

# Inkberrow Millennium Green Big Butterfly Count

## 17/07/2020

Temperature 23C Sunny

Butterfly	From entrance to Millennium Seat in field 2 via upper path	Return via main steps and lower path	
Meadow brown	13	14	27
Gatekeeper	31	24	55
Small white	1	2	3
Large white	5	2	7
Marbled white	1	0	1
Green veined white	2	4	6
Ringlet	2	2	4
Red admiral	0	1	1
Brimstone	0	1	1
Common blue	2	0	2
Peacock	2	0	2
Small skipper	5	5	10
Large skipper	6	4	10
Comma	0	1	1
Totals	70	60	
Over all total			130

Total last year 214 (but only 81 in 2018). They are again mainly the same species with Gatekeepers and Meadow browns dominating.

Earlier in the year there were good numbers of Orange tips and Tortoiseshells plus the odd Holly blue, Peacock, Red admiral, Comma and Brimstone. The long warm spell during 'lockdown' meant that many butterflies emerged earlier than usual. It has again been a very good year for marbled whites – Gill Chiverrall counted 30 in one area in June. The fact that some of the grass was not cut at all last year may have improved survival rate of caterpillars which overwinter in the base of the grass.

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