A slightly higher total count recorded this week compared to last (excluding the exploratory Roe Transects), but a few zero's now creeping in! This week's density was 7.62 butterflies/km, an excellent result and the highest for Week 25 since formal recording began in 2011. A few surprises as well with a good count of 39 Speckled Wood at Broadley and

a Grayling seen at Frohawk for the second year running. A Clouded Yellow was also seen at Perrywood Ivy - the second seen there this year.



Small Copper at Lepe, Mandy Smith

Even more Speckled Wood were seen around this week, making up 66% of total butterflies recorded, but fewer Small White than last week. Although far more Red Admiral were recorded, a total count of 12 for Week 25 is much lower than might be expected at this time of year. Brimstone too returned a higher count than last week (11 compared to 3).



Grayling at Frowhawk Leisa Chapple

Sixteen different species were seen overall: Speckled Wood (402), Small Copper (71), Small White (29), Common Blue (19), Large White (16), Small Heath (16), Red Admiral (12), Brimstone (11),

Comma (9), Meadow Brown (8), Brown Argus (4), Green-veined White (3), Holly Blue (2), Peacock (2), Grayling (2) and Clouded Yellow (1).

Results

Week 24: Total - 653 Week 25: Total - 652 (Figures include exploratory Roe transects)

Weeks		We	Weeks		Weeks	
24	25	24	25	24	25	
Acres Down4	7	Hasley11	14	Normandy Marsh4	5	
Badminston15	9	Hawkhill11	22	Perrywood Ivy15	32	
Barton Common37	5	Hightown3	6	Pignal4	4	
Beaulieu Heath 10	9	Holmsley28	24	Pondhead4		
Blackwater11	0	lbsley3		Pondhead Wood15	22	
Breamore33	49	Janesmoor15	16	Rockford10	11	
Broadley6	39	Janesmoor Plain5	10	Roe North25	21	
Dibden Bottom0	1	Keeping Marsh11	7	Roe South31	24	
Fields Heath39	42	Kings Copse11	9	Standing Hat15	8	
Frohawk2	19	Lepe39	35	Studland Common16	25	
Godshill9	6	Little Linford9	19	Vales Moor4	0	
Great Linford39	8	Mockbeggar116	99	Warren Farm43	31	



Common Blue at Acres Down Chrissie Whiffen

Moth to Spot: Please continue to look out for moths in this final week of recording. Silver Y (https://ukmoths.org.uk/species/autographagamma/) are still being seen in the area and both Brimstone Moth (https://ukmoths.org.uk/species/opisthograptis-luteolata/) and Light Emerald (https://ukmoths.org.uk/species/campaeamargaritaria/) are frequently seen at this time of year. Although these last two are not acknowledged as 'day flying' both have been recorded on our transects earlier in the year.



Common Blue at Warren Farm Richard Branch