

## Re: PhilBWright

by PhilBJohnson, 27-Mar-16 04:59 AM GMT

I thought that:

"Good Friday really was good for counting butterflies in Lincolnshire. According to my notes on my mobile phone: 6 different species.

Small Tortoiseshell 10  
Brimstone 8  
Peacock 6  
Comma 2  
Red Admiral 1  
Small White 1

On 17th March, I was involved in the making of a YouTube video and returned to a similar location on Friday. I will update this later after editing my pictures to make them fit the required size.

I will upload some pictures soon but who can give me an idea as to why I recorded a Small White so early on in the Spring?

I followed it for a very long distance in a field just to make sure it wasn't an orange Tip, Green -veined White and that I got a record shot.

"Orange sky at night, mobile phone delight. Blue sky at night, Shepherd hasn't got enough sleep !"

## Re: PhilBWright

by PhilBJohnson, 21-Jun-16 09:12 AM GMT

I apologise for being 3 months late. - 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR5rseoC9kk>

The date in my camera properties can be changed. I like cameras with that mobile broadband technology that sets time and date GPS remotely. Micro climatic conditions are also very important for Spring Butterflies. BBC weather of 8 degrees Celsius can be 15 degrees in a sheltered corner.

I saw it and my wife watched in amazement as I followed it half way across a field and almost out of sight just to get a record picture with my zoom lens in Bracebridge Heath, Lincolnshire.



"Hot pursuit - Melissa's mobile phone picture"



"Small Cabbage White" 25th March  
Warm Regards.

## Re: PhilBWright

by PhilBJohnson, 01-Jul-16 12:55 AM GMT

Welcome July !

On 30th June last year I photographically recorded my first Purple Emperor Butterfly for that year at Bookham Common.

This year was simply spent with my beautiful Wife in Lincolnshire. We found some feisty Speckled Wood Butterflies and was continuing to use the relatively new slow motion technology on the iPhone. Please take time to view this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhJ9\\_0UZ\\_p4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhJ9_0UZ_p4&feature=youtu.be)

The iPhone 6 plus' camera is capable of some amazing insect footage and above is an example of what can be done.

**Re: PhilBwright**

by Wurzel, 01-Jul-16 09:57 PM GMT

Interesting video Phil - I'll have to have a look at what my iPod can do 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: PhilBwright**

by PhilBJohnson, 09-Jul-16 10:18 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel,

I am accumulating quite a number of video clips on my iPhone, some of which show good detail in slow motion when displayed even up to a 50" TV ! The free app I have acquired for my iPhone is called iMovie. To insert a picture in the movie, I processed the clips again through the Microsoft 2011 movie maker which I used in 2014 for Purple Emperor and Hairstreak butterflies "hilltopping". Using the Apple device and app, then saving to PC and then using Microsoft movie maker seems to suit my requirements.

Here is the video link of summer brood Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies filmed locally in Lincolnshire:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bE28wUuvm0>

Watching butterflies in detailed slow motion can be awe inspiring, we think.



*My Wife Melissa by the Old Washingborough Railway Station, Water Rail Way, Lincolnshire.*

Warm Regards

**Re: PhilBwright**

by PhilBJohnson, 15-Jul-16 09:30 PM GMT

We are in Surrey for my parents Golden Wedding Anniversary so we couldn't resist a trip back to Bookham Common. This morning started off Sunny with lots of activity on the Common. I was upbeat as I was winning 3:2 with the horse fly swats to bite ratio (I apologise if you are a horse fly lover). 😊 It was really good for me to see the Silver Washed Fritillary and the White Admirals again as Lincolnshire is mostly farmland and does not provide so much habitat for such lovely species.

As the weather turned cooler and cloudy, the butterflies headed for the tree canopies to rest. To be fair, there were not loads of White admirals or Silver Washed Fritillary to be seen so I was very fortunate to be taking a picture of one WA when another flew past but instead of disturbing the first nectaring individual, it landed on the bramble flower next to it. I realised that this was today a scarce opportunity so I am delighted with this picture:



*White Admirals*

"This is my kind of two for one"

Warm regards

## Re: PhilBWright

by PhilBJohnson, 22-Jul-16 05:25 PM GMT

Following a good time at Box Hill in Surrey among the Marbled White Butterflies and Dark Green Fritillary, I have had some time to complete a compilation of video clips taken at Hartsholme Park in Lincolnshire and post to youtube. We took advantage of the right microclimatic conditions on 20th April to let the comma butterfly land on us as we stood within its sunlit and sheltered territory.

We were quite excited as the butterfly landed on the charity badge daffodil in Melissa's hair...

(this video was re-edited & posted on youtube again in April 2017. Here is the updated link- a better quality finished product, we think:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v977jrVx1W0> )

We hope you find the above link very entertaining.

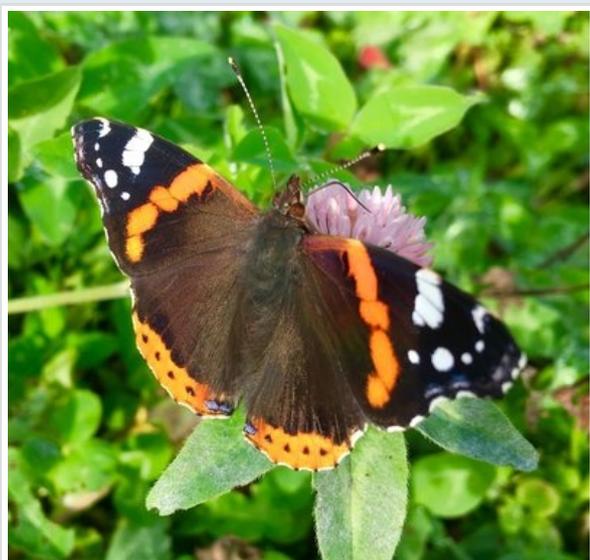


## Re: PhilBWright

by PhilBJohnson, 07-Nov-16 11:18 AM GMT



*Ashing Lane Nature Reserve, Lincolnshire*



*Red Admiral Butterfly on October 31st*

Ashing Lane nature reserve, Dunholme, a new nature reserve planted in 2009 comprising of meadows and woodland and managed by Nettleham Woodland Trust.

**Re: PhilBWright**

by Wurzel, 08-Nov-16 10:25 PM GMT

Cracking shot of the Red Admiral Phil 😊 The reserve looks mighty fine too 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: PhilBWright**

by Goldie M, 11-Nov-16 01:15 PM GMT

I second Wurzel, lovely shot and the NR looks inviting Goldie 😊

**Re: PhilBWright**

by PhilBJohnson, 22-Nov-16 02:48 PM GMT

Thanks Guys,

I am currently having fun creating some short videos with footage captured with my iPhone 6. The Red Admiral picture above was also captured on my mobile phone.

Here is one of a Ringlet in flight. I think you will find that it is different from what most people present but mobile phone footage is being used more now...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qztD3-Qe\\_4Y&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qztD3-Qe_4Y&feature=youtu.be)

Kind Regards

**Re: PhilBWright**

by David M, 23-Nov-16 09:15 PM GMT

Like it, Phil! Amazing how it negotiates all those grass blades.

**Re: PhilBWright**

by PhilBJohnson, 09-Dec-16 09:22 PM GMT

Thanks David. Ringlet harassment was kept to a minimum ! 😊😊😊

Another video clip I've made on my mobile phone and only just got a chance to process it is of the Orange Tip Butterfly. I have many fond Spring memories with these butterflies. It's just amazing how docile they can be on a warm spring day when a cloud moves in front of the sun but as soon as the sun reappears, they are off !

(this video was removed from UK butterflies by myself in April 2017 as I am in the process of making a better, updated video)

Kind Regards

**Re: PhilBWright**

by PhilBJohnson, 23-Dec-16 09:16 PM GMT

<https://youtu.be/Xjhrz8qW-Q>

Above is a link to a compilation of Green-veined White video clips, mostly in flight. What is noticeable in slow motion is that the Butterflies wingtips don't always stay rigid.

To use a tennis analogy:

"a mobile phone's hawk eye technology is improving !"

The Orange Tip V Green-veined White clips towards the end are not quite as good quality because the clips were taken further away to keep the butterflies within the frame, then cropped during the editing process to make them appear closer.

Merry Christmas.