



## BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION HIGHLAND BRANCH



### WINTER NEWS-SHEET – Dec 2020

#### 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, once they are able to go ahead, and will be able to contribute to the recording of butterflies and moths in Highland, Moray, Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles.

#### Email contact

In order to ensure that you keep getting email reminders about events and details of any changes to the programme, please ensure that my email address, [unicorn64@btinternet.com](mailto: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 so please send us your current one.**

#### AGM

The next AGM will be held online via zoom on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. We will start at 10.30am, but the zoom waiting room will be available from 10:15am. Please join with your microphone initially muted. The brief AGM will be followed by two or three presentations and as the meeting will be recorded, please leave your video off if you don't want to appear on the recording. More details will be in the Chequered Skipper and on the website once finalized.

#### Moth & Butterfly Records

The butterfly season has ended and there are fewer moths about so now is the time to get the rest of your 2020 butterfly records together and sent to the recorder. Ideally records are best sent by email on a spreadsheet and details of what information is needed are on the branch website – see below.

The Vice County Moth recorders and Butterfly recorders were listed in the Highland Branch Newsletter in the spring and are also listed on the branch website – see below. If you are unsure of which Vice County covers your butterfly records then you can email them to [sightings@highland-butterflies.org.uk](mailto:sightings@highland-butterflies.org.uk) or post them to Butterfly Records, 19 Culloden Court, Inverness IV2 7DX.

#### The Chequered Skipper Highland Branch Newsletter 26 – Spring 2021

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 Friday the 15th of January 2021 to [unicorn64@btinternet.com](mailto: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 please design any graphs, charts, or tables to fit that.

### **Branch Website**

Up to date information about butterflies and moths in the area and news about the Branch is available on the branch website; [Highland Butterflies](#) which has an events list, event reports and Latest News pages.

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](mailto:webmaster@highland-butterflies.org.uk)

Information is also on the “In Your Area” page of the main Butterfly Conservation website:

[Highlands & Islands](#)

### **Facebook**

We now have a Facebook page [Butterfly Conservation Highlands & Islands](#) and will be starting a Facebook Group soon for residents and visitors to the Highlands, Islands and Moray to discuss all things relating to Butterflies and Moths.

We also now have a Facebook group [Highland Moths & Butterflies](#) where you can share sightings and post photos. It's open to anyone who lives, works, or regularly visits the Highland branch area

### **Twitter**

We now are also on Twitter. You don't need to be a member of Twitter to see the branch Twitter feed, which is here: [BC Highland](#)

### **Field Trips**

Pete Moore is currently putting together a programme of interesting field trips for 2021 once we can go ahead with them, but if anyone has any other ideas, either a site to visit or a species to see, please contact him, by email to [tonuptwitcher@gmail.com](mailto:tonuptwitcher@gmail.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.

### **Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS)**

Kirstie Ross is the Highland Branch WCBS champion. If you'd like to be involved in the WCBS or find out more about it, please email [funkyhaywood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:funkyhaywood@yahoo.co.uk) and Kirstie will be able to help you. There's also some information about the WCBS on the homepage of the branch website – see above – as well as a link to the 2017 results.

### **Volunteers Required**

We are always looking for new people who can contribute to the running of the Branch and this year there are opportunities for people to play an active part, we only have 2 or 3 committee meetings per year. Please contact Audrey if you are willing to help [unicorn64@btinternet.com](mailto:unicorn64@btinternet.com)

### **New Moth Recorder Required for East Sutherland (VC 107)**

After a number of years of dedicated and excellent service Brigid Primrose is wishing to stand down as the county recorder for VC107 East Sutherland.

Brigid's role requires the collation and verification of the county's new moth records to ensure the records are accurate and in a standard format. It is not necessary to be an expert and there is a great deal of help and support on hand from other VC moth recorders in the Highlands and further afield. The vice-county has very few resident recorders and similarly few visiting recorders therefore the volume of records is very low.

If you are interested in taking over from Brigid as the moth recorder or wish to find out more, please contact Tom.

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