



BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION HIGHLAND BRANCH



NEWS-SHEET – Dec 2015

Welcome to new members

A warm welcome to all new members who have joined Butterfly Conservation in recent months and have been allocated to Highland Branch. We hope you join in with some of our Branch events and will be able to contribute to the recording of butterflies and moths in Highland, Moray, Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles.

Email contact

In order to ensure that you keep getting the email reminders about events and details of any changes to the programme, please ensure that my email address, unicorn64@btinternet.com is added to your address book or approved contact lists. This will ensure any emails sent won't be marked as spam. Emails are sent out as blind carbon copies and email addresses are never shared, given or sold to anyone else. Having your email address really helps us keep costs down by sending this newsletter by email. **If you have received this by post but have previously given us an email address, that is because the email address we have for you isn't working.**

AGM

The next AGM will be held on Saturday the 9th of April 2016 at the Charleston Community Complex, General Booth Road, Inverness. We will commence at 10.00am for 10.30am and once the AGM is complete there will be a short talk by Dr Tom Prescott on his trip to Malawi this year, then a brief talk by Dr David Barbour about the spread of Comma and Ringlet butterflies in the Highland branch area. This will be followed up by a round-up of the moth highlights of 2015 by Pete Moore. Last, but by no means least, there will be a talk by Dr Mark Young called "Moths and Memories". There will then be a break for lunch with a moth trap to look through afterwards, followed by a walk up the Great Glen Way from SNH HQ, weather permitting. Please bring your own lunch, but tea and coffee will be available.

Butterfly Records

The butterfly season has ended so now is the time to get the rest of your 2015 butterfly records together. Ideally records are best sent by email on a spreadsheet and details are on the Branch Website.

The various butterfly recorders are:

Highland and Moray Dr David Barbour, 74 Blarmore Avenue, Inverness IV3 8QU
email dbfis@btinternet.com Tel 07896 783245

Orkney Sydney Gauld, Quoyberstane, Work Road, St Ola, Kirkwall, KW15 1UF
email orklander45@gmail.com Tel 01856 872468

Shetland Paul Harvey, SBRC, Shetland Amenity Trust, Garthspool, Lerwick, ZE1 0NY
email paul@shetlandamenity.org

Western Isles Steve Duffield, 7 Carinish, North Uist, HS6 5HL
email steveduffield@hebrides.net; Tel 01870 620241 Mob 07867 555971

Moth Records

The Vice County Moth recorders were listed in the Highland Branch Newsletter in the spring and are also listed on the branch website – see below.

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We would welcome articles of any length, ideally contributions will relate to butterflies and moths in a northern setting, including the Hebrides and Northern Isles. However, we will also welcome items from further afield, for example holiday reports. Please send text and photos as separate files, inserting photos into a word document restricts editing functions.

Please send items no later than Sunday the 31st of January 2016 to unicorn64@btinternet.com or Audrey Turner, 12 Grampian View, Aviemore, Inverness-shire PH22 1TF. Please note that this will be printed in A5 format, so I'd be grateful if any graphs, charts or tables be designed to fit that.

Looking ahead

The 2016 Scottish Recorders' Meeting for those involved in recording butterflies and moths will take place at the Battleby Conference Centre near Perth on Saturday 19th March 2016. Further information is on the Butterfly Conservation Scotland website at:

[Butterfly Conservation Scotland Events](#)

or contact Butterfly Conservation Scotland at Balallan House, 24 Allan Park, Stirling, FK8 2QG
Tel 01786 447753, email scotland@butterfly-conservation.org

Branch Website

Up to date information about butterflies and moths in the area and news about the Branch is available on the In Your Area page of the main Butterfly Conservation website:

[Highlands & Islands](#)

Items for the home page as well as short snippets of news or information will be welcome, please send to; webmaster@highland-butterflies.org.uk

The old branch website; [Highland Butterflies](#) is back up and running again with an events list, event reports and Latest News pages.

Facebook

We now have a Facebook page [Butterfly Conservation Highlands & Islands](#)

Field Trips

Pete Moore is currently putting together a programme of interesting field trips, but if anyone has any other ideas, either a site to visit or a species to see, please contact him, by email to theconfused@btinternet.com or write to 90a High Street, Grantown on Spey, Moray PH26 3EL. You don't have to lead the field trip, but are welcome to do so if you like.

Volunteers Required

We are always looking for new people who can contribute to the running of the Branch and this year there are some opportunities for people to play an active part.

Volunteers to become **Committee Members** are always welcome, we only have 2 or 3 committee meetings per year.

MapMate

Highland branch currently pays for a small number of annual Mapmate licences which ensures that users get regular programme updates and corrections. If you currently use MapMate for your Butterfly and Moth records, send those records to the appropriate VC recorders and would like to receive the updates, then please contact Audrey Turner unicorn64@btinternet.com