AM GMT

Eighteen months behind 😬 I can put me feet up now then 😊 Good to see you back – at least we'll have plenty to read over the winter now 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Susie, 21-Nov-15 06:14 AM GMT

Good to see you back, Lee.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 22-Nov-15 02:08 AM GMT

Thank you all, good to be back 😊

**17th May 2014 – Part 2 and Denbies Part 2**

Howell Hill is my favourite local spot and I can walk there. Denbies is a short drive away but always a pleasure.



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Nope, nothing to see here. You haven't seen me... Dingy Skipper, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Dingy Skipper, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Mating Five Spot Burnet moths, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, female, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*



*Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 17th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 22-Nov-15 05:26 AM GMT

This is going to be a long and welcome sequence during the winter I hope, Lee?

Reflections upon TWO summers should keep us motivated for next spring!

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 22-Nov-15 08:31 PM GMT

**"David M" wrote:**

This is going to be a long and welcome sequence during the winter I hope, Lee?

It is, David. I'm enjoying the memories evoked and looking forward to spring. 😊

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 29-Nov-15 08:48 AM GMT

**May 18th 2014 - Part 1**

Warren Farm in Ewell is another site near me that hosts Small Blue. It is a lovely place. There is a small side field where the Small Blue live, next to a huge open field which in turn borders Nonsuch Park.



*Small Blue, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Small Blue, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

You don't need to go far to find them, along with Brown Argus, Common Blue and Small Copper.



*Small Copper, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Brown Argus, male, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Brown Argus, mating pair, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 30-Nov-15 04:27 AM GMT

Another nice and bright report to get us through the dull and gloomy winter, keep em coming 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 30-Nov-15 04:53 AM GMT

Thanks Wurz. Plenty more to come...

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 30-Nov-15 05:09 AM GMT

Splendid stuff, Lee. I shall sit back and enjoy, and look hopefully forward a few months. Only three weeks and counting to the shortest day now...

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

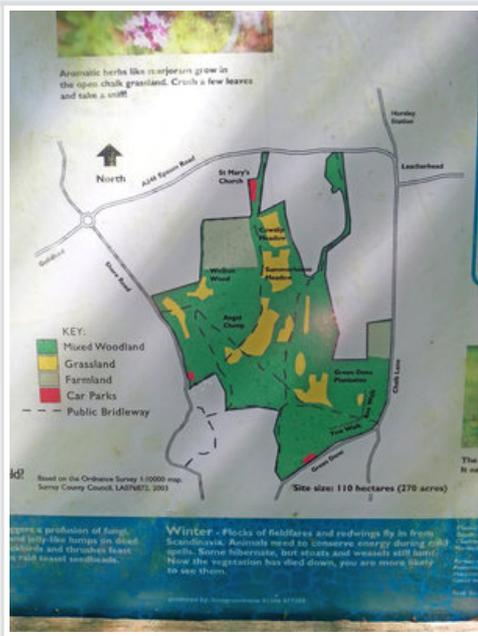
by Lee Hurrell, 30-Nov-15 05:53 AM GMT

**May 18th 2014 - Part 2**

Shepleas is a site in Surrey that I had read a lot about from the local branch magazine. It is located just past West Horsley, between Leatherhead and Guildford on the A243. It contains a nettle meadow, which the branch had been trying to make a second reserve (the first being Oaken Wood, in Chiddingfold Forest), in which a lot of Nymphalids breed. The nettle meadow is just one field in a wider complex of meadows and woodland, each with

its own fauna. It sounded delightful.

The nettle meadow is the light green square, top left.



*Sheeples, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

On the way into the meadow, there was a fresh Speckled Wood dancing in the dappled sunlight.



*Speckled Wood, Sheeples, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Speckled Wood, Sheeples, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Speckled Wood, Sheepleas, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

It was a lovely site, bordered by a hedge on one side and woodland on the other three. Each corner was wild and the middle was full of grass and nettles.



*Sheepleas, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

I only saw one Nymphalid in the nettle meadow in the end, a battered Small Tortoiseshell. However, in the adjacent Cowslip Meadow I had a lovely surprise – a freshly emerged Comma guarding one corner. 18th May was early for a summer brood but not unprecedented. It turned out Small Tortoiseshell and Comma had already been reported for a few days.



*Comma, summer brood, Sheepleas, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Comma, summer brood, Sheepleas, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 30-Nov-15 05:55 AM GMT

**"millerd" wrote:**

Splendid stuff, Lee. I shall sit back and enjoy, and look hopefully forward a few months. Only three weeks and counting to the shortest day now...

Dave

Thanks Dave. Remember when I bumped into you at Bentley Wood? That's coming up 😊

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 30-Nov-15 06:21 AM GMT

I do indeed, Lee. 25th May. 😊

(I did have to look that up...)

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 01-Dec-15 07:16 AM GMT

**18th May 2014 - Part 3 and Denbies Part 3**

My third sunset in a row at Denbies.



*Dingy Skipper, Denbies, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, mating pair, Denbies, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, female, Denbies, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, two males, Denbies, Surrey, 18th May 2014*



*Celebratory '99', Denbies, Surrey, 18th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 01-Dec-15 06:21 PM GMT

Love the mating pair Lee, the Butterfly Ice Cream takes my vote though 😊 Goldie 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Neil Freeman, 02-Dec-15 04:42 AM GMT

Sunshine...Blue Skies...Ahhhh!

Hi Lee, some cracking catch-up reports and great photos, just the tonic for wet and windy winter nights 😊

Cheers,

Neil.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 02-Dec-15 06:16 AM GMT

More warming/brightening shots Lee 😊 It never ceases to amuse me – gorgeous butterfly on a minging lump of dog poo 😊😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 07-Dec-15 01:27 AM GMT

Thank you all 😊

Best,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 07-Dec-15 02:58 AM GMT

**23rd May 2014 – Part 1**

A return visit to Hutchinson's Bank, near New Addington. I went to find a fritillary, but today was all about the blues.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Small Heath, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blues, mating pair, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

This female Common Blue was possibly one of the most beautiful I've seen. The markings were striking and the photo doesn't do her justice. I found her just as some clouds came over and having seen how stunning she was, I spent a long time waiting for this view.



*Common Blue, female, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

While this male chose a beautiful place to rest.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 07-Dec-15 07:01 AM GMT

More great winter warmers Lee – I especially like the Small Heath 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 08-Dec-15 02:06 AM GMT

**"Wurzel" wrote:**

More great winter warmers Lee – I especially like the Small Heath

Me too. It's evidently in 'just disturbed' mode.

The female Common Blue is a beauty too.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 08-Dec-15 07:05 AM GMT

Thanks both!

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 08-Dec-15 07:46 AM GMT

23rd May 2014 – Part 2



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

There was another beautifully marked female:



*Common Blue, female, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

One more fresh male.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Small Blue, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

So today was all about the blues. I did see one Fritillary in the end, but it wasn't stopping for a photo. I did see these mating Buff Tips though.



*Buff Tips, mating pair, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*



*Blue and Fritillary habitat, Hutchinson's Bank, Croydon, Surrey, 23rd May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 09-Dec-15 01:45 AM GMT

Those Buff Tips sure play tricks on the eyes, Lee. For a couple of seconds I thought I was seeing a piece of gnarled wood.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 09-Dec-15 08:02 AM GMT

They're great, aren't they, David?

Marvellous disguise.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 12-Dec-15 06:19 AM GMT

So that's what the legendary Hutchinson's Bank looks like, I'll have to try and make a trip there this year as it's been several years since my last Glannies

😄 Great shots from the most recent report especially those Buff-tips 🌿🌿

Have a goodun

Wurzel