

Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve Butterfly Survey Report

On the 18th July 2010 Gill Deacon and Elaine Aldridge carried out a butterfly survey across the majority of the site, covering all main habitat types.

During the survey most of the butterflies were seen in the West Meadows, which are being carefully managed to create more plant diversity and, in turn, attract more wildlife. The results show that this is certainly the case regarding butterflies.

The following is a list of species and their numbers:

Ringlet	16
Meadow Brown	13
Gatekeeper	12
Small white	9
Green-veined white	4
Common blue	3
Speckled wood	3
Essex skipper	2
Large white	2
Marbled white	1
Small tortoiseshell	1
Small Heath	1
Comma	1

It is hoped that another survey will be carried out in August, which can then be compared to July.