

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 18-Apr-20 10:43 PM GMT

Thank you, both 😊

If I can, I go as much as I am able...

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 18-Apr-20 11:28 PM GMT

**Sunset at Denbies, the next day- 14th May 2017**

If I am able, I go to Denbies several times in mid-May for the late afternoon and early evening. You know why.

Adonis Blue



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*



*Adonis Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*



*Brown Argus (left) and Adonis Blue (right), Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*  
Brown Argus



*Brown Argus, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*



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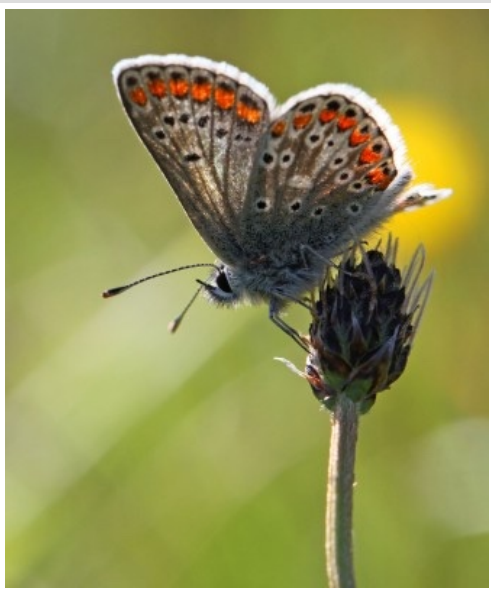
*Brown Argus, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*



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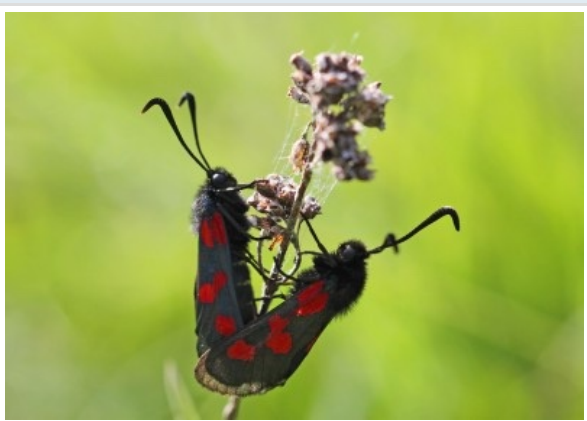
*Brown Argus, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*  
Common Blue



*Common Blue, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*  
Dingy Skipper



*Dingy Skipper, male, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*  
Five-spot Burnet



*Five-spot Burnets, mating pair, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 14th May 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 19-Apr-20 08:21 PM GMT

Nice reminder that Brown Argus, Common Blue & Dingy Skipper are all due to appear soon, Lee.

Hopefully most of us will be able to catch up with them.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Apr-20 11:27 PM GMT

Thanks, David. I actually saw a Dingy Skipper on Thursday (16th April 2020) and another 4 today (19th April 2020).

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

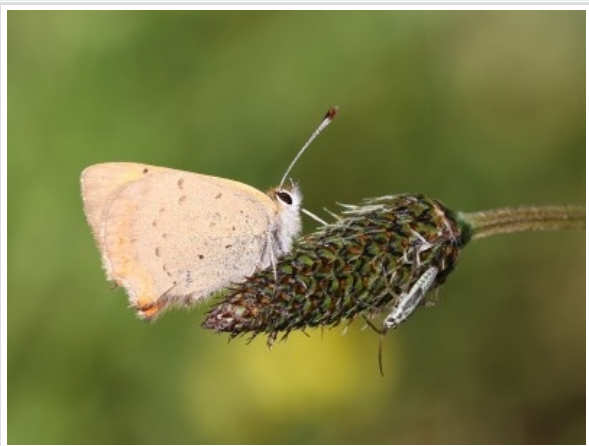
by Lee Hurrell, 19-Apr-20 11:39 PM GMT

**Warren Farm – Ewell, Surrey 20th May 2017**

I took an early evening stroll at this lovely site and found a few Small Coppers. The first female looked like she had survived a bird strike.



*Small Copper, female, Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 20th May 2017*



*Small Copper, female, (and friend), Warren Farm, Ewell, Surrey, 20th May 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 19-Apr-20 11:46 PM GMT

**Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire – 26th May 2017**

Another early evening walk nearer home and this time it was the turn of Common Blues and damselflies.





*Common Blue, male, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 26th May 2017*



*Common Blue, male, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 26th May 2017*



*Teneral Common Blue Damselfly, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 26th May 2017*



*Common Blue Damselfly, male, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 26th May 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 20-Apr-20 07:43 PM GMT

A cracking set of catch-up reports Lee with cracking photos especially the Adonis and BA side by side 😁😁😁😁 A reminder of what's to come 😊

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 20-Apr-20 10:01 PM GMT

Thanks, Wurzel 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 20-Apr-20 10:05 PM GMT

**Morning Maybug**

The following weekend I headed to Wiltshire. However, before I left, I found a stunner in the garden.



*Cockchafer, Farnborough, Hampshire, 27th May 2017*





*Cockchafer, Farnborough, Hampshire, 27th May 2017*



*Cockchafer, Farnborough, Hampshire, 27th May 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 21-Apr-20 01:46 PM GMT

Fabulous creatures, aren't they? I don't think I've seen one since I moved to Wales.

Those antennae are works of art.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 22-Apr-20 10:15 PM GMT

They are, David. They are also the clumsiest insect I have ever seen! 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

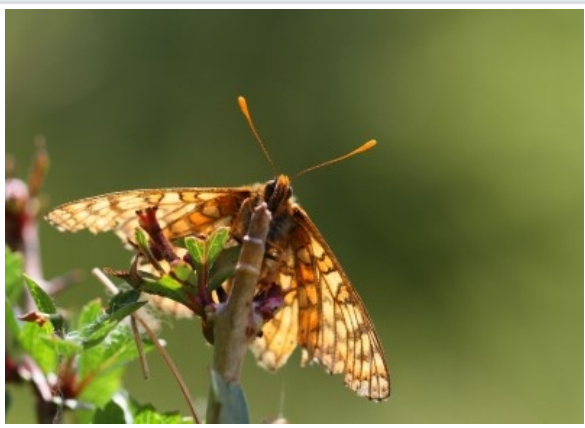
by Lee Hurrell, 22-Apr-20 10:21 PM GMT

**Wiltshire Weekend Wonders, 27th May 2017 - Part 1**

The following weekend, I headed west to Wiltshire. I wasn't disappointed.



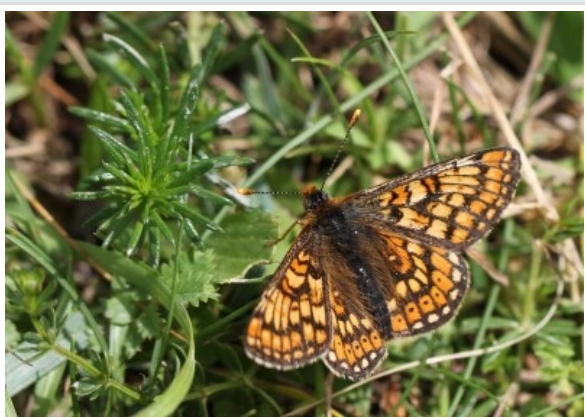
*Marsh Fritillary, female, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*



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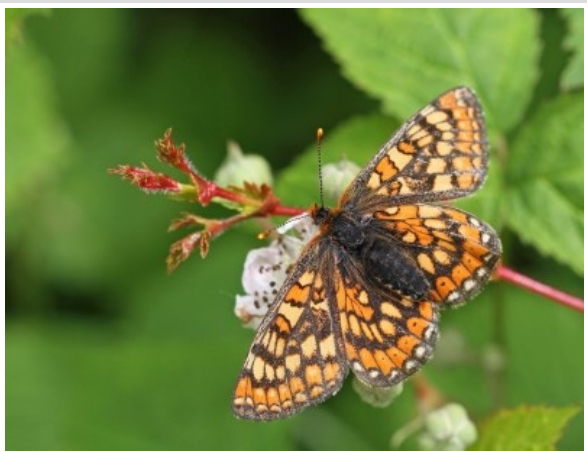
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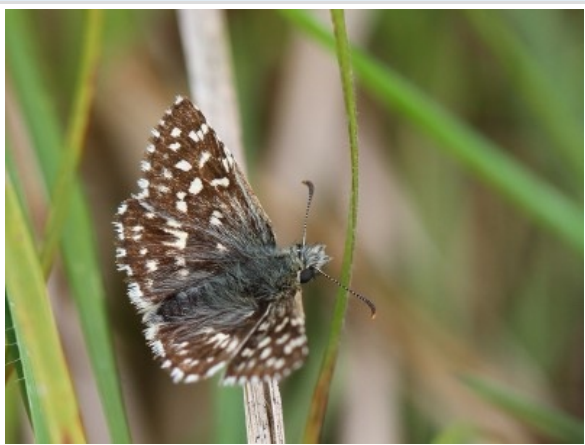
*Painted Lady, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*



*Adonis Blue, male, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*

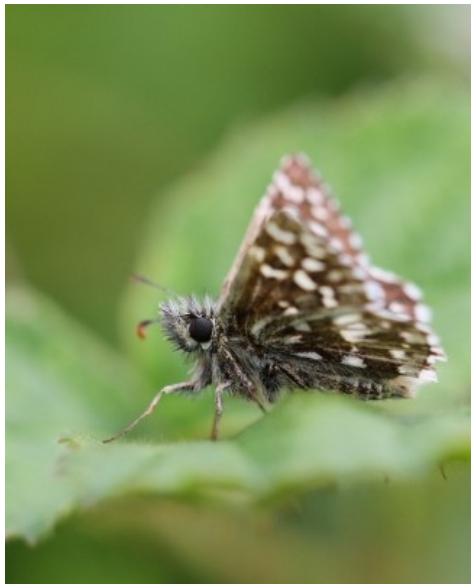


*Adonis Blue, male, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*

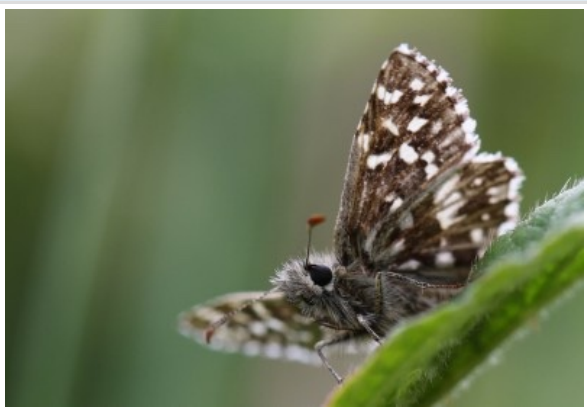


*Grizzled Skipper, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*





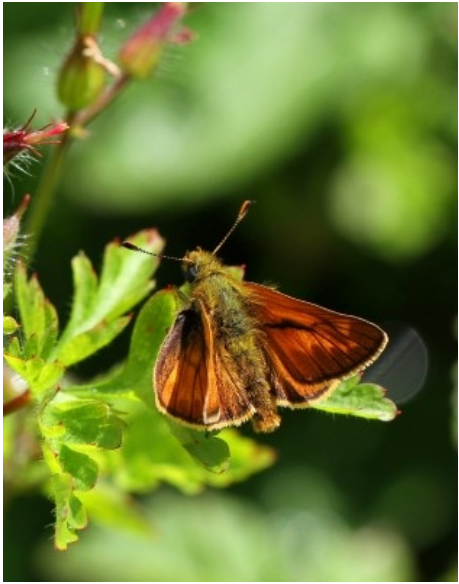
*Grizzled Skipper, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*



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*Large Skipper, male, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*

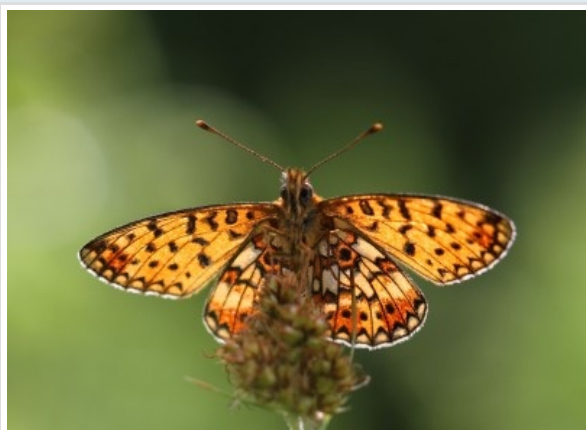
### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 23-Apr-20 10:23 PM GMT

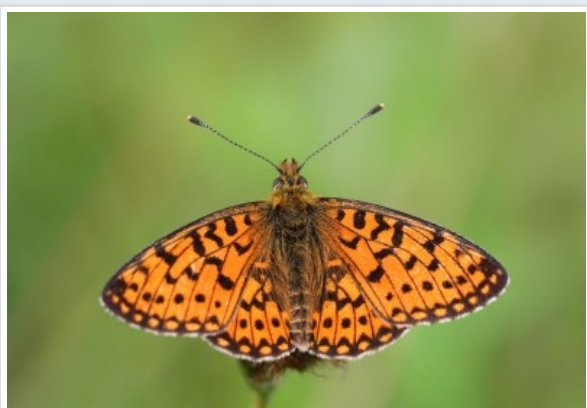
#### **Wiltshire Weekend Wonders, 27th May 2017 - Part 2**

After a fill of downland delights, I headed to the woods.

The first image below remains one of my favourite photographs.



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, male, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*



*Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, male, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*





*Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, male, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*



*Broad-bodied Chaser, female, Bentley Wood, Wiltshire, 27th May 2017*

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 23-Apr-20 10:38 PM GMT

**Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 28th May 2017**

I remember this day well. I don't think I've ever seen so many Small Blues in one place: my notebook says 250. The chalk scrapes habitat management was really paying off. I also saw my first Meadow Brown of the year.



*Small Blue, female, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 28th May 2017*



*Small Blue, male, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 28th May 2017*

I have a spot for female Common Blues; I think it must be the variation you see in them. I had seen some beautiful individuals at this site in the past and this one was no exception.



*Common Blue, female, Hutchinson's Bank, Surrey, 28th May 2017*

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Neil Freeman, 24-Apr-20 08:44 AM GMT

Some great photos in your catch up posts Lee 😊

**Lee Hurrell wrote:**

They are, David. They are also the clumsiest insect I have ever seen! 😊

I get them blundering around in the garden moth trap occasionally.

Cheers,

Neil.

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Wurzel, 24-Apr-20 06:50 PM GMT

Brilliant catch-ups Lee – the Small Blue from HB is sublime 🤩👍 It's good to see the Wiltshire contingent featuring on your PD – fingers crossed for a save easing of Lockdown which will mean you might be able to make a repeat visit 😊😊

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by David M, 25-Apr-20 10:13 AM GMT

Agreed, Lee, that SPBF image is excellent; in fact, they all are. I'm quite taken by your Common Blue female too – I've seen 'bluer' ones than that but the markings on yours are most unusual.

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Apr-20 10:47 PM GMT

**Neil Freeman wrote:**

Some great photos in your catch up posts Lee 😊

Thanks, Neil!

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Apr-20 10:49 PM GMT

[quote=Wurzel post\_id=152678 time=1587750638 user\_id=9821] Brilliant catch-ups Lee - the Small Blue from HB is sublime 🤩👍 It's good to see the Wiltshire contingent featuring on your PD - fingers crossed for a save easing of Lockdown which will mean you might be able to make a repeat visit 😊😄 Thanks, Wurze. If that is the case in time for MF and SPBF, let's catch up. I live even nearer now!

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Apr-20 10:51 PM GMT

**David M wrote:**

Agreed, Lee, that SPBF image is excellent; in fact, they all are. I'm quite taken by your Common Blue female too - I've seen 'bluer' ones than that but the markings on yours are most unusual.

Thank you, David, that's kind of you. I must admit, there is something special about that female. I do like Common Blues!

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 25-Apr-20 11:05 PM GMT

**Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017**

Dawney's Hill, or Pirbright Common, is a lovely site, with Silver-studded Blue and Grayling its speciality. On the occasions I have visited since this day though, the Silver-studded Blue has been much harder to find and gorse has taken over much of the heather. On this day in 2017, there were two ponies on site, grazing away. I wonder if they are still doing what they need to.



*Silver-studded Blue, male, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*



*Silver-studded Blue, male, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*



*Silver-studded Blue, female, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*



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*Silver-studded Blue, male, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*  
I think this female must have been fresh that day; she was still sorting out her proboscis!





*Silver-studded Blue, female, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*



*Silver-studded Blue, male, forewing detail, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 10th June 2017*

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by millerd, 26-Apr-20 03:31 PM GMT

One of my favourite spots, Lee, and my prime "go to" location for Grayling every year. I didn't see the ponies last year, and though some of the gorse has been cleared, the heather hasn't taken advantage and replaced it, and the gorse is returning. Nevertheless, there were Silver-studs to be found as you say in both 2018 and 2019.

Cheers,

Dave

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by Wurzel, 27-Apr-20 08:29 PM GMT

That sounds like a plan although the easing might not happen in time as the Marshies started flying this weekend – hopefully this week of cooler, wetter weather will slow them down a little 😊 If not then there's always Brostreaks near by 😊😊  
Cracking set of Silver-studs Lee 😊 especially like the close-up and the male whose spot has 'run' into the spot on the next row down 😊🌿😊

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

### Re: Lee Hurrell

by David M, 28-Apr-20 07:27 PM GMT

Not sure your timing with that post has done me any favours right now, Lee. 😊

There's only one site in south Wales for SSBs, and unless we regain some freedom of movement soon I won't get to visit it.

Your images are a reminder of how attractive this species is.

## Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 28-Apr-20 10:35 PM GMT

[quote=millerd\_post\_id=152749\_time=1587911475\_user\_id=9839] One of my favourite spots, Lee, and my prime "go to" location for Grayling every year. I didn't see the ponies last year, and though some of the gorse has been cleared, the heather hasn't taken advantage and replaced it, and the gorse is returning. Nevertheless, there were Silver-studs to be found as you say in both 2018 and 2019. Thanks, Dave. I have been for the last two years (2018 and 2019) and struggled to find many while seeing the gorse take over. I could have been going at the wrong times of course!

[quote=Wurzel\_post\_id=152791\_time=1588015791\_user\_id=9821] That sounds like a plan although the easing might not happen in time as the Marshies started flying this weekend - hopefully this week of cooler, wetter weather will slow them down a little 😊 If not then there's always Brostreaks near by 😊😊

Cracking set of Silver-studs Lee 😊 especially like the close-up and the male whose spot has 'run' into the spot on the next row down 😊👍😊 Thanks, Wurzel. Let's keep an eye on the weather and the restrictions.

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Your images are a reminder of how attractive this species is.

Apologies, David. You may wish to look away for the coming posts then 😊

## Re: Lee Hurrell

by Lee Hurrell, 28-Apr-20 11:04 PM GMT

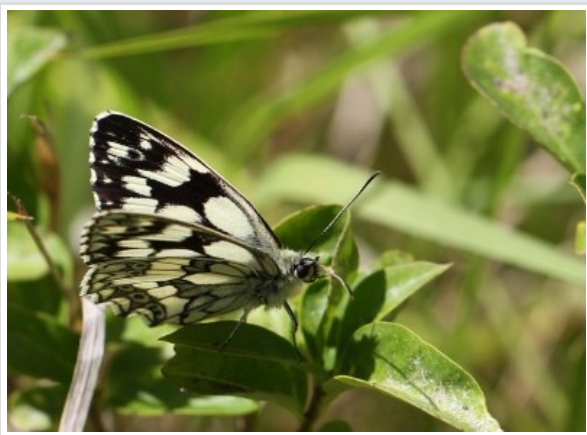
**Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017**

On arrival at this lovely, wooded, valley site in the Surrey Hills, I was greeted by a grisly murder scene, with the prime suspect still there, gloating at the crime scene 😊



*Brimstone, female, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*

The mood lifted though, with some of the butterflies this site is known for; including this fresher than fresh Marbled White.



*Marbled White, male, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*

This privet bush proved to be a huge draw to insects of all types.





*Dark Green Fritillary, male, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



*Dark Green Fritillary, male, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



*Painted Lady, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



*Small Tortoiseshell, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



*Small Tortoiseshell, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



*Meadow Brown, male, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*



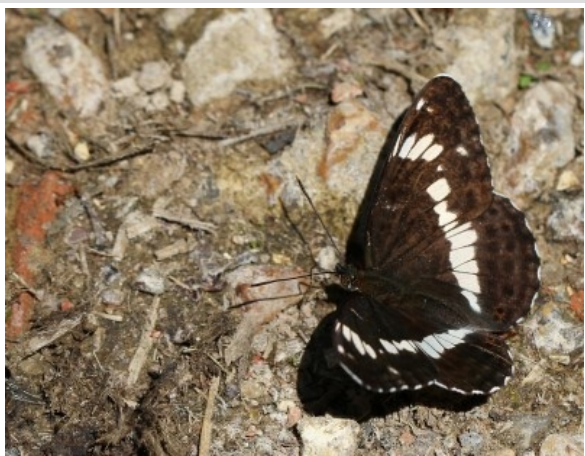
*Rose Chafer, Juniper Bottom, Surrey, 11th June 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

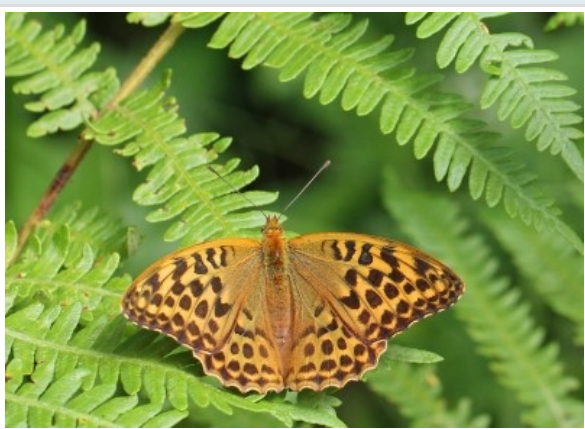
by Lee Hurrell, 29-Apr-20 10:12 PM GMT

**Chiddingfold Forest 25th June 2017**

Late June, early July and it is time to go to the woods.



*White Admiral, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*



*Silver-washed Fritillary, female, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*





*Red Admiral, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*



*Purple Hairstreak, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*



*Ringlet, male, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*



*Ringlet, male, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*



*Ringlet, mating pair, Chiddingfold Forest, Surrey, 25th June 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 29-Apr-20 10:58 PM GMT

More great posts Lee – I love it when White Admirals come down onto the deck 😊🌿  
"Thanks, Wurzel. Let's keep an eye on the weather and the restrictions." – sounds like a plan.

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 30-Apr-20 08:44 PM GMT

Your White Admiral represents my 'look away' moment, Lee. Doubt I'll see any this year unless our freedom to travel is relaxed.

Your image of the mating Ringlets reminded me just how infrequently one sees this species in cop; certainly far less often than Meadow Browns.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 08:24 AM GMT

Thank you, both.

Apologies on behalf of the White Admiral, David 😊

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 08:57 AM GMT

**Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017**

A return visit to Dawney's Hill for Grayling normally has a few Silver-studded Blue still flying, as was the case on this day.



*Grayling, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*



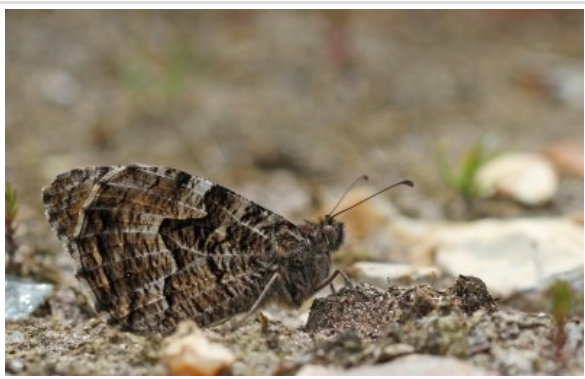
*Grayling, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*



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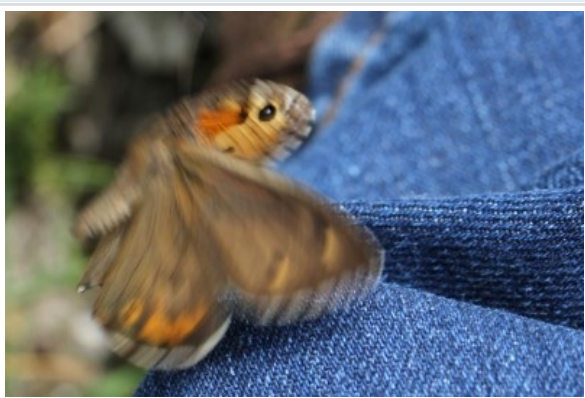


*Silver-studded Blue, male, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*

It was the first time I had experienced a Grayling landing on me; as well as the closest I will probably get to an upper wing shot.



*Grayling, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*



*Grayling, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*

I also found what I believe is a female Black Darter.



*Black Darter, female, Dawney's Hill, Pirbright, Surrey, 30th June 2017*

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 11-May-20 08:08 PM GMT

Cracking set of Grayling images Lee 😊 – they are such good 'value for money' butterflies 😊 Those upper wing shots are really tricky to get – still not managed myself 😊 still got to leave something for the next time 😊😊 What with easing of restrictions it looks like the English contingent might be able to have a more butterfly filled 2020, fingers crossed 😊

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

### **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 08:08 PM GMT

**Evening Common Blues, 5th August 2017**

A late evening walk near home found two different types of common blue roosting.



*Common Blue, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 5th August 2017*



*Common blue damselfly, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 5th August 2017*

## **Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 08:20 PM GMT

**Sheepleas, Surrey, 6th August 2017**

Sheepleas Nettle Meadow, the adjacent Cowslip Meadow and the wider woodland complex are well worth a visit at any time of year. Good for Vanessids, Dark Green Fritillary and Brown Hairstreak; I was surprised to find Chalk Hill Blue there on my early visits. They are resident in the Cowslip Meadow though and doing well.

This one had wandered some way into the Nettle Meadow though.



*Chalk Hill Blue, male, Sheepleas, Surrey, 6th August 2017*

This was one was in the right meadow.



*Chalk Hill Blue, male, Sheepleas, Surrey, 6th August 2017*

This older lady was still going strong.



*Silver-washed Fritillary, female, Sheepleas, Surrey, 6th August 2017*

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 10:11 PM GMT

**Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 24th September 2017**

A late female Meadow Brown and an exquisite third brood Small Copper.



*Meadow Brown, female, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 24th September 2017*



*Small Copper, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 24th September 2017*





*Small Copper, Denbies Hillside, Surrey, 24th September 2017*  
Small Heath, Brimstone, Red Admiral and Comma also seen.

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Lee Hurrell, 11-May-20 10:17 PM GMT

Last in the UK for 2017



*Common Darter, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 8th October 2017*



*Common Darter, Grants Moor Path, Farnborough, Hampshire, 8th October 2017*  
Normally, this would wrap up the year. However, not this year. Next up: Uganda!

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by Wurzel, 12-May-20 09:54 AM GMT

Cracking set of images Lee - really looking forward to seeing what Uganda has to offer - not an 'obvious' butterfly holiday 🤔🤔🌍

Have a goodun and stay safe

Wurzel

**Re: Lee Hurrell**

by David M, 12-May-20 08:26 PM GMT

Lee Hurrell wrote:

...Normally, this would wrap up the year. However, not this year. Next up: Uganda!

I'm looking forward to this one, Lee. 🇹🇼