

### 30th December 2006

Twenty-plume Moth, Billinge (CD)

### 29th December

Chestnut (2), Mottled Umber and *Amblyptilia acanthadactyla*, Flixton (KMCC)

Pale Brindled Beauty, Lightfoot Green (SMP)

### 28th December

Winter Moth (2), Dotted Border, Mottled Umber, Chestnut and Dark Chestnut; Flixton (KMCC)

### 27th December

Pale Brindled Beauty, High Tatham (PM)

### 22nd December

Mottled Umber, *Agonopterix arenella*; Lightfoot Green (SP)

Winter Moth (2), Mottled Umber (2) and *Acleris hastiana*; Flixton (KMCC)

### 21st December

Dark Chestnut (2), Higher Tatham (PM)

### 20th December

*Epiphyas postvittana* (Light-brown Apple Moth), Billinge (CD)

### 19th December

Angle Shades, Belmont (S Martin)

### 17th December

Winter Moth, Belmont (SM)

### 14th December

Gem, Satellite, Chestnut and Mottled Umber (2); Flixton, (KMCC)

### 13th December

Pale Brindle Beauty and Mottled Umber at MV light, 20 Plume Moth and *Mompha subbstrigella* (2) indoors, Flixton (KMCC)

### 6th December

*Phyllonorycter platani* mine on leaf of Plane Tree at Castle Field, Manchester; *Stigmella aurella* mine on Bramble Manchester; *Ectoedemia intimella* and larval workings of *Gypsonoma dealbana* on leaf of Goat Willow by the Irwell, near Regent Road (SH)

### 5th December

Oak Nycteoline Billinge; CD - (usually well into hibernation by now.)

### 1st December

Winter Moth, Mottled Umber, Scarce Umber and Chestnut; Flixton (KMCC)

### 27th November

Feathered Thorn, Mottled Umber (3), Scarce Umber, Northern Winter Moth, December Moth (5), Red-green Carpet, Winter Moth; Millhouses, Wray (PM)

### 17th November

*Phyllonorycter platani*, Flixton (KMCC)

There are about a dozen well established London Plane trees along the road. Most of the leaves have fallen but I found about 6 mined leaves amongst the leaves on the ground. This species has now been found at three out of four sites in Lancashire where London Plane is present. The only site where there are lots of London Plane and *P.platani* was not seen was Sefton Park, Liverpool, although it could have been overlooked as there were a large number of these trees present.

### 16th November

Humming-bird Hawk-moth: Whiston Hospital B Smart - trying to take nectar from one of the striplights on the ceiling in the corridor!

*Phyllonorycter platani* mine on Plane Tree; Chorlton Library, Manchester (BS)

### 15th November

Rusty Dot Pearl, December Moth (17), Red-green Carpet, Mottled Umber; Millhouses near Wray (PM)

Rusty Dot Pearl, Silver Y (3), December Moth (7), Mottled Umber (2), *Acleris sparsana*; Lightfoot Green, Preston (SP)

*Crociosema plebejana* (new to VC59), *E.angustea*; Flixton (KMCC)

### 13th November (approx)

Scarce Umber, Meresands Wood Nature Reserve (per CD).

### 11th November

*Duponchelia fovealis* (2); Bispham (D McGrath)

### 8th November

December Moth (46), *Epirrita* sp. (6), Northern Winter Moth, Red-green carpet, Spruce Carpet, Yellow-line Quaker (2), Brick (2), Satellite, Dark Chestnut, Chestnut (2), Mottled Umber (3); Millhouses, Wray (PM)

Common Quaker, Lightfoot Green (SP)

### 6th November

Rusty-dot Pearl , High Tatham (PM)

### 3rd November

Rusty-dot pearl, Heysham NR (A Draper, PM, R Neville, J Roberts)

### 29th October

Red Sword-grass, Huyton (ST)

Pearly Underwing, Swinton (S Christmas)

Delicate, Rush Veneer (2); Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

*Stigmella speciosa*, Bilsborough mine on Sycamore (KMCC) - new to VC60

Pearly Underwing; Yealand Conyers (BH)

### 28th October

Rusty-dot Pearl (2), Rush Veneer; Euxton (EL)

Gem (2), Rush Veneer, Diamond-back Moth; Leighton Moss (K Briggs)

Rush Veneer, Yealand Conyers (BH)

### 27th October

Gem, Rush Veneer (6); Leighton Moss (KB)

Rush Veneer, Diamond-back Moth; Bispham (B Brigden)

Gem, Rush Veneer; Heysham NR (PM)

Delicate; Heysham (JH)

### 26th October

Rush Veneer; Heysham (JH)

### 24th October

Gem, Heysham NR (A Draper)

### 23rd October

Pearly Underwing; Heysham (JH)

*Phyllonorycter platani*, Stretford , Manchester (K McC) many tenanted mines on London Plane – **new to Lancashire** - the previous most northerly record in the UK was from North Wales.

### 22nd October

Note from the north - Sheltered woodland sites are still producing the goods. An excellent example is the site at Millhouses half way between Wray and High Tatham deep in the Hindburn valley and totally sheltered from all but NW winds. The trap has been run three times in the last week and produced 40-60 moths per night of 24 species (including Pale November, November and Autumnal Moth courtesy of Steve P identification). Highlighted by up to 5 Sprawler per night. Thanks to Val for continuing to allow use of this site which now has 52 pages of data on MapMate! (P Marsh)

Sallow, Warton Crag (J Newton) - **latest Lancashire date for this species by nine days.**

### 20th October

Rush Veneer, Bispham (BB)

Barred Sallow, Streak (2); Haydock (G&D Atherton)

*Coleophora* (possibly *potentillae*) case on Bramble, Davyhulme, Manchester (KMCC) [Kevin McCabe found a few of this striking larva, complete with portable cases made of bramble leaf fragments, near Flixton, Manchester . They could be one of two species, both of which would be new to Lancashire . An attempt will be made by Ben Smart to breed them through to confirm their identity. *Coleophora potentillae* is the most likely candidate.]

Mother of Pearl, Glazebury (D Wilson) freshly emerged.

Rush Veneer, Diamond-back Moth; Huyton (ST)

Pale Pinion; Millhouses (PM)

### 19th October

Dark Arches, Rusty-dot Pearl , Common Quaker (female) Lightfoot Green (SP). [The latter is a most unusual sighting of this early spring species.]

Humming-bird Hawk-moth Huyton (ST)

Lesser Yellow Underwing, Billinge (CD) freshly emerged.

### 18th October

Rush Veneer, Wray (G Jones, A Shaw)

Scarce Bordered Straw; Heysham (JH)

Rush Veneer, Hale (CC)

Sprawler (3), Pearly Underwing; Wray (PM)

### 17<sup>th</sup> October

V Pug, Flixton (KMCC)

Mother of Pearl, Barred Sallow (2), Large Yellow Underwing; Hale (CC)

*Exapate congelatella*, Rochdale (P Stevens)

### 16<sup>th</sup> October

Diamond-back Moth (2), Flixton (KMCC)

Rush Veneer, Heysham (JH)

Beautiful Hook-tip, Crosby (J Donnelly)

Sprawler, High Tatham (PM)

[Apart from one record of Sprawler by Barbara Cockburn, just south of Lancaster a few years ago and another much older record from Longridge, the only records we have of this late season moth are from the far north of Lancashire. Is it really such a localised species or do few people run their traps this late? With a mild season with plenty of light trapping still going on and the appearance of the species in north Lancs we have a good chance of checking to see if it is such a local rarity.]

### 15<sup>th</sup> October

Pearly Underwing (*approx date*), Billinge (A Middlehurst)

Pearly Underwing, Rush Veneer (2); Heysham (JH)

Beautiful Hook-tip, Grey Shoulder-knot, Streak, *Exapate congelatella*; Flixton also *Chrysoesthia sexguttella*, Flixton (KMCC) tenanted leaf-mine - **first since 1948**.

[Back in 2001, Beautiful Hook-tip was added to the county list when one was attracted to light in Pennington (P Pugh). Subsequent to that things went very quiet and it was suspected its appearance was that of a one-off wanderer. On the 15th October, Kevin McCabe came across a second brood individual at Flixton and a day later John Donnelly found one in his garden trap in Crosby. Is the start of a more regular occurrence in the county of this attractive species?]

### 14<sup>th</sup> October

Light Emerald, St Helens (C Davies)

Pearly Underwing. Silverdale (T Riden)

Lesser Yellow Underwing (2), Dark Arches; Lightfoot Green (SP)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (JH)

Juniper Carpet, Billinge (A Middlehurst)

### 13<sup>th</sup> October

Rush Veneer, Pearly Underwing (2), Heysham (JH)

Dark Sword-grass, Rush Veneer; Silverdale (TR)

### 12<sup>th</sup> October

N noctuella, Scarce Bordered Straw; Hale (C Cockbain)

Rusty-dot Pearl, Rainford (ST)

### 11<sup>th</sup> October

Pearly Underwing, Heysham (JH)

Grey Shoulder-knot, Flixton (KMCC) - *new to garden*

Brindled Ochre, St Helens (C Davies) - (see [St Helens Wildlife Group](#) website)

### 10<sup>th</sup> October

*Calybitis phasianipennella* (**fourth county record**), Streak, Dark Sword-grass, Rush Veneer; Huyton (ST)

Vestal, Flixton (KMCC)

Rush Veneer, Rusty-dot Pearl; Lightfoot Green (SP)

Pearly Underwing (2), Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (JH)

Streak, Rochdale (P Stevens). (see [www.north-west-wildlife.co.uk](http://www.north-west-wildlife.co.uk))

Barred Sallow, Hale (CC) - **only third recent record for VC59**

### 9<sup>th</sup> October

Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Heysham (JH)

### 8<sup>th</sup> October

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (JH)

### 7<sup>th</sup> October

Rusty-dot Pearl, Huyton (ST)

Nomophila noctuella, Flixton (KMCC)

Delicate and Pearly Underwing, Heysham (PM)

Scarce Silver-lines, Hale (CC).

## 6<sup>th</sup> October

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Kirkham (M & S Morrison)

## 5<sup>th</sup> October

*N noctuella*, *U ferrugalis*; Huyton (ST)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Parbold (per A Bunting)

Gem (2), Martin Mere (AB)

## 4<sup>th</sup> October

Grey shoulder-know, Hale (CC)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, *N noctuella* (3) *Acleris literana*, Huyton (ST) - **first in VC59 since before 1890**

Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Burnley (per Dave Anderson)

Pearly Underwing, Dark Sword-grass, *N noctuella*, High Tatham (PM)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Marsden Park , Nelson (K Singleton)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth (2), Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Dark Sword-grass, Rush Veneer, Convolvulus Hawk-moth; Yealand Conyers (BH)

## 1<sup>st</sup> October

Pearly Underwing, Yealand Conyers (BH)

Pearly Underwing (2), High Tatham (PM)

Delicate (2), Dolphinholme (NR)

Vestal, Dark Sword-grass, Scarce Bordered Straw and the all green form of Red-green Carpet; Lightfoot Green (SP)

## 30<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Longton (R Boydell)

*Hedya salicella*, Pennington: **a very late record** (CD)

## 29<sup>th</sup> September

*N noctuella* (2), Dolphinholme (NR)

Vestal, Worsthorne (GG) Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Belmont (S Martin)

Autumn Green Carpet (2), Silverdale (T Riden)

Vestal, Worsthorne (GG)

*Hellula undalis* (Old World Webworm), St Helens (D Owen). **New to Lancashire.**

[Yet another extremely rare migrant species has made it north into Lancashire during this unprecedented period of migration. Dave ("New to Lancashire ") Owen has struck again only a few days after adding *Ectoedemia sericopeza* to the county list. The Old World Webworm (*Hellula undalis*) came to Dave's garden light trap in St Helens on the 29th September 2006]

## 28<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Pearly Underwing; Yealand Conyers (BH)

Bordered Straw, Worsley (I Walker)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Small Mottled Willow ; Fowley Common (J Wilson)

Delicate, Worsthorne (GG)

Rusty Dot Pearl , Flixton (KM)

Vestal, Scarce Bordered Straw, Pearly Underwing, Rush Veneer; Martin Mere (AB)

Approx date Pearly Underwing (3); High Tatham (PM)

Galleria mellonella (Wax Moth), Eccleston (EL)

Delicate, Worsthorne (GG)

## 26<sup>th</sup> September

Vestal, Yealand Conyers (BH)

Small Blood-vein, St Helens (C Davies)

Swallow-tailed Moth, Bispham (B Brigden)

Humming-bird Hawk, Croston ( EL)

Rusty Dot Pearl . Flixton (KMCC)

Vestal, Scarce Bordered Straw, *N noctuella*; Hale (CC)

Rush Veneer, Botton Mill (PM)

Rush Veneer, Scarce Bordered Straw; Southport (A Forrest)

## 25<sup>th</sup> September

Yellow-tail, Leigh (D Wilson)

Diamond-back Moth, Flixton (KMCC)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Pennington (P Pugh)

Large Ranunculus, Haydock (G & D Atherton). **New to Lancashire.** [This attractive moth was found by Geoff And Donna Atherton at their Haydock home on 25th September 2006 . The record has been accepted by the county recorder and is a first for Lancashire . This is a significant extension of the known range of this species in the UK where it was formerly a species of south and eastern England.]

#### 24<sup>th</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk, Euxton (EL)

Vestal, Flixton (KMC)

Vestal, Scarce Bordered Straw (2); Hale (C Cockbain). [Now 50+ at this site during the last month or so.]

Brown-spot Pinion (new to the garden), Yealand Conyers (BH)

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> September (NATIONAL MOTH NIGHT)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth and Delicate were the stars of the show on NMN.

*Calybites phasianipennella*, St Annes (J Steeden). **New to VC60.**

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Burnley (T Bennett)

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> September

*Antigastra catalaunalis*, a very rare migrant recorded by Dave Wilson and Paul Pugh near Chat Moss, Manchester (DW, PP). **First record for Lancashire .**

#### 21<sup>st</sup> September

*Ectoedemia sericopeza*, St Helens( DO) – **new to Lancashire.** The known range of this species, prior to the St Helens moth, was south of a line from Gloucester to Norfolk!

Scarce Bordered Straw, Vestal; Bispham (BB)

Scarce Bordered Straw (4), Heysham (JH)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Parr ( R Banks)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Poulton-le-Fylde (ASmith)

#### 20<sup>th</sup> September (approx date)

*Stenoptilia millieridactyla*, Huyton (ST)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Lightfoot Green (SP)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Rainford (A Cheney)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Flixton (KMCC)

*Euchromius ocella*, Small Blood-vein, Scarce Bordered Straw (2); Lightoaks Moss (CD)

Scarce Bordered Straw (4), Delicate (**third county record**), Pearly Underwing; Martin Mere (AB)

#### 19<sup>th</sup> September

Vestal, Flixton (KMCC)

#### 18<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Parr (RB)

#### 17<sup>th</sup> September

*Palpita vitrealis* Lancaster, C Barnes – **second record for VC60 and third county record.**

Scarce Bordered Straw (5 over the last seven days), Atherton (K Brides)

Small Fan-foot, Lightfoot Green (SP)

#### 16<sup>th</sup> September

Convolvulus Hawk-moth larva, Thurnham (Margaret Evans)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Feniscowles (W Aspin)

Vestal, Bispham (Barry Brigden)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Euxton (P Kirk)

#### 15<sup>th</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Clitheroe (J Fenton)

Vestal, Humming-bird Hawk-moth; Worsthorne (GG)

Vestal, Dolphinholme (N Rogers)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth (2) Huyton (ST) - at least one present since 2/9

Vestal, Belmont (SM)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Chipping (C & L McWilliam)

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Thornton Cleveleys (S Hayhow)

#### 13<sup>th</sup> September

Light Emerald, Treble-bar, Common White Wave, new garden records of Frosted Orange, Beaded Chestnut; Hugh Green, Widnes (P Hillyer)

Vestal, Billinge (F Middlehurst)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Orrell (P Alker)

Dark Sword Grass, Rusty Dot Pearl , Small Mottled Willow , Scarce Bordered Straw High; Tatham (PM)

Vestal (2), Worsthorne (G Gavaghan)

### 12<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw (4), Pearly Underwing, P xylostella, Ureffugalis and Palpita vitrealis, Heysham. The latter is the **first record for VC60** (North Lancashire) and only the **second ever county record** of this attractive pyralid moth.

Poplar Hawk, Rainford (A Cheney)

### 11<sup>th</sup> September

Vestal (2), Small Mottled Willow ; Wray (G Jones)

Silver-ground Carpet, Kirkham (M Myerscough)

Orange Sallow, Billinge (C Darbyshire) only second record from this well recorded site.

Scarce Bordered Straw (3), Atherton House, Dalton (VC59)

### 10<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Lightfoot Green (SMP)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (PM)

Bordered Straw, Heysham (DJH)

Humming-bird Hawk moth, Goosnargh (M Ed)

### 9<sup>th</sup> September

Blackneck, Flixton (KMCC)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Preston (SP)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Lytham (F Mellor)

### 8<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw (2), Heysham (D J Holding).

### 7<sup>th</sup> September

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (PM)

### 6<sup>th</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Euxton (EL)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Higher Tatham (PM)

Elephant Hawk-moth (freshly emerged) at Astley's Farm, nr Wray (PM)

### 5<sup>th</sup> September

There have now been reports of eight Great Brocade in our area. The last two to be reported were from the Rochdale area (Peter Stevens) and Pennington (Paul Pugh).

[Scarce Bordered Straw continue to appear in the south of the county. With a relatively localised distribution in such numbers, I wonder if some of the recent sightings could have been the progeny of several females that arrived in the area earlier in the year (such as the known breeding of Humming-bird Hawk-moth). With other genuine migrants about though, such as the Great Brocade, it is just as likely that they are all new arrivals - we shall never know.]

Scarce Bordered Straw, Orrell (PA)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Pennington (PP)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Billinge (CD)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Mere Sands Wood (R Boydell)

Scarce Bordered Straw (2), Kirkham (M Myerscough)

Delicate, Atherton (CD)

On 5th September, Chris Darbyshire set his trap at Atherton House, Dalton (VC59), a site he has been checking regularly for several years now with the kind permission of the owners. This particular night he found a Delicate had been attracted to the light trap, a new species for Chris and only the **third known record for the county**. The previous two were both in VC60 - 2005 at Ashley's Farm and 2001 at Burrow Heights. Further research is now needed to see if this is the first record for VC59.

### 4<sup>th</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Atherton (KB)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Clitheroe (P Morris)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Kirkham (MM)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (DJH)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Warton (SMP)

Humming-bird Hawk-moth, Huyton, Liverpool (ST)

Bordered Straw, Robbleton (G Mortimore)

Scarce Bordered Straw, Heysham (JR, PM)

Rust-dot Pearl (2), Rush Veneer (5); Lightfoot Green (SMP)

### **1<sup>st</sup> September**

Scarce Bordered Straw, Orrell (PA)

Convolvulus Hawk-moth, Southport (AF)

Rusty-dot Pearl (ST)

### **25<sup>th</sup> August**

A Death's-head Hawk-moth caterpillar was found by Gemma Hawkins (aged 7) wandering on the path near her front door in Eskrigge, Nr. Gressingham, Lancaster LA2 8LX.

Gill Griffin, a next door neighbour, kindly photographed and identified the caterpillar, before confirming the identity with the moth group and sending in the record. They hope to rear the moth through to adulthood and we await further news.

There have only been about 35 or so previous records of this moth in Lancashire, the last two being in 2001 and 2004. The finding of a full grown caterpillar is indicative of the arrival in the county earlier on this year of a mated female. All those out and about in the Lancaster area could keep their eyes peeled for further larvae which will feed on Potato leaves or any of the Solanum family. The most widespread of these is bittersweet, the purple flowers being very obvious at this time of year on the straggly stems of this hedgerow plant.

### **16<sup>th</sup> August**

Great Brocade in Longridge (Denis Lambert)

### **15<sup>th</sup> August**

Great Brocade came to light at Pete Alker's trap in Orrell and a Scarce Bordered Straw was found in Billinge.

### **13<sup>th</sup> August**

Great Brocade, Newton-le-Willows

### **12<sup>th</sup> August**

Great Brocade at Worsley Garden Centre.