

Highest Priority Butterflies and Moths



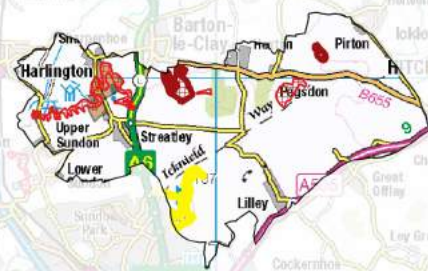
Duke of Burgundy

Conserve and enhance herb-rich grassland, with abundant cowslips/primroses growing in a tall, open sward with some scrub to provide shelter, perching and roosting sites. Produce mosaic of young scattered scrub over relic grassland and in bays of scrub edges. Light cattle grazing from late summer to winter. North or west-facing slopes favoured.



Striped Lychnis

Encourage or sow Dark Mullein in unshaded areas on rough downland, fields that have recently been left fallow, also on verges and embankments, in woodland rides and clearings.



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Key

-  National Nature Reserves
-  Local Nature Reserves
-  Forestry Commission
-  National Trust
-  BBOWT Nature Reserves
-  Woodland Trust
-  Sites of Special Scientific Interest



Trees and Woodlands



Purple Emperor

Retain and increase numbers of sallows of a varied age mix within woodlands, with crown in full or partial shade.



White Admiral

Maintain and improve woodlands supporting spindly, trailing growths of honeysuckle in dappled shade, with nearby sources of flowers (e.g. brambles). Ensure Honeysuckle is not lost during management work to widen rides, create scallops etc.



White-letter Hairstreak

Encourage flowering, suckering regrowth Elm trees; and coppice a proportion of these Elm trees every year, on a ten year cycle. Plant disease resistant Elms in sunny sheltered spots but do not coppice them.

Other priority butterflies



Adonis Blue

Maintain and improve grassland and Horseshoe Vetch, with a short sward Mar/Apr and Sept/Oct, with no grazing May to August.



Silver-spotted Skipper

Maintain and improve a sparse short sward containing Sheep's Fescue, with flowers nearby and small patches of bare ground.



Small Blue

Encourage and maintain large expanses of Kidney Vetch. Seed into a sparse sward, or into scrapes. Protect at least some areas from rabbits and cattle grazing.



Grizzled & Dingy Skippers

Maintain, enhance and extend a sparse sward containing long stems of Common Bird's-foot Trefoil / Horseshoe vetch (for Dingy Skipper) and/or a high density of Agrimony, Creeping Cinquefoil, and Wild Strawberry (for Grizzled Skipper) in a varied height sward, with patches of bare ground and abundant nectar plants such as Bugle. Ensure grazing is not too heavy.

