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CHAIR'S REPORT

by Cllr Mike Nixon

The Beacon Hill Stewardship Group held their Annual General Meeting on the 6th of November ~~the 6th~~ 2025. It was very pleasing to hear the progress being made on a number of important issues affecting the reserve:

The BHCC Ranger, Neil Doyle, reported good progress being made in the battle against encroaching scrub, especially in the North East corner of the reserve and he recognised the important role of Friends of Beacon Hill (FOBH) in these efforts. The 2026 grazing plan will continue to tackle this issue and enable indigenous Chalk grassland flora to flourish. The information notice boards at the main entrances to Beacon Hill will be replaced in the coming 2-3 months as the boards have deteriorated over the years, partly due to exposure to the weather, and partly due to design flaws. This is a good example of close collaboration between the Friends of Beacon Hill, who are leading the project, funding providing by the Parish Council, and physical placement by BHCC Ranger team. The picnic benches at the Southern end of Beacon Hill have been repaired and FOBH will ensure that the areas around the benches and notice boards are kept clear in 2026. The Beacon Hub shared the work they have been doing to maintain the building in 2025 as well as their plans to develop the potential of the building in 2026 and beyond.

Two main concerns were raised that need to be addressed. You will notice that the 2025 report is shorter than usual and reflects the limited content from flora and fauna monitoring during the season. Dave Harris, who has made a huge contribution to monitoring of birds and insects over the years is no longer able to do this and efforts to find a replacement have not been successful to date. We thank Dave for his contribution and expertise and wish him well for the future. Skylarks have been a defining feature of the Hill for generations. They are now on the red list of concern and are protected due to loss of habitat and human disturbance during the nesting season. Although no specific data is available for Beacon Hill, there is a concern that the number of breeding pairs has reduced significantly over the years and efforts need to be made to ensure that the Reserve provides a safe space for them. With this in mind a sub group was formed by the committee to improve education and communication to users of Beacon Hill, especially during the breeding season. The Ranger will also consider the impact of the grazing plan to ensure sufficient grass cover for Skylarks during their nesting period.

The Rottingdean Windmill remains a popular attraction and held a number of events this summer including an art exhibition.

Beacon Hill is a diverse natural chalk grassland habitat but also a valuable asset to the visitors that enjoy it. The future health of the Reserve will depend on the continued energy and commitment of our volunteers, the expertise of our Ranger and its respectful use by all who benefit from it.

Please read on to hear more from the guardians and stakeholders of Beacon Hill and its assets.

THE MANAGEMENT REPORT

by Neil Doyle

As I think back for a review of 2025, it comes back to me how much hard work was done up on Beacon Hill at the start of the year. For any that can remember, the AEBI (the off-road scrub cutting machine) had done its work on the Northeastern section of the reserve. It did a great job and managed to cut through the masses of bramble, which were starting to take over, and was chest high in places. As when a scruffy man gets a long overdue haircut, but opts for No.2 clippers all over, rather than a simple short back and sides, the effects can appear quite drastic!

Then began the clear up. The Friends of Beacon Hill did a fantastic job at raking away all the cuttings, they were at it for weeks but come summertime, the results were clear, lots of wildflowers, and whilst we haven't completely eradicated the bramble, the cut and the follow up graze has definitely started the process of weakening the bramble, which, on the whole has not regrown by as much as I feared it might.

The plan this winter is to graze this northeastern section first, move the sheep back around the reserve from section to section in an 'anticlockwise' fashion, arriving back in this section again just in time for spring. The hope is that grazing the section that is worst affected by scrub twice in the same season (especially when the sheep eat the early spring regrowth) will really help weaken the bramble and once we have that under control, we then just need to maintain the correct grazing pressure year upon year. Simple!

Special thanks again to the Friends of Beacon Hill, for their hard work and dedication, conservation takes time, and your efforts are very much appreciated (and will be appreciated even more on those long days in January and February when we need to set up the fences for the grazing enclosures)

Cheers

I'll see you on the hill

Park Ranger Neil

FRIENDS OF BEACON HILL

by Russ Greenwood

The summer of 2025 came to an end with some very wet and windy September days to start off our scrub bash season.

It was decided by the Beacon Hill Stewardship Group that there should be a machine cut of the established scrub on the North Eastern sector of the reserve. This would complement the FoBH volunteers work on pulling out the scrub.

This cut took place in October 2024. This left a large amount of debris including cut grass (risings). This had to be raked off by the volunteers to reduce soil fertility and prevent a buildup of dead vegetation, which in turn encourages a greater diversity of wildflowers and supports associated wildlife.

Not removing the risings would be a detriment to the chalk grassland, which we are trying to reclaim. This required extra volunteer sessions on top of the regular work sessions. This meant we were able to remove most of the risings. These were taken and placed as ground cover at the edge of the woods. We purchased 3 rakes to help us with this task, alongside rakes loaned to us by the city council. A big thank you to the regular volunteers who helped achieve this outcome.



The sheep arrived on the reserve in early February. They started off grazing the South Eastern sector near the allotments. They finished off grazing the mown area a few months later so they could graze off the early Spring bramble regrowth. We helped put the sheep fencing up. Every time the sheep moved, we helped move them to the new grazing area. It is lovely to see the sheep get excited at the prospect of fresh grass.

We had four sessions of pulling the superspreader non native weed Hoary Cress. This work has contained this invasive weed to the area around the hub, car park and front entrance to the reserve. Also, a small patch near the Windmill.

We have kept perimeter pathways clear of protruding bramble and branches. This included cutting back the pathway that ran off the reserve behind the ex-Blind Veterans UK Centre to Greenways. This pathway was beginning to become impassable towards the bottom end.

Our FoBH secretary left us in the autumn of 2024. I have now fully taken on this role. Another member agreed to take on drafting articles on our work for the local magazines.

We lost the two recorders who conducted the monitoring of butterflies, birds, and flowers on Beacon Hill. We have found someone to do take on the transect recording butterflies. We still need someone to record birds and or flowers. This would involve visiting Beacon Hill at least twice a month. If you are interested, please email fobeaconhill@gmail.com

The information boards on and surrounding Beacon Hill have weathered badly since they were installed some years ago. In part this is due to the design of the panels, which has allowed water to reach the back of the frames causing them to rot. Sadly, the board at Rottingdean Recreation Ground has also suffered from vandalism. Thanks to a grant from the Parish Council, we have engaged the company who supplied the original boards and frames to provide replacements. We have updated the information on them where required and changed the design so that the previous problems should not reoccur. All six



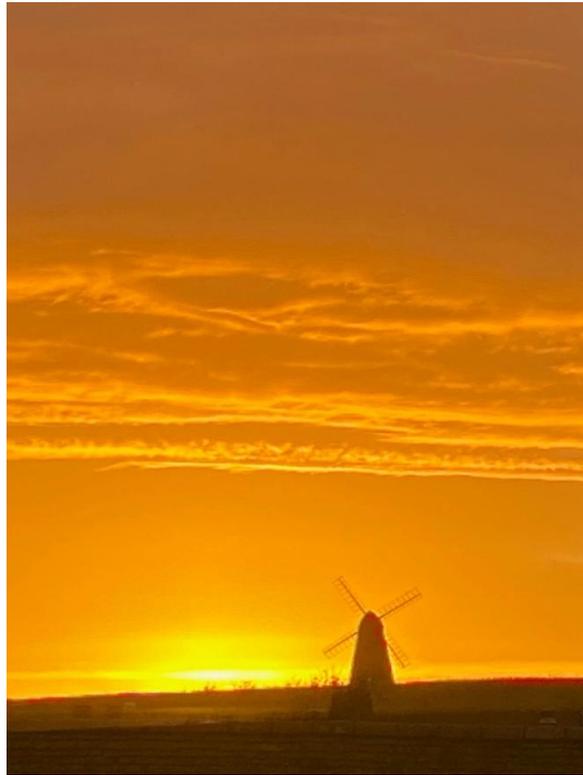
information board panels, and all frames except that at Hog Plat are being replaced. The new boards have been produced, and the frames are due shortly. The plan is to install them with the assistance of the Ranger team, and we hope to complete this before Christmas. The Friends of Beacon Hill will now incorporate regular maintenance of the boards as part of our annual work programme.

From November 2024 to October 2025 Friends of Beacon Hill took part in 19 Workdays which amassed a huge 197 hours. We have a great core group of 10 members who take part in the work sessions. We also enjoy a coffee afterwards and have the occasional social meal.

Finally, a big thank you to all the passer byes and the lovely dogs for all their interest, thanks and encouragement during our work sessions. It means a lot.

The Windmill
By Colin Dellar

Rottingdean Windmill



This summer has been a busy period at the Rottingdean Mill as we have had a total of 2144 visitors. In addition to our usual Sunday afternoon openings, we have been fortunate to have had an art exhibition by Amanda Rosenstein Davidson and also a number of events put on by Jo Goddard, including a Wilde Volk show and some meetings of the Homeward Bound Shanty Singers. In September the Mill was booked for a song recording event and shortly after that the Sussex Film Office booked a one day film shoot.

In early Spring our millwright, Paul Rigden carried out extensive work, during which we discovered that some major repairs to the sweeps and smock are needed, and the present plan is for these additional works to take place in the summer of 2026. The funding of these extensive works will be quite expensive so we will probably be looking at ways of seeking grants and other forms of support.

Beacon Hub
By Atlanta Cook
BHB CIO - Co-founding Trustee, Chair & Treasurer

Beacon Hub continues to pursue our aims and objectives despite the severe setbacks caused by the COVID-19 restrictions etc. We remain focussed upon creating a visitor centre for Beacon Hill LNR and an eco-educational facility located in a building suitable for an average size school class, adult recreational activities and social gatherings focused on Nature conservation, well-being and the arts.

Trustees recognise that we still need to adapt the building to cope with the proposed use and to ensure access for all.

Since reporting on our proposed activities to BHCC in 2024 our focus has been to; update and complete the maintenance schedule of works, clean and tidy up the entire building internally and re-install the required paperwork and signage for the Café Kiosk ready for re-inspection and reopening in 2026.

This year we temporarily re-opened, in a limited capacity, for the Woodingdean and Rottingdean Beavers, Wylde Volk art exhibition, filming of the short film Bleach, took on conversations with local residents to work up proposals for a regular beach school, a one-off multi-cultural event and a community well-being offering. Our event room will be available for hire to local groups such as FORCE, who will now be holding their regular meetings there.

Up to now planning and fundraising were dedicated to replacing the entire building and creating a space suited to all year-round use for all of our purposes. The pledged fund we achieved was £165k, however SDNPA's surveyor's quotations to demolish and rebuild were substantially more than our proposed £225k. In 2020 we decided to change direction and look to retain the existing building, but add a temporary classroom located out of sight behind the existing building and clad in materials that would chime with the existing building and windmill. This year we will start the design phase a fresh with our new Trustees to seek an affordable solution to our needs and draw up a new fund-raising target and strategy.

As part of the maintenance schedule, we intend to replace the broken car park entrance swing gate and reopen the car park with a workable paid system that compensates the charity adequately and takes all potential users into consideration. Recognising the dangers of unlimited access to the car park we will open and close the car park each day the Hub is open.

The charity remains financially sound with a healthy bank balance that covers the required reserve and funds to contribute toward the proposed building. We are seeking a volunteer

/charitable rate accountant to complete our end of year accounts this year if anyone has any suggestions? We are using some of our funds for the maintenance works, but will organise a specific fund-raiser & Hub Scrub Day to recover this. This year we raised just under £300 in café kiosk takings plus a further £300 in film crew donations. All the accounts and report submissions for the Charity Commission were submitted by Bernard Turnbull by the deadline of 30th September 2025.

Our constitution allows for an annual rotation of the Chair and this year Bernard Turnbull stood down. He was replaced by Atlanta Cook who also took over his Treasurer role. Bernard Turnbull also resigned as a Trustee due to ill health and his wife Kim Turnbull stepped down as Secretary. Atlanta Cook has since recruited two new Trustees, Elizabeth Broadley, a teacher at OLOL, and Sara de Marco, employee within BHCC's architectural department to work on a fresh building design, relevant planning considerations, a fundraising strategy and regular education programme.



The Butterfly Monitoring Report for 2025 by Kay Woolner.

Kay Woolner has been monitoring the Butterflies on Beacon Hill this year and has covered 25 out of the 27 walks, from the start of April to the end of September. However, despite 5 more weeks monitoring, numbers are generally down on 2024. Species not showing at all this year are Ringlet, Small Tortoiseshell, Small Blue, Green Hairstreak and Large Skipper, all of which showed up in previous years.

Compared with 2024, numbers are lower this year for Grizzled Skipper, Large and Small White, Holly Blue, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Comma, Dark Green Fritillary and Marbled White.

Species showing higher numbers this year are Brimstone, Green Veined White, Orange Tip, Small Copper, Brown Argus, Common Blue, Peacock, Speckled Wood and a solitary Clouded Yellow spotted at the very end of September, not recorded in 2024. Those trends are recorded in The Butterfly Conservation Annual Report for Sussex 2025, as well as some notably early appearances including Brimstones, Commas and Small Coppers, exceptional 3rd and 4th broods for some species and higher numbers for 15 species, are not immediately observable in the Beacon Hill counts. The Sussex wide report attributes those exceptions and increases to the warmer spring and summer this year, and there seems to be an opportunity for deeper analysis of recent data from to see where we fit with the Sussex wide picture.

More details of butterfly species counted on transect walks in 2025 are given below, with 2024 numbers alongside (in brackets). Sussex Flight Times are shown in italics, compiled by Butterfly Conservation in Sussex. Flight times shown exclude periods of low to no numbers.

Small Skipper/Essex Skipper. 271 (255). *Late May /Late August.*

The first Small Skippers appeared two weeks earlier than 2024, on June 16th, with Essex Skippers appearing among long grasses from June 24th which was the highest day count for both. The last solitary Skipper was recorded on the July 28th, 5 weeks presence, compared to 6 last year.

Grizzled Skipper. 1 (1) *April / Mid July.* A single appearance on May 14th a week earlier than the previous year. Seen only once, basking on grass in section 2.

Clouded Yellow. 1 (0). *Early May / Late September.* Sure enough, on September 30th, the last day of monitoring season, brilliantly golden yellow and unmistakable.



Essex Skipper

Brimstone 4 (2). *Beginning April / Late September.* Seen first in early April along the edges of the South Wood and path to Hogs Platt, then again at the end of September. A cheerful sight in chilly April.

Large White 17 (78). *Early April/Late September.* Mainly seen near the allotments from June 29th.

Small White. 148 (192) *Late April / Late September.* Seen from April 7th mostly along the edges of North and South Woods, in and out of the allotments. Very fast, very busy. A few sightings rising to peak numbers of 65 on June 29th, then dropping off sharply until disappearing by September 7th.

Green Veined White. 163 (34) *Late April/Early September.* Arrived in low numbers from April 19th, peaked at 51 on June 29th. It was present consistently for 16 weeks, apart from 0 counts end of May/beginning June and again end of June/beginning August. Dropping off by September 9th, a similar pattern to 2024.

Orange Tip. 3 (1). *Early April / Early June.* Another cheery, if brief, sight of the Malles distinctive Orange wing tips, fluttering into and along the edge of the South Wood, appearing on April 17th and last seen May 14th. Females are hard to distinguish from Whites in flight, I didn't see any at rest with wings folded.

Small Copper. 18 (14). *Early May / Late September.* Seen first on June 29th one delightful single at the end of section 3 and four more at the beginning of section 6, both areas slightly more sheltered on the west side. After three consecutive weeks in August, when they were seen in section 2, there were no more sightings, similar times to last year, but higher numbers.

Brown Argus. 6 (1). *Early May / Mid-September.* Seen from August 27th to September 9th, after pursuing what looked like a Female Common Blue, but with a distinct brightness about the wings in flight. After some scrabbling up the grassy bank in section 4, a group of three were found behind a stand of Hawthorn, appearing in diminishing numbers over the next two weeks, disappearing by September 16th.

Common Blue. 122 (117). *Mid-May / Late September.* Seen from May 5th to September 9th, in most sections of the transect, although favouring section 2 pathways and longer grasses. Always easy to spot the male in the green, with its subtle and attractive variations of Lilac upper wings.

Holly Blue. 4 (20). *Mid-April / Mid-September.* A total of four of these paler blues were glimpsed on May 12th and 14th, higher in the trees at the latter end of section 2 than the Common blues tended to go, and with the paler underwing.



Brown Argus F

A brief but memorable sight, much lower numbers than last year, a trend across Sussex, possibly due to increased populations of parasitic wasps.

Red Admiral. 17 (95). *April / September (Low numbers April to May).* Another significant reduction in numbers from last year. First displaying from the end of April on short grass at the north end of the reserve. Then singles until the end of September when they seem to have moved to the shelter of the path alongside stables at Hog Platt.

Painted Lady. 4 (6). *Late May / Late September.* A group of 4 arrived dancing around the Windmill on May 11th in the warm evening. It wasn't a count day and was late, so the group were recorded in comments on UKBMS. It was a joyous spectacle, with one settling long enough for a photo. After that there were 4 sightings of individuals in June, July and August.

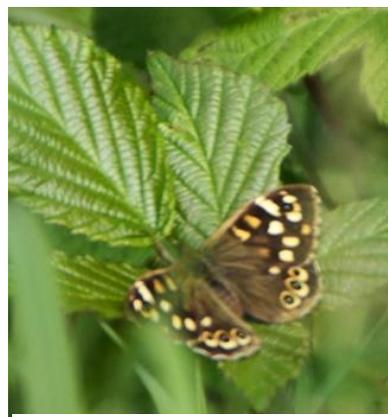
Peacock 21 (9). *April / Late August.* 8 Peacock butterflies arrived in early April, peaked at 11 on June 18th and a single on July 9th announced its departure. Mainly seen in flight as dark fast-moving objects or basking on warm paths where they were much easier to spot, mainly in sections 2, 3 and 4.

Comma 5 (7). *April / Late September (low numbers May to June).* Hanging from trees looking like leaves, always a joy and a bit of a miracle to spot these. Intermittent singles and one double seen in trees and hawthorn in sections 2, 4 and 5. Present for 4 out of 6 weeks from June 18th to the last sighting on July 28th.

Dark Green Fritillary 1 (4). *Mid-June / Late August.* A detour around the Windmill on July 9th resulted in the sighting of this single Dark Green Fritillary, wings spread, nectaring on Greater Knapweed and could have been so easily missed.

Speckled Wood 26 (19). *Late April / Late September.* Present from the first day of monitoring on April 7th and showing regularly near the North Wood and sheltered sections 4 and 5 on the west. The longest lingering butterfly from the beginning of the season to the very end and still seen infrequently in October

Wall Brown 25 (37). *May / Mid-September (Low numbers June to mid-July).* True to indicative flight times, low numbers on May 12th and 14th in sections 1, 2 and 4, then unseen for 7 weeks until July 9th. Peak day was July 28th when 14 were counted. Similar distribution times were seen in 2024.



Speckled Wood

Marbled White 74 (142). *June / Early August.* June 15th brought the first sighting of a solitary Marbled White. With the kaleidoscopic variety of shifting grey and white wing patterns, they are easily the most arresting butterfly to watch. A very low count this year, which could be a false low owing to many potential sightings beyond the suggested limit for identification. A short lived and lively presence across the reserve, peaking at 32 on July 7th with no more sighted after July 16th.

Gatekeeper/Hedge Brown 302 (354). *July / Mid-September.* A first show of 6 on June 29th this year, a week later than 2024 and peaking at 91 on July 28th. In the same count week (week 17) 2024 numbers also peaked, at 113. Well spread through the longer grasses across the reserve and again a possibly false low number. Last count of 4 on September 9th.

Meadow Brown 440 (532). Late June / Late September. Sixteen showed on 15th of June, closer to the indicative flight times, numbers peaked on 29th June at 74. They were a steady presence in the reserve alongside the more numerous Gatekeepers, with numbers tailing off by September 16th

Small Heath 215 (356). *May / Late September*. Seven of these small butterflies arrived in sections 1 and 2 on May 12th with sightings gradually and consistently increasing in spread week on week, with 3 exceptionally low counts of 0 – 2 in June, July and August. Numbers peaked at 45 on August 25th. September 9th showed 21, and it seemed suddenly quiet on the paths after they left.

6 Spot Burnet Moths stole the show in terms of sheer numbers. Distinctive yellow and brown Caterpillars were first noticed in late May, and by June, hundreds if not thousands of cocoons were visible, clinging to grass stems like tiny yellow paper lanterns. The newly emerged 6 Spot Burnet Moths didn't quite fill the air, but they did almost, easy to spot with distinctively low, slow and purposeful flight cris - crossing the reserve in search of food and mates.

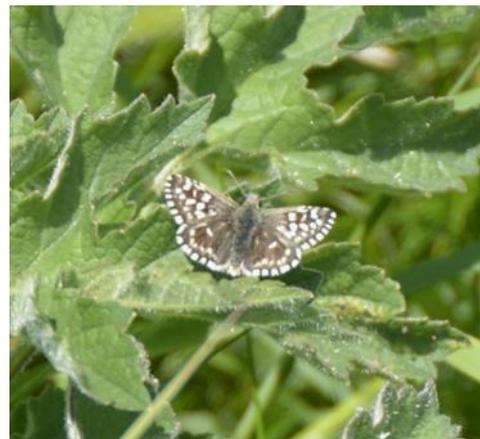


Spot Burnet Moth

Photos by Kay Woolner.



Small Copper



Grizzled Skipper



Common Blue F.



Dark Green Fritillary



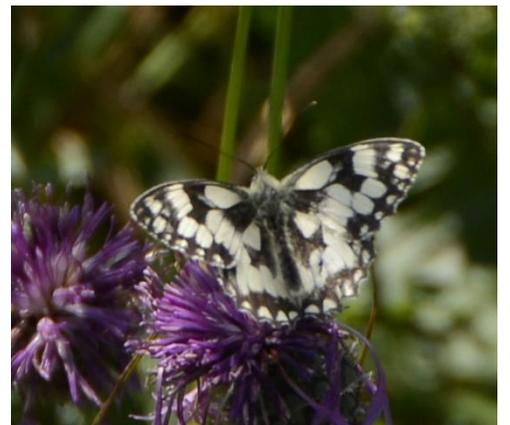
Wall Brown



Comma



Painted Lady



Marbled White

BEACON HILL LNR

WEEKLY BUTTERFLY COUNTS 2025

Beacon Hill LNR. 2025 Weekly Butterfly counts																										
<i>Week</i>	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	27	Total
Small Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Essex Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Small/Essex Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	57	40	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Grizzled Skipper	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clouded Yellow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Brimstone	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Large White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	5	4	0	0	0	17
Small White	7	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	65	2	13	5	1	0	8	20	15	1	0	0	0	0	148
Green-veined White	0	0	1	5	9	11	6	0	0	3	9	51	12	12	5	2	0	0	3	14	14	6	0	0	0	163
Orange Tip	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Small Copper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	18
Brown Argus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
Common Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	3	9	0	6	3	19	5	1	22	0	17	14	14	0	0	0	122
Holly Blue	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Red Admiral	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	17
Painted Lady	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Peacock	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Comma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Dark Green Fritillary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Speckled Wood	2	3	1	1	0	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	26
Wall Brown	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	25
Marbled White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	32	28	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
Gatekeeper / Hedge Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	25	49	68	91	1	46	13	0	3	0	0	0	0	302
Meadow Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	37	74	15	36	43	29	0	68	48	38	13	22	1	0	0	440
Small Heath	0	0	0	0	7	6	7	10	2	16	22	26	0	8	6	9	0	6	15	45	9	21	0	0	0	215
Total (Summary)	14	7	11	9	20	28	22	19	3	42	90	334	152	235	194	154	2	154	##	139	62	75	1	6	8	1888

Beacon Hill LNR Annual Butterfly count 2025 / 24 (>+ <- 2025)

Species	2025		2024	+ >	< -
Small Skipper	20	Small Skipper	255		235
Essex Skipper	24	Essex Skipper	37		
Small/Essex Skipper	227				
Total S / E Skippers	271	Total S/E Skippers	292		21
Large Skipper	0	Large Skipper	2		2
Grizzled Skipper	1	Grizzled Skipper	5		4
Clouded Yellow	1	Clouded Yellow	0	1	
Brimstone	4	Brimstone	2	2	
Large White	17	Large White	78		61
Small White	148	Small White	192		44
Green-veined White	163	Green-veined White	34	129	
Orange Tip	3	Orange Tip	1	2	
Green Hairstreak	0	Green Hairstreak	1		1
Small Copper	18	Small Copper	4	14	
Small Blue	0	Small Blue	1		1
Brown Argus	6	Brown Argus	1	5	
Common Blue	122	Common Blue	117	5	
Holly Blue	4	Holly Blue	20		16
Red Admiral	17	Red Admiral	95		78
Painted Lady	4	Painted Lady	6		2
Small Tortoiseshell	0	Small Tortoiseshell	4		4
Peacock	21	Peacock	9	12	
Comma	5	Comma	7		2
Dark Green Fritillary	1	Dark Green Fritillary	4		3
Speckled Wood	26	Speckled Wood	19	7	
Wall Brown	25	Wall Brown	37		12
Marbled White	74	Marbled White	142		168
Gatekeeper / Hedge Brown	302	Gatekeeper / Hedge Brown	354		52
Meadow Brown	440	Meadow Brown	532		92
Small Heath	215	Small Heath	365		150
Ringlet	0	Ringlet	5		5
Total (Summary)	1888		2329*		441

>+ and <- columns compare 2025 with 2024 to show increase or decrease on last year. Small and Essex Skippers are recorded together in 2025 UKBMS species list so combined counts are shown here for 2024/25.

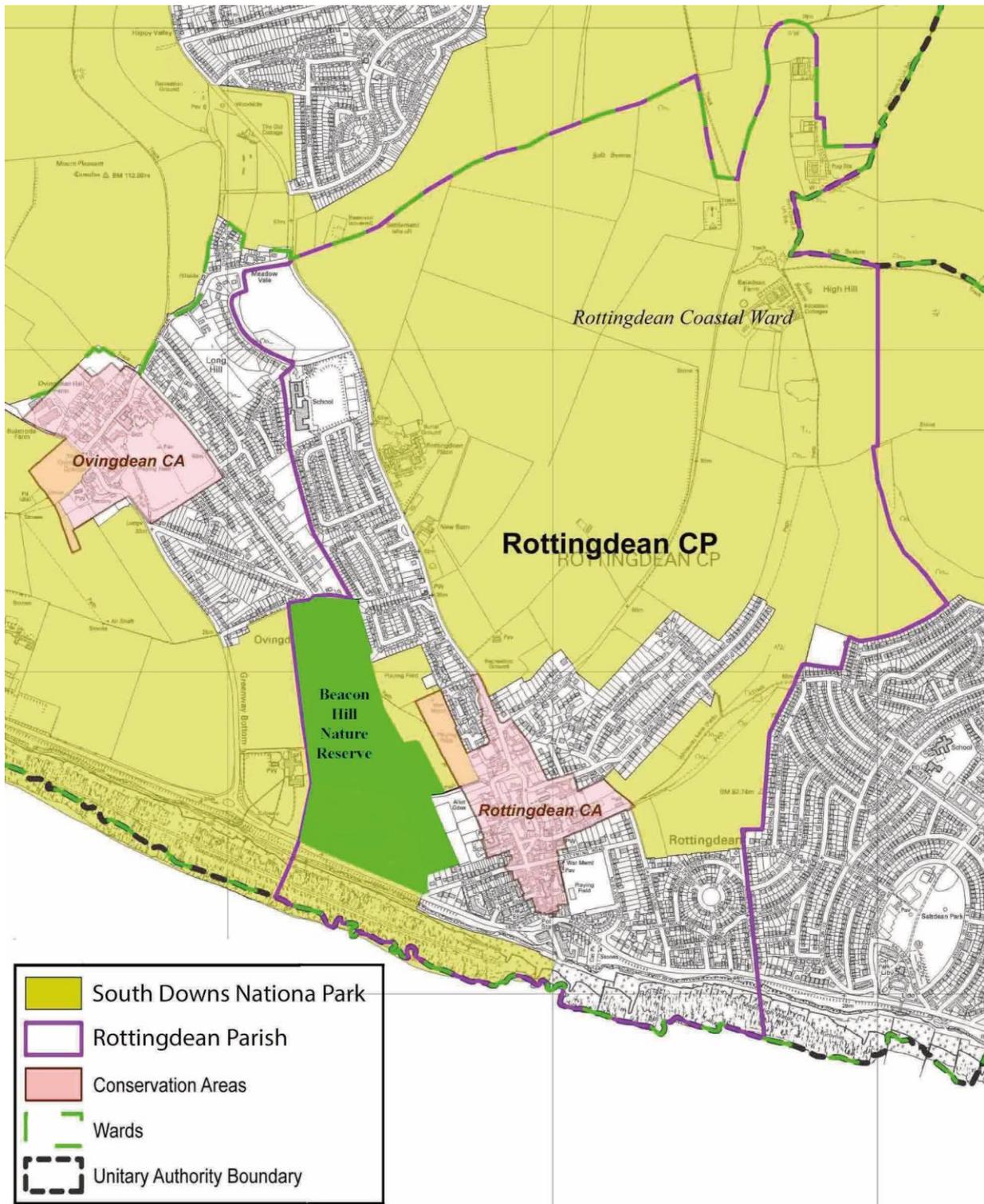
2025 Gained Clouded Yellow. Lost: Large Skipper: Green Hairstreak: Small Blue: Small Tort: Ringlet.

*2024 BH LNR report showed (2272) count total. UKBMS summary table for 2024 shows (2329) count total.

MAPS OF BEACON HILL
Beacon Hill Transect Route



Beacon Hill Location Map



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