



# BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION HIGHLAND BRANCH



## NEWS-SHEET – Sept 2011

### 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.

### AGM

Last year the Highland Branch AGM was held in late October but it has been decided to leave the next one till spring 2012. This is actually returning to the time of year it used to be held a few years ago and with the Scottish Members' day also being held in October it was felt that a return to the spring would be appropriate.

There is, however, a slot in the Scottish Members' Day for a Branch get together and this will provide an opportunity for members to make suggestions for activities they would like to see being organised by the Branch. The Committee will then be able to discuss these at a committee meeting in November to develop the programme for 2012.

The Committee will also be considering changes to how the branch is run to spread the responsibility for the various tasks that need to be undertaken – membership, field trips, workshops, Newsletter, publicity etc etc. If you would like to help, volunteers to join the Committee are always very welcome!

If you will not be at the Scottish Members Day (see below for details) but would like to comment on this years events etc or make suggestions for the Committee to consider, do please get in touch with the Secretary. Tony Mainwood, 13 Ben Bhraggie Drive, Golspie, Sutherland, KW10 6SX, Tel 01408 633247, e-mail [tony.mainwood@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.mainwood@btinternet.com)

### Scottish Members Day

The Scottish Members Day will be on Saturday 1st October 2011 at the Battleby Conference Centre, near Perth. Further information is on the Butterfly Conservation Scotland website at

<http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/scotland> and look under Upcoming Events

or contact Butterfly Conservation Scotland at Balallan House, 24 Allan Park, Stirling, FK8 2QG  
Tel 01786 447753, e-mail [scotland@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:scotland@butterfly-conservation.org)

### Looking ahead

The 2012 Scottish Recorders' Meeting for those involved in recording butterflies and moths will take place at the Battleby Conference Centre near Perth on Saturday 17th March 2012.



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## **Highland Branch Newsletter 17 – Spring 2012**

We would welcome articles of any length or news items or observations or even questions or items for a letters page. Vignettes and pictures, maps and on any subject however tenuously related to butterflies and moths or their habitat. Hibernation, feeding, fieldcraft - they can all go in. Please send items before the end of February 2012 to :-

webmaster@highland-butterflies.org.uk

### **Butterfly Records**

The butterfly season is coming to an end so now is the time to get the rest of your 2011 butterfly records together. Ideally records are best sent by e-mail on a spreadsheet and details are on the Branch Website. The various butterfly recorders are

- Highland and Moray Dr David Barbour is the recorder but in the meantime please send all records to Tony Mainwood, (13 Ben Bhraggie Drive, Golspie KW10 6SX e-mail [tony.mainwood@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.mainwood@btinternet.com)) for collating and passing on to David.
- Orkney Sydney Gauld, Quoyberstane, Work Road, St Ola, Kirkwall, KW15 1UF e-mail [orklander45@gmail.com](mailto:orklander45@gmail.com); Tel 01856 872468
- Shetland Paul Harvey, SBRC, Shetland Amenity Trust, Garthspool, Lerwick, ZE1 0NY e-mail [sbrc@shetlandamenity.org](mailto:sbrc@shetlandamenity.org)
- Western Isles Steve Duffield, 5 Drimsdale, South Uist, HS8 5RT e-mail [steveduffield@hebrides.net](mailto:steveduffield@hebrides.net); Tel 01870 620241

### **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.

If you do not have access to either of these please contact the Branch Secretary for a copy of the list Tony Mainwood, 13 Ben Bhraggie Drive, Golspie, Sutherland, KW10 6SX, Tel 01408 633247

### **E-mail contact**

If you are not already on the Branch e-mailing list and would like to receive reminders about events and details of any changes to the programme, please e-mail Tony at [tony.mainwood@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.mainwood@btinternet.com) and ask to be added to the list.

### **Branch Website**

Up to date information about butterflies and moths in the area and news about the Branch is available on the Branch website and please send in items for the home page as well as short snippets of news or information.

**[www.highland-butterflies.org.uk](http://www.highland-butterflies.org.uk)**