

Butterfly Survey

Carried out on 14th July 2011 at Naphill Common by Mick and Wendy Campbell of the Butterfly Conservation Society.

Species seen on the day - most of them on a thistle patch just outside the wood edge were:-

- Comma (3)
- Green-veined White (1)
- Holly Blue (2)
- Large Skipper (1)
- Marbled White (1)
- Meadow Brown (5)

Purple Emperors (3) SU8349397002 at 2.00pm near Sallows* at the Clumps.

First, probable female because of its size, seen flying very slowly across the ride then disappearing into the trees. 2nd one seen flying around oak tree then gliding around the top for quite some time, 30-60 seconds, probable male. 3rd one seen slightly further down the track, oak edging, probable male.

- Purple Hairstreak (14 - in oak)
- Red Admiral (5)
- Ringlet (4)
- Small Copper (1)
- Small Tortoiseshell (1)
- Small White (3)

*Sallow (oaks are nearby in all cases):-

- (1) SU8345 9700 In small enclosure near the Clumps.
- (2) SU8402 9756 to SU8411 9743 Along the Western edge of the Common from the end of Forge Road to just past the Black Lion PH. The largest concentration.
- (3) SU8463 9660 On Western edge of the Common just South of Pickup's pond and Downley Road. The oaks with the purple hairstreaks are nearby.
- (4) SU8480 9624 At Hunt's Hill Lane on Western edge of Common. One bush (technically on Downley Common.)