

This year, WCV were guests at St Michael's Church, Cheriton.

A small party from Kings Worthy attended, and locals from Cheriton visited throughout the evening, including Colin Beyer, the churchyard habitat conservationist, and Dave, moth enthusiast.

Attention centred around two moth traps specifically set up for the evening; however a number of bats were spotted in-flight, before darkness set in, then later using a Batbox Duet bat detector. Common Pipistrelle, Natterer's and Noctule were recorded.

Two types of moth-trap were set up: one on the church south-side between two trees, using a large white sheet pegged to two 2-metre high supports and a 75 Watt mercury vapour lamp; and on the north-side a more traditional moth-trap, albeit homemade, of a 100 Watt mercury vapour lamp attached on the top of a large plastic container filled with egg-boxes, supplied by Colin.

Twenty nine species of moth were recorded, most notably:



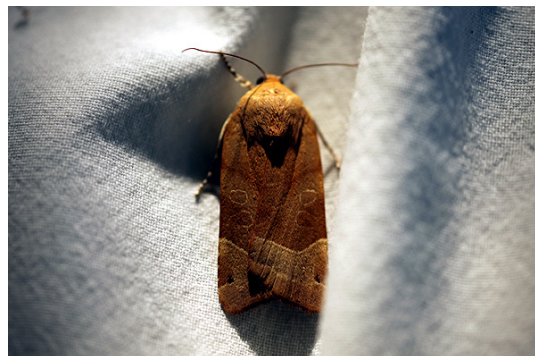
Green Carpet



Common Carpet



Small Phoenix



Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing

Time: 7.30-11.30pm.

Weather: still and dry, not too cool.

Bruce Graham, Task Leader

Bat Watch Results (unverified)

<u>Taxon</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Echolocation</u>	<u>Sounds Like</u>
<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Common Pipistrelle	45kHz	series of clicks
<i>Myotis nattereri</i>	Natterer's	50kHz	irregular rapid clicks
<i>Nyctalus lasiopterus</i>	Noctule	25kHz	chip chop clicks

Moth Watch Results

Site: Cheriton Churchyard, Vice County: 12; Date: 20 August 2011; Recorder: Colin Beyer.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Taxon</u>	<u>Vernacular</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
425	<i>Yponomeuta padella</i>	Orchard Ermine	1
658	<i>Carcina quercana</i>		1
1010	<i>Ditula angustiorana</i>	Red-barred Tortrix	1
1076	<i>Celypha lacunana</i>		1
1305	<i>Agriphila tristella</i>		20
1309	<i>Agriphila geniculea</i>		6
1316	<i>Catoptria falsella</i>		6
1365	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>		1
1708	<i>Idaea dimidiata</i>	Single-dotted Wave	1
1713	<i>Idaea aversata ab. remutata</i>	Riband Wave [non-banded form]	1
1724	<i>Xanthorhoe spadicearia</i>	Red Twin-spot Carpet	1
1738	<i>Epirrhoe alternata</i>	Common Carpet	1
1759	<i>Ecliptopera silaceata</i>	Small Phoenix	1
1764	<i>Chloroclysta truncata</i>	Common Marbled Carpet	1
1776	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>	Green Carpet	4
1906	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>	Brimstone Moth	10
1937	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>	Willow Beauty	6
2102	<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>	Flame Shoulder	2
2107	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>	Large Yellow Underwing	6
2044	<i>Eilema griseola</i>	Dingy Footman	1
2110	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i>	Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	1
2111	<i>Noctua janthe</i>	Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	7
2126	<i>Xestia c-nigrum</i>	Setaceous Hebrew Character	3
2133	<i>Xestia sexstrigata</i>	Six-striped Rustic	5
2134	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>	Square-spot Rustic	3
2199	<i>Mythimna pallens</i>	Common Wainscot	5
2353	<i>Luperina testacea</i>	Flounced Rustic	4
2361	<i>Hydraecia micacea</i>	Rosy Rustic	2
2382	<i>Hoplodrina blanda</i>	Rustic	2
2474	<i>Rivula sericealis</i>	Straw Dot	3