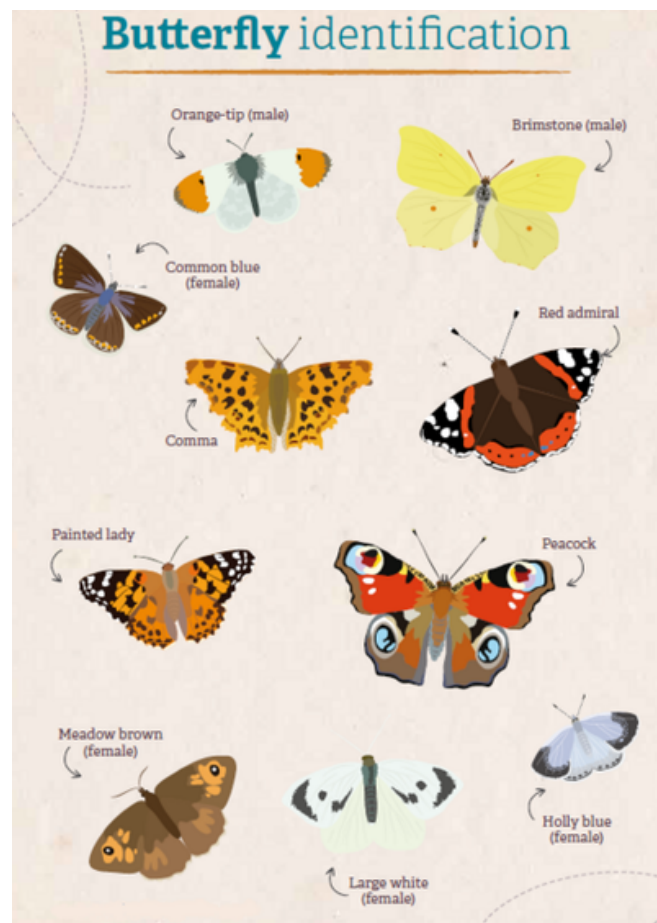


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"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1



The Wildlife Trusts'
Butterfly Identification
Sheet

In July, the Creation Care team once again joined in with Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count. This is a Citizen Science project which plays a key role in giving us a snapshot of the species around us, helping scientists and conservationists to monitor trends over time. By tracking these changes, we can see which species are thriving, which are struggling, and what this tells us about the health of the wider environment. The results also help us to understand the impact of climate change and to consider practical ways we can protect and nurture God's creation.

As part of the count, you have to spend 15mins recording any butterflies that you see and, where possible, note down the species. We did it on a cloudy and slightly windy day so we didn't see a huge number but did record 1 meadow brown butterfly and 2 gatekeepers. We also spoke with Midweek Fellowship and introduced the project to them. They are planning to sit in their gardens to count the butterflies they see.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and took part!

STAYING SUSTAINABLE THIS SUMMER

Due to the undeniable effects of climate change you may have noticed the rising temperatures each summer. So here is five ways you can look after creation while still enjoying the warm weather!

1. Use a reuseable water bottle.

Its especially important to stay hydrated in these warm months to ensure you can keep feeling your best.

Did you know plastic bottles are responsible for 20% of marine litter and only 9% of the half a trillion bottles produced every year are recycled properly.

So, this summer try to carry a reusable bottle instead its long lasting and can even keep your drink cool.

2, Opt for natural light.

With the sun up for longer using natural light can decrease the need for artificial lights, saving energy and money off your utility bill.

3. Use a washing line.

Did you know clothes dryers are among the most energy intensive household items.

So if you live in an area where you have access to sunlight use a clothesline to dry your clothes instead of a dryer.

Not only will they dry quickly but smell fresh. A garden, balcony, or a light room will work.

4. Fans are friends.

When out and about or at home use fans to keep cool. They require less energy and can be more environmentally friendly.

TOP TIP: Try and keep doors, windows and curtains closed in the heat of the day to keep hot air out and cool air in. But in the evenings open them to promote air flow and fresh air.

5. Be water wise.

With temperatures rising water consumption becomes even more important. So water your garden and plants in the early morning or late evenings to reduce evaporation and ensure more moisture reaches the plants roots.

If you can install a rain barrel to collect water from downspouts. This is a free resource that can keep garden heathy without using treated water.



Staying sustainable in the summer doesn't mean sacrificing fun or comfort. Just using a few of these minor tricks can help decrease your carbon footprint and help creation.

Then the LORD God place the man in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. - genesis 2:15
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