

THE MOTH DISPLAY OF “LIVE” MOTHS

The Moths in the list below were kindly collected for us to show by member Paul Clarke from his garden a couple of miles up the road at Sharpthorne just before our event. All the moths were happily released at the end of the day to carry on their lives as normal.

Paul Clarke Moths: Poplar Hawkmoth, Elephant Hawkmoth, Buff Tip, Swallow-tailed Moth, Peppered Moth, Female Ghost Moth, Coronet, Beautiful Golden Y, Burnished Brass, Common Emerald, Silver Y, Miller, Bee Moth, Light Emerald, Buff Arches, Common Footman, Clay, Dot Moth, Beautiful Hook-tip, Small Yellow Wave, Slender Brindle, Brimstone Moth, Poplar Grey, Scalloped Oak, Short-cloaked Moth, Clouded Border, Scarce Silver-lines, Buff Ermine, Angle Shades, Spectacle, Sycamore, Rusty-dot Pearl, Rosy Footman, Satin Lutestring.



SMALL MARBLED MOTH

The prize rarity of Paul’s moths on show was a “Small Marbled”, this is a notably rare immigrant to the UK. Although this small moth (picture is magnified – dark markings at its head are just from some scale wear.) it did not impress like the hawkmoth below for the general public – However, for the serious moth connoisseur this would have been the highlight.

The Elephant Hawkmoth below was photographed on a tree after its release.



BURNISHED BRASS



ELEPHANT HAWKMOTH

A moth trap was also put out at Whillet’s meadows by Bob Johnson just before the event which attracted the following species which were also on display.

Weir Wood Moths by Bob Johnson: Drinker Moth, Pebble Prominent,



Mottled Beauty, Clouded Border, Heart & Dart, Agapeta Zoegana (Tortrix Micro), Bloodvein, Pale Mottled Willow, Obscure Wainscot, Minor Shoulder-knot, Buff Tip, Uncertain, Straw Dot, July Highflyer, Mottled Rustic, Small Angle Shades, Beautiful Hook-tip (which was a new species for the reserve),

PEBBLE PROMINENT

POPLAR HAWKMOTH



Also Common Wainscot, Dark Arches, Peppered Moth, Engrailed, Cnephasia species (Micro), Ruby Tiger, Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Poplar Hawkmoth.

BEAUTIFUL HOOK-TIP



DRINKER MOTH

