



**Orange-tip** *Anthocharis cardamines*  
This butterfly is usually seen in damp grassy habitats or river banks where Cuckooflower (also known as Lady's Smock), the primary larvae foodplant grows. It is also common along hedgerows where Garlic or Hedge Mustard is found.  
Adult wingspan: 40-52mm



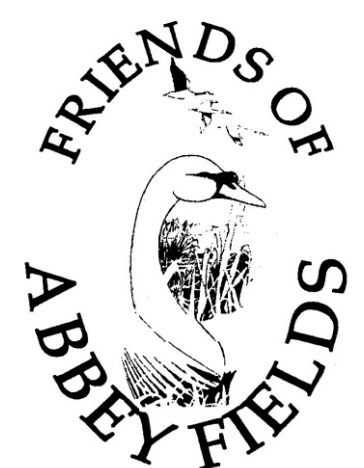
**Brimstone** *Gonepteryx rhamni*  
Feeds on the leaves of Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn. One of the longest living of British Butterflies and is the only species outside the Nymphalidae family to hibernate as an adult butterfly. The Brimstone is thought to be the original 'butter-coloured fly'.  
Adult wingspan: 60-74mm



**Small White** *Pieris rapae*  
It is a common visitor to gardens where it breeds on brassicas and Nasturtium, though it relies less on cultivated brassica crops than the Large White and breeds on a range of wild foodplants.  
Adult wingspan: 38-57mm



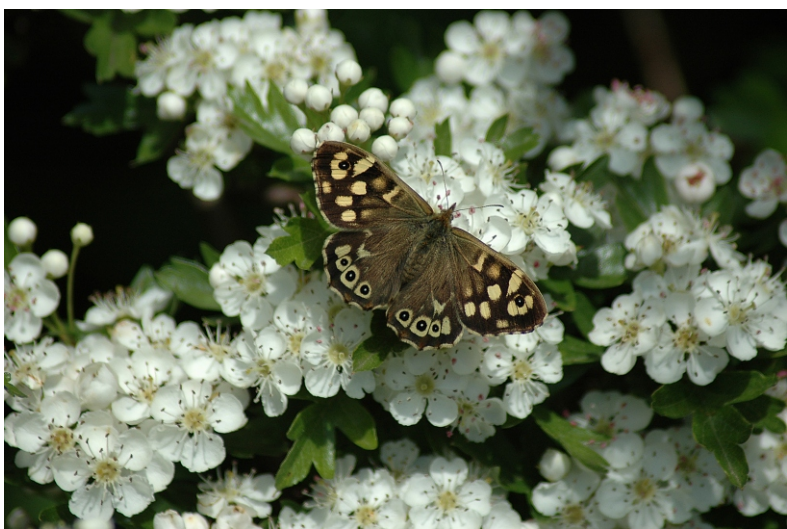
**Comma** *Polygonia c-album*  
The favored foodplant in the past was Hops but a decline in village breweries has caused a move towards nettle (usually growing in shaded positions) as the favored foodplant although Elm is often used as well.  
Adult wingspan: 50-64mm



**Holly Blue** *Celastrina argiolus*  
Gardens, public parks, disused railway lines, hedgerows, field margins and woodland rides where both Ivy and Holly (the larval foodplant) can be found. Old Church Yards are a particularly good place to find Holly Blue's, many of which have large numbers of mature Holly and Ivy bushes.  
Adult wingspan: 26-34mm



**Peacock** *Inachis io*  
Hibernating Adults can sometimes be seen on the wing in January on mild sunny days and is usually seen throughout late spring, summer and early autumn, with a peak in numbers in August.  
Adult wingspan: 63-75mm



**Speckled Wood** *Pararge aegeria*  
The Speckled Wood breeds in woodland habitats, lanes and tracks between tall hedgerows, parks, gardens, and scrub. It seems to prefer slightly damp areas where there is tall grass and some dappled shade.  
Adult wingspan: 46-56mm



**Painted Lady** *Vanessa cardui*  
The Painted Lady may be seen in any habitat although they do tend to congregate in open sunny areas where there are plenty of Thistles which provide food for both adults and larvae.  
Adult wingspan: 58-74mm



**Large White** *Pieris brassicae*  
A very mobile and migrant species which may be found in any location. The majority of adults are to be found close to breeding areas where brassica crops are grown.  
Adult wingspan: 58-63mm



**Gatekeeper** *Pyronia tithonus*  
The Gatekeeper occurs anywhere where tall grasses grow close to hedges, trees, or scrub, especially along hedgerows and woodland rides where there is a plentiful nectar source. It tends to avoid open grassland with short vegetation and areas where Bramble does not occur.  
Adult wingspan: 37-48mm



**Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta*  
Anywhere in the UK where abundant nectar sources are available and Common Nettle, the larval food plant can be found.  
Adult wingspan: 64-78mm



**Green-veined White** *Pieris napi*  
The Green-veined White prefers hedgerows and river banks with lush vegetation in sheltered, damp locations where the larval food plant and abundant nectar sources such as dandelion can be found.  
Adult wingspan: 40-52mm



**Small Tortoiseshell** *Aglais urticae*  
The Small Tortoiseshell can be found in a wide variety of habitats and regularly occurs in gardens feeding on Buddleia. It can also be found on disused railways and railway embankments, rough ground and anywhere where the larval foodplant Common Nettle is present.  
Adult wingspan: 45-62mm



**Meadow Brown** *Maniola jurtina*  
The Meadow Brown occurs in a wide variety of grassland habitats such as downland, heathland, coastal dunes, meadows, roadside verges, hedgerows, woodland rides and clearings. It will also occur in urban habitats such as parks, large gardens, and cemeteries where grassy areas are left to grow tall.  
Adult wingspan: 40-60mm

**The Friends of Abbey Fields in partnership with Warwick District Council gave this border a make over in January 2006 and continue to improve it.**