

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 24-Jan-16 04:22 PM GMT

Thanks Wurze.

I'd recommend going if you can, it is a fantastic site.

You might recognise the site in the next report...

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 24-Jan-16 07:02 PM GMT

**25th May 2014 or, A Trip Out West Part 1**

I'd only ever seen one Marsh Fritillary before today. This was at a UKB photo workshop in Hampshire, luckily enough in the company of Pete, who confirmed the ID. It had long been a species I wanted to spend more time with. With thanks to Wurzel, who gave me directions, I set off for the day to explore a new site.

Upon arrival, the first thing I saw was a male Orange Tip and several Green Hairstreaks, who were commanding the best perches along the path up to the site.



*Green Hairstreak, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
I was also befriended by a Dingy Skipper.



*Dingy Skipper, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
Then, the first of many Marsh Fritillaries 😊



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
This is the path.



*Marsh Fritillary site, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
I was lucky, there were many about and more as I climbed up.



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
The other locals were just as friendly.



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
Just as you reached the top was probably the best place on the site, they were everywhere but the wind made things difficult.



*Marsh Fritillary site, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillaries, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*

The variety in each individual was staggering. Some with black spots, some without, some with yellow spots, some without. Some with both black *and* yellow spots. I soon realised that no two individuals were alike.



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
Although the sun coming out made a big difference.



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
The view from the top.



*Marsh Fritillary site, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
Below the slope was a little meadow where more Green Hairstreaks and Marsh Fritillaries could be found along with some Adonis, Small and Common Blues, Brown Argus and my first Painted Lady of the year.



*Green Hairstreak, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Adonis Blue, male, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Dingy Skipper, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Marsh Fritillary, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*

The Marsh Fritillary is a lovely butterfly and I thoroughly enjoyed my time on this fantastic site. My thanks to Wurzel.

I left as I begun, surrounded by Green Hairstreaks.



*Green Hairstreak, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by bugboy, 24-Jan-16 08:59 PM GMT

Enjoying your recent posts Lee, not least because it looks like we shared similar May's. I too enjoyed some lovely visits to Hutchinsons Bank for the Glanvilles and I was at Wurzels Wiltshire Wonderland 5 days after your visit, obviously having a very similar experience 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 24-Jan-16 09:12 PM GMT

Thanks Bugboy, much appreciated!

I did have a wonderful May, butterfly wise, in 2014.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 24-Jan-16 09:56 PM GMT

Glad to have been of assistance Lee, it looks like you filled your boots with butterflies, almost literally in the case of that Dingy 😊 Cracking shots 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 24-Jan-16 10:11 PM GMT

Thanks again, Wurzel 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 25-Jan-16 02:16 PM GMT

Lovely shots of the Marsh Frit Lee, I've only seen them once before and didn't get many shots so it's a pleasure to see yours I think that's another site I must go to. Goldie 😊 PS can you tell me the name of the site, I'm going South in June and maybe I'll get that way 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by bugboy, 25-Jan-16 05:34 PM GMT

**Lee Hurrell wrote:**

Thanks Bugboy, much appreciated!

I did have a wonderful May, butterfly wise, in 2014.

Best wishes,

Lee

haha, I didn't read your report properly, I was there in 2015 so I was at wurzels place 1 year and 5 days after you 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by trevor, 25-Jan-16 09:39 PM GMT

Hi Lee,

I was at C.H. five days before you, but unlike you I had never seen even one Marsh Fritillary. As soon as the tree lined footpath, from the road, opened out into downland my first Marshie was spotted. I had no need to climb the hill as the clearing to the left of the path produced more Butterflies than I could handle in one session. Your excellent report has brought back memories of a very magical day, even if I did have to leave the site early owing to a possible problem with the car.

Wishing you a good 2016 season,  
Trevor.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 25-Jan-16 10:10 PM GMT

Really enjoying your spring/summer scenes, Lee, even though they're a fair few months old.

Keep 'em coming. We all need a bit of a lift when the weather outdoors is so austere.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Neil Freeman, 29-Jan-16 08:58 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

Really enjoying your spring/summer scenes, Lee, even though they're a fair few months old.

Keep 'em coming. We all need a bit of a lift when the weather outdoors is so austere.

I absolutely agree...great report and photos Lee 😊

Cheers,

Neil

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 30-Jan-16 11:23 PM GMT

Thank you all for your kind words. As ever, much appreciated 😊

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 31-Jan-16 12:18 AM GMT

**25th May 2014 or, A Trip Out West Part 2**

After enjoying a morning full of Marsh Fritillaries, my afternoon was spent enjoying two other Fritillaries; next stop was Bentley Wood.

Before today I had only seen Small Pearl Bordered Fritillaries on one occasion, at Park Wood in East Sussex. In what was becoming a (pleasant) theme, I bumped into Millerd and two of his boys. I've bumped into Dave quite a lot before – at Aston Rowant, Botany Bay, Fairmile Common and now at Bentley Wood, each time unplanned. We spent a lovely couple of hours with the Fritillaries.

Both Pearl Bordered and Small Pearl Bordered were flying. Pearls were mostly past their best but the Small Pearls were fresh.



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
A couple of Grizzled Skippers were in the clearing.



*Grizzled Skipper, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Grizzled Skipper, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
A pair of Pearl Bordered Fritillaries were courting.



*Pearl Bordered Fritillary, courting pair, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
One of Dave's boys found this caterpillar and I can't remember what it is now...



*Unknown caterpillar, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
Small Pearls really are beautiful.



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
There were also a few beautiful Argent & Sable moths.



*Argent & Sable, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
I was really happy with this photo.



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*  
This one too, but I couldn't choose between these two!



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 25th May 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 31-Jan-16 12:32 PM GMT

I remember that day well, Lee. 😊 I recognise that somewhat crumpled Grizzled Skipper too. Great shots to bring the memories back... 😊

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Mike Robinson, 31-Jan-16 06:49 PM GMT

Some lovely pictures ...

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 31-Jan-16 10:23 PM GMT

Cracking shots Lee – especially the stained glass ones – I wouldn't mind a few of those in my collection 🍷👍

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 01-Feb-16 12:01 PM GMT

Love the shots Lee, I'm trying this year to get a shot of a Grizzled Skipper, not got any yet, don't suppose there's any in Kent is there? Goldie 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 02-Feb-16 09:23 PM GMT

Thanks Dave, Mike, Wurzel and Goldie! 😊

Goldie, there are quite a few sites for Grizzled Skipper in Kent, are you visiting? I can recommend a few, if you wish. They are mainly along the north downs. I found a colony of my own when I lived in Kent a few years ago, which was lovely!

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 05-Feb-16 06:57 PM GMT

Hi! Lee, I don't think I'll be in Kent until middle of August, if there's any around then I'd love to know where, I expect I'll be much too late then, but I'd love to see a LTB, also we plan to go to Sussex for a couple of days to look for BH's, while we're down there , It's going to be all go 🍷👍 Goldie 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 16-Mar-16 10:48 PM GMT

Hi Goldie, you will be to late for Grizzled Skipper by then but you will see plenty of summer butterflies. Have a lovely time.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 16-Mar-16 11:21 PM GMT

**31st May 2014 – Part 1**

A slightly longer trip out today in hope of an early Heath Fritillary in Kent. I had never been to East Blean Woods before and I had never seen Heath Fritillary in England.

It's a lovely place and I had it all to myself.



*East Blean Woods, Kent, 31st May 2014*



*East Blean Woods, Kent, 31st May 2014*  
I found some nice wildlife, but no Heath Fritillaries.





Finally, I did find just the one Heath Fritillary, just not in the form I had hoped for. Still, I'm counting it 😊 A very handsome cat it was too.



*Heath Fritillary, final in-star larva, East Blean Woods, Kent, 31st May 2014*



*Heath Fritillary, final in-star larva, East Blean Woods, Kent, 31st May 2014*

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 17-Mar-16 12:15 AM GMT

**31st May 2014 - Part 2**

I called into Hutchinson's Bank on the way home but the weather was not in my favour. Still, there was plenty to see.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*  
This was a wonderfully marked male upperside, with quite a thick black border.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*  
While this different male, had a vivid underside.



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*



*Cinnabar, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*



*Small Blue, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 31st May 2014*

## Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 04-Oct-16 08:32 PM GMT

It is that time of year when I finally find some spare time. Onward with the catching up... 😊

### 1st June 2014 – Part 1

In the hope of an early silver stud, I visited what is now a fairly local site, Fairmile Common. No silver or studs, but lots of green and hair on offer. I saw five in total.



*Green Hairstreak, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Green Hairstreak, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Green Hairstreak, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Green Hairstreak in context, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Fairmile Common, Surrey, 1st June 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 04-Oct-16 10:12 PM GMT

Hi, Lee. It's been a while... The sort of catching up you have to do puts Wurzel to shame! 😊

Spectacular wild roses on that site – I photographed them a year earlier in 2013 when looking for SSB.

Cheers,

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 05-Oct-16 09:10 PM GMT

I agree Dave 😊 Mind you Lee you are catching me up – I better get a wriggle on! 😳😅

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 06-Oct-16 10:06 PM GMT

I'm relying on your backlog to keep me going through the winter, Lee!

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 07-Oct-16 01:16 PM GMT

Thanks Dave, Wurzel and David.

I will try to keep you going 😊 More to come over the weekend.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 10-Oct-16 12:15 AM GMT

**1st June 2014 - Part 2**

Another local site, which is thankfully within walking distance, is Howell Hill. It's a Local Nature Reserve and an important site for Small Blue. I walk through some lovely field edges to get there, which are abundant with flowers and extra habitat.

I can almost guarantee Small Tortoiseshells and Peacocks along here.



*Peacock, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*  
Common Blues are also found here.



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*  
This male lacks the usual cell spot that distinguishes between Common and Chapman's Blue.



*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*  
Inside Howell Hill, Small Blues are everywhere.



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Small Blue, mating pair, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Small Blue, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*

Common Blues are also frequent and usually include some stunningly blue females.



*Common Blue, female, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*



*Common Blue, female, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 1st June 2014*  
Howell Hill is also a haven for orchids and there are many varieties to be found here.







**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 10-Oct-16 10:41 PM GMT

Cracking shots Lee. That female Blue is a beaut and lovely Small Blues 😊🇩🇪 Your male Common Blue is really interesting as not only does it lack the cell spot but also the orange lunules are very pale, almost non-existent...interesting ab 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 13-Oct-16 09:50 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel.

*Icarus* certainly is a variable species.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 13-Oct-16 09:56 PM GMT

**1st June 2014 – last part**

This beautiful White Ermine came to light in Epsom, during the evening.



*White Ermine, Epsom, Surrey, 1st June 2014*

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 13-Oct-16 10:48 PM GMT

**6th June 2014 – Fairmile Common**

A quick evening visit to Fairmile Common for Silver Studded Blues proved fruitless but I did find this lovely Common Heath.



*Common Heath, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 6th June 2014  
7th / 8th June 2014 – Leicestershire*

I was visiting family on the outskirts of Leicester, where the suburbs meet the countryside in a lovely location.



*Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014  
Here, I found my first Large Skippers of the year.*



*Large Skipper, male, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 7th June 2014*



*Large Skipper pair, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014*



*Large Skipper, male, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014*



*Large Skipper, male, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014*



*Large Skipper habitat, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014*  
I also found a Cinnabar moth trying to hide.



*Cinnabar, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 7th June 2014*  
A couple of new brood Small Tortoiseshells and a huge Peacock were also here.



*Small Tortoiseshell, Thurcaston Park, Leicestershire, 8th June 2014*

On the way home, I popped into Fairmile Common once more. I bumped into Dave Miller, who is always a pleasure to meet and we met a lot in 2014!

Thankfully, the Silver Studded Blues were also there.



*Silver Studded Blue, female, Fairmile Common, 8th June 2014*



*Silver Studded Blue, female, Fairmile Common, 8th June 2014*



*Silver Studded Blue, female, Fairmile Common, 8th June 2014*

## **Re: Lee Hurrell**

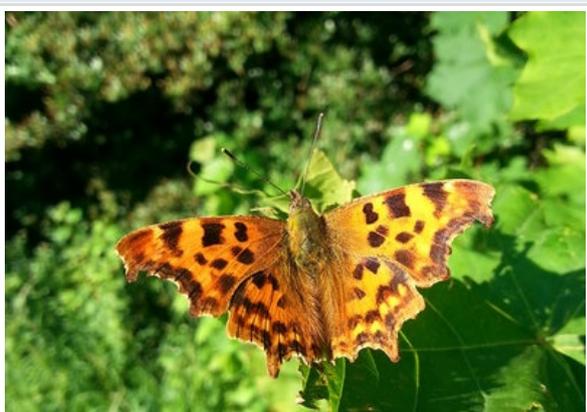
by Lee Hurrell, 14-Oct-16 11:23 PM GMT

**13th June 2014 - Howell Hill**

An evening trip to Howell Hill, my favourite local spot.



*Small Tortoiseshell, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014*



*Comma, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014*



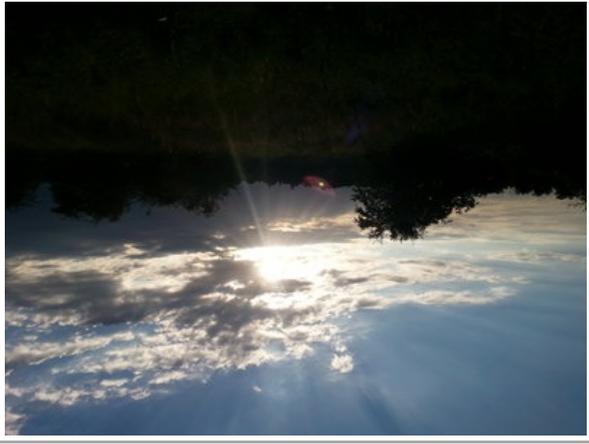
*Common Blue, male, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014*



*Small Heath, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014*



*Pyramidal Orchid, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014*



Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 13th June 2014

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 17-Oct-16 09:18 PM GMT

Keep 'em coming, Lee! They may be more than a year out of date but already they're making me yearn for next spring. 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 17-Oct-16 09:58 PM GMT

Hi Lee - I remember that visit to Fairmile Common and have a few photos of that female too - in fact wasn't she the only one there that day? No males at all, which seemed odd at the time... 😊

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Oct-16 09:51 PM GMT

I will, David - there's plenty more to come! 😊😊

Dave, this was the only one I photographed that day (and have a few photos of you photographing her) although my notebook lists one male seen as well. That might have been after you left though, I seem to recall you were there when I arrived and left before I did. Quite early in the flight period I suspect.

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Oct-16 10:07 PM GMT

**15th June 2014 - Further Fairmile**

A week on and males Silver Studs were more in evidence, although not many as the weather wasn't great.



Silver Studded Blue, male, Fairmile Common, 15th June 2014



*Silver Studded Blue, male, Fairmile Common, 15th June 2014*

I also found two Beautiful Yellow Underwing caterpillars, which are as stunning as the adults. They live on moorland and feed on heather.



*Beautiful Yellow Underwing caterpillar, Fairmile Common, 15th June 2014*

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by millerd, 19-Oct-16 10:38 PM GMT

[quote="Lee Hurrell"

Dave, this was the only one I photographed that day (and have a few photos of you photographing her)

Lee[/quote]

I'm really glad you didn't post any of those, Lee! 😊

Dave

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Oct-16 10:46 PM GMT

**20th June 2014**

Another beautiful sunny evening at Howell Hill, in Ewell, Surrey.

Two of three Small Tortoiseshells sunbathing on the field margins on the way to the reserve.



*Small Tortoiseshell, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*



*Small Tortoiseshell, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*  
Howell Hill is a top site for Small Blue, partly as it is full of its food plant, kidney vetch.



*Kidney Vetch, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*  
It was a pleasure to see my first Marbled Whites of the year.



*Marbled White, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*



*Marbled White, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*



*Marbled White, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*



*Marbled Whites, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*



*Marbled White, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, 20th June 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Oct-16 10:53 PM GMT

**millerd wrote:**

I'm really glad you didn't post any of those, Lee! 😊

I promise I won't 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 22-Oct-16 09:49 PM GMT

Great Marbled Whites Lee - looking forward to catching up with the next installment 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 22-Oct-16 10:14 PM GMT

Nice to be reminded of how beautiful high summer is, Lee (and we've got another 15 months backlog to view!!!)

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 23-Oct-16 10:35 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and David 😊

**21st June 2014 - Part 1**

A quick visit to Fairmile Common for Silver Studded Blue.



*Silver Studded Blue, female, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 21st June 2014*  
I also found a Comma.



*Comma, Fairmile Common, Surrey, 21st June 2014*



*Fairmile Common, Surrey, 21st June 2014*



*Fairmile Common, Surrey, 21st June 2014*

## **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 23-Oct-16 10:57 PM GMT

### **21st June 2014 – Part 2**

I returned to a new site in the afternoon – Sheepleas, near West Horsley. It has a huge nettle meadow, surrounded by large wooded areas and further meadows, all with different characters and flora, depending on their past use. Surrey BC had been trying to get the nettle meadow as a second branch reserve. Unsurprisingly, plenty of nettle feeders breed here.



*Sheepleas nettle meadow, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*

First up though was a pristine Marbled White on a thistle in the hedgerow.



*Marbled White, Sheepleas, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*



*Marbled White, Sheepleas, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*  
I soon found someone enjoying the nettles.



*Peacock, Sheepleas, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*  
I saw around 8 Small Tortoiseshells, a couple of Red Admirals and Commas.

A Ringlet was in one of the neighbouring meadows. These were in good numbers along with Meadow Browns.



*Ringlet, Sheepleas, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*  
This is one of the nearby meadows which contained many different plants to the nettle meadow.



*Sheeples, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*

In a clearing nearby, I came across my first Silver Washed Fritillary of the year, a pristine male. There were three males along with a couple of Dark Green Fritillary.



*Silver Washed Fritillary, male, Sheeples, West Horsley, Surrey, 21st June 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by millerd, 25-Oct-16 11:19 PM GMT

Great shots again, Lee. Would you believe I have never visited Sheeples? A dreadful admission considering where it is and the number of times I drive past en route to Denbies from other sites in southwest Surrey. It looks a great spot. 😊

Dave

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Oct-16 11:42 PM GMT

Thanks again, Dave.

Sheeples is lovely, and I've been quite a few times now. It's really close to Denbies, but you could easily spend several hours at each place.

Rather than keep bumping into each other all round the country, we could always arrange to meet there next year. 😊

Best wishes,

Lee

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 26-Oct-16 07:32 PM GMT

Some amazing habitat in those images, Lee. You look to be quite spoiled for choice in your 'patch'.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 28-Nov-16 09:43 PM GMT

Thanks, David. I really am spoilt in Surrey 😊

Best wishes,

Lee

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 28-Nov-16 09:54 PM GMT

#### 22nd June 2014 - household visitors

During the day, I was visited by this rather tame juvenile starling to my windowsill, who hung around for a few photos.



*Starling, juvenile, Epsom, Surrey, 22nd June 2014*  
During the evening, this Heart & Dart came to light.



*Heart & Dart, Epsom, Surrey, 22nd June 2014*

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 28-Nov-16 10:26 PM GMT

#### 29th June 2014 - Juniper Bottom

Juniper Bottom is another favourite Surrey location, which forms part of the wider Box Hill complex. I usually start near the village of Mickleham and it's a beautiful walk through to Box Hill itself. It's a good site for botanists and I often see local students on field trips.



*Field adjacent to the small car park, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*



*Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*

I'm not sure which orchid this is:



*Orchid, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*



*Orchid, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*  
It's a good site for Dark Green Fritillary.



*Dark Green Fritillary, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*  
Marbled Whites and Ringlets are numerous.



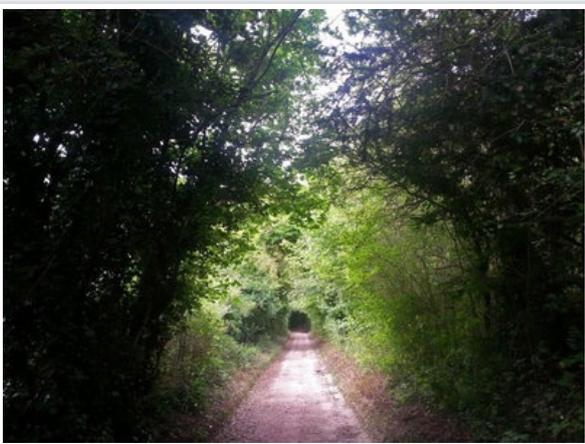
*Marbled White, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*



*Ringlet, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*



*Ringlet, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*



*Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 29th June 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 28-Nov-16 10:58 PM GMT

Great summer shots to keep us warm on this cold winters evening Lee, just in time too as my wood burner has completed the nights burn 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Goldie M, 29-Nov-16 10:22 AM GMT

Lovely to see shots of the MW Lee has I completely missed them this year. Goldie 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 07-Dec-16 10:22 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and Goldie 😊

## Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 07-Dec-16 11:17 PM GMT

1st July 2014 – Bookham Common

Purple season and my first trip to Bookham. It's a beautiful site and will need repeated visits 😊



*Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*

There were lots of browns about. Ringlets and Meadow Browns were in good numbers, plus a handful of Speckled Woods.



*Speckled Wood, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*Meadow Brown, female, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*Meadow Brown, male, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*

I saw just the one Purple Emperor, but in flight and with no photo, but I did see a lots of different admirals.



*Red Admiral, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*White Admiral, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*  
Commas seen were nearly in double figures.



*Comma, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*  
One of my favourite images of a Large White.



*Large White, Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*



*Bookham Common, Surrey, 1st July 2014*

I also also saw Purple Hairstreak and around 25 Silver Washed Fritillary.

I will return.

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by bugboy, 08-Dec-16 12:24 AM GMT

I only discovered Bookham last year but it's already one of my favourite places to visit 😊

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 08-Dec-16 10:09 PM GMT

Never been Lee but now I want to 🍷 Great butterfly shots but that penultimate landscape/tree shot is a cracker, real ethereal 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 08-Dec-16 10:13 PM GMT

**3rd & 4th July 2014 - Chiddingfold Forest**

I visited on the 3rd July on my own and then spent a lovely day on the 4th July with an old friend, at Botany Bay in search of His Imperial Majesty.



*Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 3rd July 2014*



*Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 3rd July 2014*



*Large Skipper, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 3rd July 2014*



*Silver Washed Fritillary, male, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Leptura quadrifasciata, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 4th July 2014*

Plenty of butterflies and Purple Emperors were seen on both days, but no alas no purple photos.

After Chiddingfold, we went on to Hindhead Common, which was quite beautiful.



*Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*



*Red Admiral, Hindhead Common, Surrey, 4th July 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 09-Dec-16 08:52 PM GMT

Those first two images evoke everything I love about summer – promising looking rides with mature growth as well as fine weather.

Sometimes, the UK does it better than anywhere else!

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 15-Dec-16 10:36 PM GMT

Thanks Wurzel and David 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 15-Dec-16 10:52 PM GMT

12th July 2014

My local allotments in Epsom and a very photogenic Comma 😊



*Comma, Epsom, 12th July 2014*



*Comma, Epsom, 12th July 2014*



*Comma, Epsom, 12th July 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by trevor, 16-Dec-16 08:31 AM GMT

Lovely images of Summer, Lee. Particularly of Chiddingfold forest.  
There is no better place to spend a fine Summer's day.

Are there any Silver Studded Blues on Hindhead common, habitat looks good.

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 16-Dec-16 08:53 AM GMT

Thanks, Trevor.

I love Chiddingfold Forest and completely agree. I'm looking forward to going next season; I didn't make it this year.

I don't know about Hindhead Common and SSB, but will see what I can find out.

Best wishes,

Lee

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by millerd, 18-Dec-16 02:44 PM GMT

I can't say I've ever seen them at Hindhead, but it's a big area, and I may just have missed them. There are usually plenty not far away at Thursley.

Dave

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Wurzel, 18-Dec-16 05:42 PM GMT

Cracking Comma shots Lee – especially the second one – I like the partial stained glass/Batman-esque pose 😊

Have a goodun

Wurzel

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Dec-16 10:46 PM GMT

**18th July 2014**

Time for Chalkhills and a evening trip to Denbies.

This male Meadow Brown had the most mites I've ever seen on one butterfly 🤩



*Meadow Brown, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*  
While this Marbled White was being shined on from above.



*Marbled White, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*  
Plenty of these about too.



*Five-Spot Burnet, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*  
But the stars of this evening were the blues.



*Chalkhill Blue, male front, Dorking behind, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*  
I have a thing for butterfly photos with a bit of blue sky.



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*  
Lastly, this ab had a symmetrical underside but looked normal from above.



*Chalkhill Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 18th July 2014*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Dec-16 10:49 PM GMT

**millerd wrote:**

I can't say I've ever seen them at Hindhead, but it's a big area, and I may just have missed them. There are usually plenty not far away at Thursley.

Thanks, Dave. I've not been to Thursley, but I should. I will probably see you at Fairmile this year 😊

**Wurzel wrote:**

Cracking Comma shots Lee – especially the second one – I like the partial stained glass/Batman-esque pose 😊

Thanks, Wurzel. I liked that one too 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Matsukaze, 20-Dec-16 08:08 PM GMT

I think the burnet moth is a six-spot burnet, rather than a five-spot; the spot at the shoulder counts as two spots (it is often split by a narrow black line). July is late for the downland form of five-spot burnet, as well.