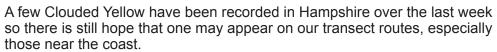
A total of 5,697 butterflies were recorded during Week 17. At 49.44 butterflies/km, this is much less than last year's figure of 73.60/km which was one week after last year's peak and we now seem to be four weeks after this year's peak numbers. Both Meadow Brown and Ringlet numbers are decreasing, but Gatekeeper are now flying in even greater abundance, nearly 20% higher than Week 16. It seems we have seen the last of White Admiral in the New Forest this year and both Large Skipper & Silverstudded Blue counts are down 50% on Week 16.





Count	No of	Count	No of	Count	No of
	Species	E: 11 11 11 000	Species		Species
Acres Down20	4	Fields Heath203	12	Normandy Marsh106	8
Badminston128	14	Frohawk335	13	Perrywood Ivy239	12
Ballard77	11	Furzey Gardens	I/d	Pignal75	7
Barton Common32	3	Godshill62	11	Pimlico Fields137	9
Beaulieu Heath22	6	Great Linford135	8	Pondhead105	10
Black Down132	7	Hasley185	15	Pondhead Wood108	9
Blackwater135	8	Hawkhill68	6	Rockford59	8
Blashford North140	14	Hightown Common20	4	Roe North161	10
Blashford South155	14	Holmsley226	12	Roe South212	10
Breamore459	13	lbsley31	6	Roydon The Commons62	8
Broadley90	11	Janesmoor39	8	Southern Fields132	12
Brockishill	a/r	Janesmoor Plain10	3	Standing Hat203	7
Broomy Plain73	9	Keeping Marsh37	8	Studland Common124	9
Claypits Bottom29	4	Kings Copse201	12	Vales Moor105	5
Cloven Hill72	11	Lepe206	9	Warren Farm52	5
Dibden Bottom25	5	Little Linford110	7	Wilverley Plain60	8
Dur Hill92	7	Mockbeggar208	16	-	

I/d -	still	subject	to	lockdown.	a/r -	awaiting	results
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Species		No of Routes	Species		No of Routes	Species		No of Routes
Gatekeeper	2,920	48	Silver-washed Fritil	lary 118	18	Marbled White	22	4
Meadow Brown	793	43	Common Blue	117	15	Small Heath	11	7
Ringlet	275	21	Grayling	91	13	Comma	8	6
Small White			Peacock			Brown Argus		
Speckled Wood			Green-veined White	e74	14	Small Skipper		
Large Skipper			Brimstone	54	17	Essex Skipper		
Large White			Holly Blue			Painted Lady		
Small/Essex Skipper			Red Admiral	41	18	Small Tortoisesh	nell1	1
Silver-studded Blue	120	17	Small Copper	34	10	Dark Green Friti	llary1	1



Following investigation of the Hampshire/Isle of Wight butterfly database a transect has been discovered at Pitts Wood which was walked from 1990 until 1997. With the help of Forestry England, we have been able to re-establish the route which will commence recording in Week 18. It will be interesting to compare current figures with historical as the landscape has changed somewhat since those days.

Moth Report: Very few moths were recorded in Week 17, in line with results from previous years. Six-spot Burnet was seen in highest numbers. These can be spotted both on grassy sites and woodland rides. Two of the most common day

flying migrant moths, <u>Silver Y</u> and the <u>Hummingbird Hawk-moth</u> are also often around at this time of year. A second <u>Jersey Tiger</u> has been seen in a garden in the New Forest area so this may also appear on transect - particularly those that are coastal.