

## j-d welch

by j-d welch, 11-Oct-16 12:28 AM GMT

Just a quick hello from me jd.welch and thank you for accepting my registered membership...

I have been a great fan of this website for several years, it is a brilliant resource and over the last few years it has helped me to understand that I have a healthy obsession that is growing by the year. I enjoy different types of photography but come the spring the 105mm lens comes out and " la chasse aux papillons " starts...

Recently having checked UKB for a Brown Hairstreak site near to Taunton; I finally chose Thurlbear Quarrylands as a likely spot; so over the last weekend in August I managed a couple of visits on the 27th & the 29th; thanks to UKB and the information that I had gleaned, I had an enjoyable couple of walks but more importantly I captured the following:





what a fabulous couple of days and thanks to UKB I saw and captured my first ever Brown Hairstreak...I literally skipped out of the Thurlbear quarrylands after that and I'm still excited about it now but most people I tell about this adventure just smile n nod slightly condescendingly and say " well isn't that nice " well it was actually and I even saw my first couple of clouded yellow in the UK for good measure. An unforgettable experience and I will be visiting Thurlbear woods n Quarrylands next year for sure...  
Kind regards, jd

**Re: newly registered member...**

by trevor, 11-Oct-16 09:02 AM GMT

A warm welcome from me J D.  
Looking forward to more from you. That last image of the Clouded Yellow on Ragwort is stunning !.  
The Clouded Yellow has shown well in Sussex this Summer/Autumn.

All the best,  
Trevor.

**Re: newly registered member...**

by Tony Moore, 11-Oct-16 02:33 PM GMT

I remember waiting in the cloud and occasional rain for six hours on Witherslack, hoping to see my first High Brown Fritillary. At 4.15 there was a flash of sun and an HBF appeared and landed on a small conifer right in front of me. I photographed it with closed wings. As the sun brightened it opened its wings momentarily for an upper shot and sped off to the top of a nearby tree. I walked the two miles back to the car through peeing rain about four feet off the ground 😊 . Difficult to explain to non-butterflies...

Tony M.

**Re: newly registered member...**

by David M, 11-Oct-16 07:34 PM GMT

Welcome, JD. Looking forward to seeing your future posts.

**Re: newly registered member...**

by William, 11-Oct-16 11:24 PM GMT

Welcome, JD! Nice to hear from a fellow Somerset member, you did well to find the Brown Hairstreaks at Thurlbear, not always an easy butterfly - let me know if you need any information about butterflying in the county.

BWs,

William

**Re: newly registered member...**

by Goldie M, 12-Oct-16 10:29 AM GMT

Welcome JD, great shots to start you off, Goldie 😊

**Re: newly registered member...**

by j-d welch, 13-Oct-16 10:54 PM GMT

**trevor wrote:**

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Many thanks for your welcome and comments, Trevor

**Re: newly registered member...**

by j-d welch, 13-Oct-16 11:05 PM GMT

**Tony Moore wrote:**

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absolutely, the thrill n joy of a first encounter ( having set out to see n capture a particular butterfly ) and you manage a few good shots as well.....now that is a flippin good day so I am with you all the way Tony. By the way I haven't seen a High brown Fritillary as of yet, so next year I will remember your tale....good to make your acquaintance and I look forward to following your diary n posts; Kind regards, jd

**Re: newly registered member...**

by j-d welch, 13-Oct-16 11:07 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

Welcome, JD. Looking forward to seeing your future posts.

Thank you David for your welcome and I will undoubtedly look forward to seeing your posts as well, kind regards, jd

**Re: newly registered member...**

by j-d welch, 13-Oct-16 11:12 PM GMT

**William wrote:**

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William

Many thanks William, I will definitely keep you to that offer no doubt, I am a relative newcomer to Somerset ( my girl friend has just moved there and I will follow shortly) so I will certainly need some good pointers next year; I look forward to seeing your posts in the meantime; kind regards, jd

**Re: newly registered member...**

by j-d welch, 13-Oct-16 11:15 PM GMT

**Goldie M wrote:**

Welcome JD, great shots to start you off, Goldie 😊

Many thanks Goldie, for your kind comments and welcome; I look forward to following n seeing your posts; kind regards, jd

**Re: newly registered member...**

by Wurzel, 15-Oct-16 09:58 PM GMT

A belated welcome JD 😊 Great shoots to start off on 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel