



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Newsletter March 2013

Renfrewshire's Beautiful Butterflies

Butterflies have been a topic of the past few evening talks with David Mellor providing a short tutorial on the identification of Renfrewshire's butterflies.

With spring on the way, now is the time to get a bit more familiar with these butterflies and hopefully when the warmer weather arrives it will bring with it an emergence of these beautiful insects.

Enclosed is a copy of Butterfly Conservation's butterflies and day-flying moths of Glasgow to give you a bit of information on our local species.

So when you're out and about in the local area this summer, please keep an eye out for butterflies and if you spot any make a record. The basic information needed for a record is:

1. **Species**
2. **Date seen**
3. **Where it was seen and grid reference (if possible)**
4. **Recorder's name**

Without this information a record will not be accepted and please note that there are 4 white butterflies in this region.

If you do manage to record butterflies this year please send your records in to either:

Renfrewshire Biological Records Centre (excel record sheet preferred)
email: nicola.macintyre@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Or to the local butterfly recorder for Renfrewshire, Marianne Ward.
email: mariannefox1@yahoo.co.uk



Green Hairstreak

[Spring Talks Programme](#)

[Paisley Museum](#)

[7.30pm](#)

Thursday 4th April

AGM and Members Evening

Business of the society will be discussed followed by a talk by **Jim Rae on Eskrigg Nature Reserve, near Lockerbie**. The reserve features a thriving colony of Red Squirrels, a stable population of Willow Warblers and many other resident birds.

[Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies](#)

This year we have been invited to a joint meeting hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society to bring all the local natural history societies within the Clyde area together. This meeting will take place at the University of Glasgow and it is hoped that a lot of our members will make the effort to attend and meet up with like-minded individuals from other societies.

Tuesday 9th April

Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies

**Graham Kerr Building
University of Glasgow**

6.30pm

**Tutorial: Scottish Spiders
Chris Catherine**

7.30pm

**Lecture: The Natural History of Bute
Angus Hannah**

Please note that this talk is hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society and will be held on a **Tuesday** at the **Graham Kerr Building (Zoology) in the University of Glasgow.**

[Summer Outings Programme](#)

Sunday 19th May

**Green Hairstreak Outing to
Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park**

Contact: Claire Paterson 07557989884

Claire will be leading us on a guided walk of Muirshiel Country Park to look for Green Hairstreak butterflies. They're pretty elusive until you get your eye in so this walk is a great opportunity to find out what to look for. However, if the weather is not on our side there will be an alternative guided walk of the trails of the park and a bit of information on the Hen Harrier project.

Meet at the Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 11.00am

Saturday 25th May

Orchids at Glen Moss

Contact: Norman Tait 0141 885 1951

An afternoon of looking for flowering wetland plants, early emerging dragonflies and hopefully Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterflies.

Meet at Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 1.00pm

Sunday 7th July

Dragonflies at Barmufloch Mire Contact: David Mellor 01505 843 099
(mobile) 077523129122

One of Renfrewshire's lesser known wetland SSSIs, it hosts a variety of plant communities including carex spp. limosa, rostrata, diandra, demissa as well as many mosses and other flowering plants.

As a proper mire hidden in a woodland, access is a bit difficult and you'll need wellies! We'll have a look at this site and some other areas nearby for plants, dragonflies, butterflies and any other species.

This site is at grid ref. NS/368.648 about 3km west of Bridge of Weir.

Meet at Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 10.00am

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