

# Inkberrow Millennium Green Big Butterfly Count

## 16/07/2021

Temperature 26C

Butterfly	From entrance to Millennium Seat in field 2 via upper path	Return via main steps and lower path	Total
Meadow brown	55	48	103
Gatekeeper	14	5	19
Small white	1	1	2
Large white	4	2	6
Marbled white	8	16	24
Green veined white	1	0	1
Ringlet	12	6	18
Orange tip	0	1	1
Brimstone	0	1	1
Small skipper	1	1	2
Large skipper	4	0	4
Total	100	81	
Overall total			181

This survey was carried out a bit earlier than usual and as the season is late the balance of different types of butterflies is a bit different but the species are what would be expected (apart from one orange tip which is rather early for second brood).

The very large numbers of **meadow browns** is typical of this time of year in grassland as are **ringlets**. **Gate keepers** have only just emerged – almost all were seen at the top of the back steps in field two.

The really good news is the numbers of **marbled whites** particularly in field 2. The second most common butterfly recorded!

Before the recent hot sunny weather butterfly numbers were low because of the cold April and wet May.

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