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October Moth News - October began with a real feel of autumn, the cooler overnight temperatures, wind and rain all helped to create problems with moth trapping throughout the month.

1st October - Sid Morris was the first to post a trap result which came from his Staveley garden 22/11 including **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Black Rustic**, **Red-line Quaker** and **Pink Barred Sallow**. Sam Goddard discovered what was most likely to be *Phyllonorycter Blancardella*, unfortunately this species cannot be reliably separated as either a mine or an adult, and needs to be reared/dissected to confirm. Clive Ashton recorded 17/4 from Cromford including **Merveille du Jour**, **Barred Sallow** and **Green-brindled Crescent**.



Merveille du Jour - Clive Ashton©



July Belle - John Turner©

John Turner from New Mills recorded a very late **July Belle**, his other highlights were **Blair's Shoulder Knot** and a late **Dark Arches**.

2nd October - Brian Hobby recorded 15/6 on his GMS trapping session at Kirk Hallam, reporting a warm but wet night. **Deep Brown Dart** and **Chestnut** were his highlights.

3rd October - Dave Evans based himself at Darwin Forest for his annual week of moth recording at this site. His first session produced 37/23, including **Flounced Chestnut**, **Sallow**, **Barred Sallow**, **Red-line** and **Yellow-line Quaker**, **Brick**, **Autumn Green Carpet**, *Zelleria hepariella*, *Acleris hyemana* and *Ypsolopha ustella*. Not a bad start.

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3rd October cont'd -



Yellow-line Quaker - Dave Evans©



Brick - Dave Evans©



Satellite - Dave Evans©



Sallow - Dave Evans©

A few leaf mines were being recorded with ***Stigmella tiliae*** from Sunnydale LNR by Andrew-John Shervill on 3rd, ***Phyllonorycter plantani*** from Staveley on 4th by Sid Morris and ***Mompha raschkiella***, ***Parornix betulae***, ***Phyllonorycter nicellii*** and ***Stigmella aceris*** all from Darwin Forest by Dave Evans.

4th October - Dave Evans recorded 15 species from Darwin Forest including highlights of **Grey Pine Carpet**, **Feathered Ranunculus**, **Mottled Umber**, **Yellow-line Quaker**, ***Acleris hastiana*** and ***Acleris variegana***.

5th October - More Leaf Mines from Andrew-John Shervill included - ***Stigmella plagicolella***, ***Phyllonorycter coryli***, ***Stigmella hybnerella***, ***Stigmella sakhalinella*** and ***Coleophora spinella*** all from Poppy Wood, Melbourne on 5th and from Sunnydale LNR, also on 5th ***Parornix devoniella***.

Dave Evans had another bumper night at Darwin Forest with 47/21 including **Pine Carpet**, **Merveille du Jour**, **Pink-barred Sallow**, **Autumn Green Carpet**, **Chestnut (5)**, **Black Rustic** and **Grey Pine Carpet (11)**. Brian Hallam ran his garden moth trap at Findern and recorded the best moth so far this month, a **Dusky Lemon Sallow** (now a rare species in the county with very few records being received), also **Sallow**, **Beaded Chestnut** and **Black Rustic**.

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**Acleris hastiana** - Dave Evans©**Dusky Lemon Sallow** - Brian Hallam©**Pine Carpet** - Dave Evans©**Feathered Ranunculus** - Dave Evans©

6th October - Sid Morris and his daughter conducted the first of their annual autumn/winter surveys of the tunnels along the Monsal Trail - they recorded **Tissue** (2) & **Herald** (1) from Headstone; **Tissue** (9) and **Herald** (2) from Cressbrook and **Tissue** (16) and **Herald** (2) from Litton.

Nikki Barrow ran her garden MV at Shirland and recorded 21/12 which included **Feathered Thorn**, **Brick**, **Blair's Shoulder Knot** and **Juniper Carpet** as her highlights. Dave Evans recorded a few more Leaf Mines from around Darwin Forest - **Stigmella hemargyrella**, **Stigmella nylandriella**, **Stigmella salicis group (on Goat Willow - egg underside)** and **Phyllonorycter geniculella**.

Dave also recorded his best trap so far this week, in mild temperatures, at Darwin Forest 92/33, with highlights of **Autumnal Rustic**, **Feathered Thorn**, **Beaded Chestnut**, and **Acleris sparsana**. Other picks of **Brindled Green**, **Merveille-du-Jour**, **Black Rustic**, **Autumn Green Carpet** (2), **Pink-barred Sallow**, **Red-green Carpet**, **Satellite**, **Acleris emargana** and **Epinothia ramella**. **Grey Pine Carpet** (21).

Nikki Barrow ran a moth trap at the Jim Mart Reserve, 12 moths of 11 species included **Brick**, **Barred Sallow**, **Feathered Thorn**, **Red-green Carpet** and **Chestnut**.

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7th October - Dave Evans at Darwin Forest recorded 95/24 which included a site record of 21 **Red-green Carpet**, other highlights were **Grey Pine Carpet** (23) **Large Wainscot**, **Grey Shoulder Knot** and **Zellaria hepariella**. A **Pearly Underwing** and another **Brindled Ochre** were recorded from Hathersage by Alan Kydd from 17/11.



Pearly Underwing - Alan Kydd©



Brindled Ochre - Alan Kydd©

Clive Ashton recorded 20/13 from his Cromford Moth Trap including **Green Carpet** and **Barred Sallow** as particular highlights.

8th October - A particularly poor night due to drop in temperatures. For my efforts at Melbourne I had a **Black Rustic** best of 4/4. Dave Evans reporting in from Darwin Forest recorded 36/12, best were **Grey Pine Carpet** (10), **Autumn Green Carpet**, **Yellow-line Quaker** and **Red-line Quaker** (2). Ann Wood from Sandiacre took a **Merveille du Jour** whilst trapping in a friend's garden. Emily Milnes recorded a **Nomophila noctuella** (Rush Veneer), **Blair's Shoulder-knot** and **Juniper Carpet** from her Sandiacre garden moth trap.

9th October - Dave Evans reporting from Darwin Forest - **Large Ranunculus** from 55/20. Further highlights were **Grey Pine Carpet** (11), **Pine Carpet**, **Autumn Green Carpet**, **Brick** and **Satellite**. Sid Morris ran his moth trap at Staveley for his GMS recording a **Merveille du Jour** and **Green-brindled Crescent** as the main highlights. Brian Hallam ran his garden MV light trap at Findern recording a **Merveille du Jour** and **Red-line Quaker** as highlights from 22/14. Dave Newcombe also ran his garden MV at Belper, with just 17/14 with **Merveille du Jour**, **Red-line Quaker** and **Green-brindled Crescent** as his favoured highlights.

10th October - Andrew-John Shervill found the leaf mine of **Phyllonorycter esperella** at Darley Park. Alan Kydd from Hathersage recorded a **Large Wainscot** which was a new moth for Alan, from 11/8.

11th October - The Leaf Mines of **Phyllonorycter pastorella** were discovered at a new location, when Sam Goddard and myself found them at Willington Wetlands Car Parking area on Willows. This species was only discovered in Derbyshire this year. Also along the lane at Willington Wetlands, I found the Leaf Mines of **Stigmella aceris** on Field Maple.

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**Merveille du Jour** - Brian Hallam©**Large Ranunculus** - Dave Evans©

11th October - Graham Pollock from Quarndon recorded a **Green-brindled Crescent** and a **Barred Sallow** despite overnight temperatures at 6°C. Alan Kydd at Hathersage recorded **Large Wainscot**, **Feathered Thorn**, **Green-brindled Crescent** and **Blair's Shoulder-knot** also in low overnight temperature of 6.8. The mine of *Mompha raschkiella* was found at Swarkestone by Andrew-John Shervill. The leaf mines of *Stigmella aceris* were found at Willington Wetlands by Tony Davison.

13th October - Matt Leedell from Belper recorded 27/11 including **Satellite** (2), **Juniper Carpet**, **Yellow-line Quaker** (2), **Barred Sallow** and **Chestnut** as highlights.

**Yellow-line Quaker** - Matt Leedell©**Satellite** - Matt Leedell©**Barred Sallow** Matt Leedell©

Clive Ashton from Cromford had a nice haul of 21/15 which included **Angle Shades**, **Feathered Thorn**, **Black Rustic**, **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Yellow-line Quaker**, **Barred Sallow**, **Blair's Shoulder-knot** and **Juniper Carpet** (2). Steve Orridge ran his moth trap at Buxton and from 45 moths of 16 species his highlights were his latest ever **Smoky Wainscot**, **Merveille du Jour**, **Blair's Shoulder-knot** and **Chestnut** (2).

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Feathered Thorn - Clive Ashton©



Blair's Shoulder-knot - Clive Ashton©

14th October - Dave Newcombe had a surprise in his Belper garden this evening, a **Clifden Nonpareil** which he nearly missed as it was perched above his back door. From 18/12 other highlights were **Merveille du Jour**, **Red-line Quaker**, **Angle Shades**, **Blair's Shoulder Knot** and **Black Rustic** (5).



Black Rustic - Dave Newcombe©

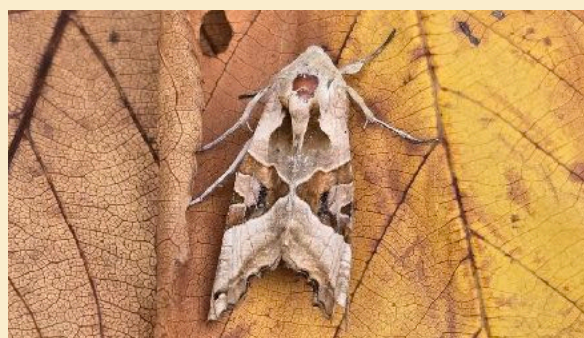


Clifden Nonpareil - Dave Newcombe©

15th October - Clive Ashton recorded 22/14 from Cromford which included **Pink-barred Sallow**, **Barred Sallow**, **Red-line Quaker**, **Angle Shades** and a late *Hypsopygia costalis* (**Gold Triangle**).



Pink-barred Sallow - Clive Ashton©



Angle Shades - Clive Ashton©

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15th October - The micro *Aethes smeathmanniana* was recorded by Pete Mella at Norton Lees. A rather late record. Matt Leedell caught 21/14 from his garden light trap in Belper. Highlights were **Brick**, **Grey-shoulder Knot**, **Yellow-line Quaker** and **Feathered Thorn**.

John Turner reporting from New Mills had **Merveille du Jour** (2), **Autumn Green Carpet**, **November Moth agg**, **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Blair's Shoulder-knot** and **Juniper Carpet** as his highlights.

16th October - Cromford strikes again when Clive Ashton recorded 28/16 overnight which included a **Large Wainscot**, **Black Rustic**, **Feathered Thorn** (2), **Yellow-line Quaker** and **Sallow**. Dave Newcombe slightly edged the numbers from Belper with 30/18 which included **Orange Sallow**, **Barred Sallow**, **Grey Shoulder-knot**, **Merveille du Jour** (4), **Mottled Umber**, **Black Rustic**.



Orange Sallow - Dave Newcombe©



Large Wainscot - Clive Ashton©

17th October - I ran my Melbourne 20w Actinic and recorded a **Red-line Quaker** (haven't had many here over the years), **Beaded Chestnut**, and **Black Rustic** (5). Only 3 **Light-brown Apple Moth**. Nikki Barrow recorded 35/16 from her 20x actinic Heath Trap at Shirland, with highlights from a good selection of autumn species, including **November Moth agg** (7), **Juniper Carpet** (8), **Green-brindled Crescent** (2) **Barred Sallow** and **Red-line Quaker** (2).



Chestnut - Nikki Barrow©



Beaded Chestnut - Nikki Barrow©

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17th October cont'd - Clive Ashton had another successful trapping session from Cromford, producing some good autumn fare, which included **Merveille du Jour** (4), some mere mortals are lucky to get one!, **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Black Rustic**, **Barred Sallow**, **Yellow-line Quaker** and a **Large Wainscot**.



Yellow-line Quaker - Clive Ashton©



Large Wainscot - Clive Ashton©



A trio of "Merves" - Clive Ashton©



Red Sword-grass - Alan Kydd©

Alan Kydd from Hathersage recorded 28/13 which included the scarce **Red Sword-grass**, a species that seems to be confined to the northern half of the county. Graham Pollock from his Quarndon garden light trap had **Merveille du Jour** and **Yellow-line Quaker** highlights from 21/11. John Turner from New Mills had a night of the "**Merves**", topping Clive Ashton's four with five of the green beauties. Also a **Dark Sword-grass** and a couple of **Yellow-line Quaker**.

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Turnip Moth - Tony Davison©



Red-line Quaker - Tony Davison©

18th October - Another **Merveille du Jour** from Martin Roome's Chaddesden fancy LED light trap, was his first for the county and garden. Always a good moth trap session when you have captured a "Merve"! So Clive Ashton's moth trap was also a good one. From 19/9 he had 2 **Merveille's**, **Green Brindled Crescent** (2), **Blair's Shoulder-knot**, **Yellow-line Quaker** (2), **Red-line Quaker** and **Epirrita agg** (4).



Both "Line" Quakers - Clive Ashton©



Green Brindled Crescent - Clive Ashton©



Blair's Shoulder-knot - Clive Ashton©



Juniper Carpet - Clive Ashton©

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20th October - Brian Hobby from Kirk Hallam recorded just 10 moths of 7 species on his GMS trap night, with a temperature of 10.4°C. Highlights of **The Brick**, **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Feathered Thorn**, and **Red-line Quaker**. Clive Ashton had a decent return from his Cromford garden light trap with 28/12 and highlights of **Mottled Umber**, **Satellite** and **Merveille du Jour**.



Mottled Umber - Clive Ashton©



Satellite - Clive Ashton©

21st October - Mark Radford from Staveley recorded **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Merveille du Jour**, **Black Rustic** and 12 **Epirrita species** as highlights from 25/9.

From 21st onwards the weather began to play havoc for moth trapping and there were hardly any returns. However, as Moth-ers are very adaptable, there were plenty of leaf mine records coming in. Here are a few of them.



Stigmella tiliae - Andrew-John Shervill©



Gypsonoma oppressana - Mark Radford©

22nd October - **Stigmella tiliae** was found by Andrew-John Shervill, an easy mine to spot within the islands of green on the leaves. The **Gypsonoma oppressana** was from Markham Vale, Hall Lane Ponds and was found by Mark Radford on Black Poplar. The mine starts alongside a leaf mid-rib, then "Window Feeding" takes place and a silken frass filled tube is created by the larvae.

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23rd October - A few mines from the Willington Wetlands Reserve, *Stigmella aceris* on Field Maple, *Stigmella aurella* on Bramble and *Stigmella microtheriella* on Hazel. All reasonably common leaf mines.



Stigmella aceris - Tony Davison©



Stigmella aurella - Tony Davison©



Stigmella microtheriella - Tony Davison©

24th October - More leaf mines from mark Radford at Markham Vale. *Stigmella obliquella* on Crack Willow. An early frass filled mine gradually widens to show margins around the frass, then eventually terminating into a blotch.



Stigmella obliquella - Mark Radford©



Stigmella obliquella - Mark Radford©

Clive Ashton managed to get a trap up and running at Middleton-by-Wirksworth and recorded 6/6 which included the first **December Moth** of the year and other highlights of **Feathered Thorn** and **Blair's Shoulder Knot**.



December Moth - Clive Ashton©



Feathered Thorn - Clive Ashton©

October Moth News - 25th October - There are huge gaps in the knowledge of leaf mines in Derbyshire and there are plenty of opportunities to discover new locations and new leaf mines for the vice-county. I'm gradually gaining more of an interest in this fascinating side of moths.

There is also a new language to learn, such as frass, tenanted and un-tenanted, epidermal layers, leaf petiole and mid-rib etc. We now have to learn botany!!

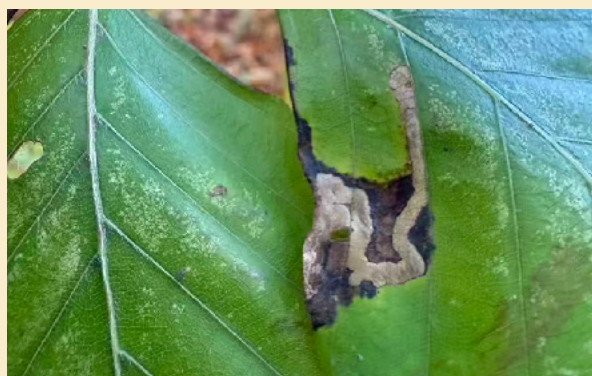
Once a mine has been identified and is an active mine (tenanted), if you have the time and patience the larvae that create the mines can be reared on and the emerging adult can then be positively identified, avoiding the need for dissection. The leaf mines can also be looked for during the months when moth trapping is not so lively.

There are now a gradually increasing number of recorders who are regularly submitting leaf mine records, gaining expertise and helping to provide further knowledge of our Derbyshire moths.

When recording leaf mines it is very important to include the following information, so can I ask that recorders take this request on board especially when 1) Entering their records to iRecord and 2) Entering their images to DMFG.

Please ensure that you record - A) The food plant - B) The location - C) The date when mine was found - D) The latin name - E) An image of the entire leaf showing the mine in situ as this will enable our verifiers to see the host plant - F) If the mines were identified by other personnel on other social media platforms, please register the determiner when you enter the record to iRecord. This will help our verifiers when assessing the record. Many thanks.

Here are a couple of "starter" leaf mines, ***Stigmella hemargyrella*** and ***Stigmella tityrella***, both found on Beech and both have close similarities. Comparisons - ***S. hemargyrella*** - look at the overall shape of the mine. The mine moves a lot more along the length of the leaf vein than ***S. tityrella***. The mines of ***S. tityrella*** are usually tightly confined between two side veins and the mine usually starts from the leaf mid-rib. These differences can easily be seen in the two photos below that I took a few days ago.



Stigmella hemargyrella - Tony Davison©



Stigmella tityrella - Tony Davison©

26th October - Mark Radford recorded this attractive leaf mine, ***Ectoedemia argyropeza***, from Markham Vale South Tip. The mine starts in the leaf petiole then extends into the blade of the leaf and creates what is called a "Green Island. Against the back ground colour of the Aspen leaf (the food plant) the mine is quite striking and easily found.

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Ectoedemia argyropeza - Mark Radford©



Ectoedemia argyropeza - Mark Radford©

27th October - John Turner managed to run a moth trap from his garden at New Mills recording 7/14 which included 8 **November Moth** agg, **Grey Shoulder Knot**, **Red-line Quaker** and **Angle Shades**.



Angle Shades - John Mills©

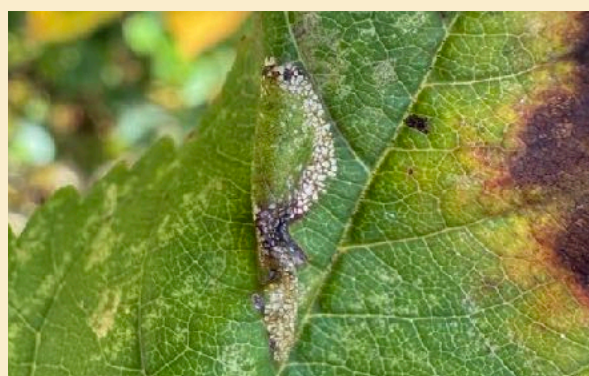


Grey Shoulder Knot - John Mills©

Clive Ashton was also successful with his garden moth trap at Cromford with yet another **Merveille du Jour**, **Turnip Moth**, and **Juniper Carpet**.

28th October - A few more good leaf mine records - Tony Davison recorded *Phyllonorycter stettinensis* on Alder (The blister mine turns from Green to Brown when mature), *Phyllonorycter sorbi* on Bird Cherry, *Stigmella anomalella* on Rosa, and *Bucculatrix cidarella* on Alder, all from Staunton Harold Reservoir. Andrew-John Shervill recorded *Stigmella cathartica* from Sunnydale LNR, Derby.

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*Phyllonorycter stettinensis* - Tony Davison©*Stigmella anomalella* - Tony Davison©*Stigmella cathartica* - Andrew-John Shervill©*Phyllonorycter sorbi* - Tony Davison©

Clive Ashton managed a fairly decent 17/7 despite overnight rain at Cromford, with **Red-green Carpet** (6), **Juniper Carpet** (2), **Common Marbled Carpet**, **Mottled Umber**, **Feathered Thorn** (5), **December Moth** and **The Brick**.

**Feathered Thorn** - Clive Ashton©**The Brick** - Clive Ashton©

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29th October - Mark Radford continues to be the leaf mine driving force in the county at the moment. A few good mines found at Staveley, *Phyllonorycter joannisi* on Norway Maple, Markham Vale, Hall Lane Pond, *Phyllonorycter spinicolella* on Blackthorn and *Stigmella luteella* on Silver Birch.



Phyllonorycter joannisi - Mark Radford©



Phyllonorycter joannisi - Mark Radford©



Stigmella luteella - Mark Radford©



Stigmella luteella - Mark Radford©



Phyllonorycter spinicolella - Mark Radford©



December Moth - John Turner©

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29th October - cont'd - John Turner from New Mills had just one December Moth from his garden light trap. The weather began with clear skies but then heavy rain around 22:30hrs. Andrew-John Shervill recorded the leaf mine of *Stigmella oxyacanthella* on Hawthorn at Sunnydale LNR. The mine was identified on **British Leafminers FB** by Rob Edmunds.



Stigmella oxyacanthella - Andrew-John Shervill©



Stigmella oxyacanthella - Andrew-John Shervill©

30th October - Martin Roome recorded a **White-point** and a **December Moth** at Elvaston Castle Church using a 12w LED set-up. Clive Ashton recorded 14/8 from Cromford, which included a **White-point**, **Northern Winter Moth** and **Red-line Quaker** as his highlights.



White-point - Clive Ashton©



Red-line Quaker - Clive Ashton©



Northern Winter Moth -
Clive Ashton©

Another trap by John Turner at New Mills produced **Juniper Carpet** (4), **Silver Y** (1) and a **Winter Moth** from 10/7, the first one so far this year.

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31st October 2025 - Clive Ashton's final moth trap for October at Cromford produced a real scarce species, **The Streak** from 14/9. Also other highlights were **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Red-line Quaker** (2) and **The Brick**. Martin Roome also record **The Brick** from his Chaddesden garden.



The Streak - Clive Ashton©



The Brick - Clive Ashton©

There have been two new and confirmed species of moth for Derbyshire and VC57 during this week commencing 6th October 2025. First of all a Macro Moth, **Dotted Border Wave** which was recorded from a garden moth trap at Dronfield Woodhouse on 7th August 2020 by Andrew Williamson. It was discovered whilst I was verifying Andrews old moth records that he had kindly uploaded to the iRecord database. Fortunately Andrew had photographed the individual and sent me a copy. After circulating the image with the recording team, we were all in agreement with the identification. A superb record of a very scarce species across Britain, let alone in land-locked Derbyshire.

The second record was of a micro moth, ***Nephopterix angustella***, **Spindle Knot-horn**, recorded by Alan Kydd from Hathersage on 18th August 2025. Fortunately Alan was also able to provide photographs to support his record. After circulating the image around the recording team, we all agreed on the identification. This Pyralid moth showed the characteristic blackish band of scale tufts at about a third distance from its head and bordered by a cross-line edged reddish and blackish, along with a narrow greyish forewing, variably speckled with reddish-brown and whitish flecks.



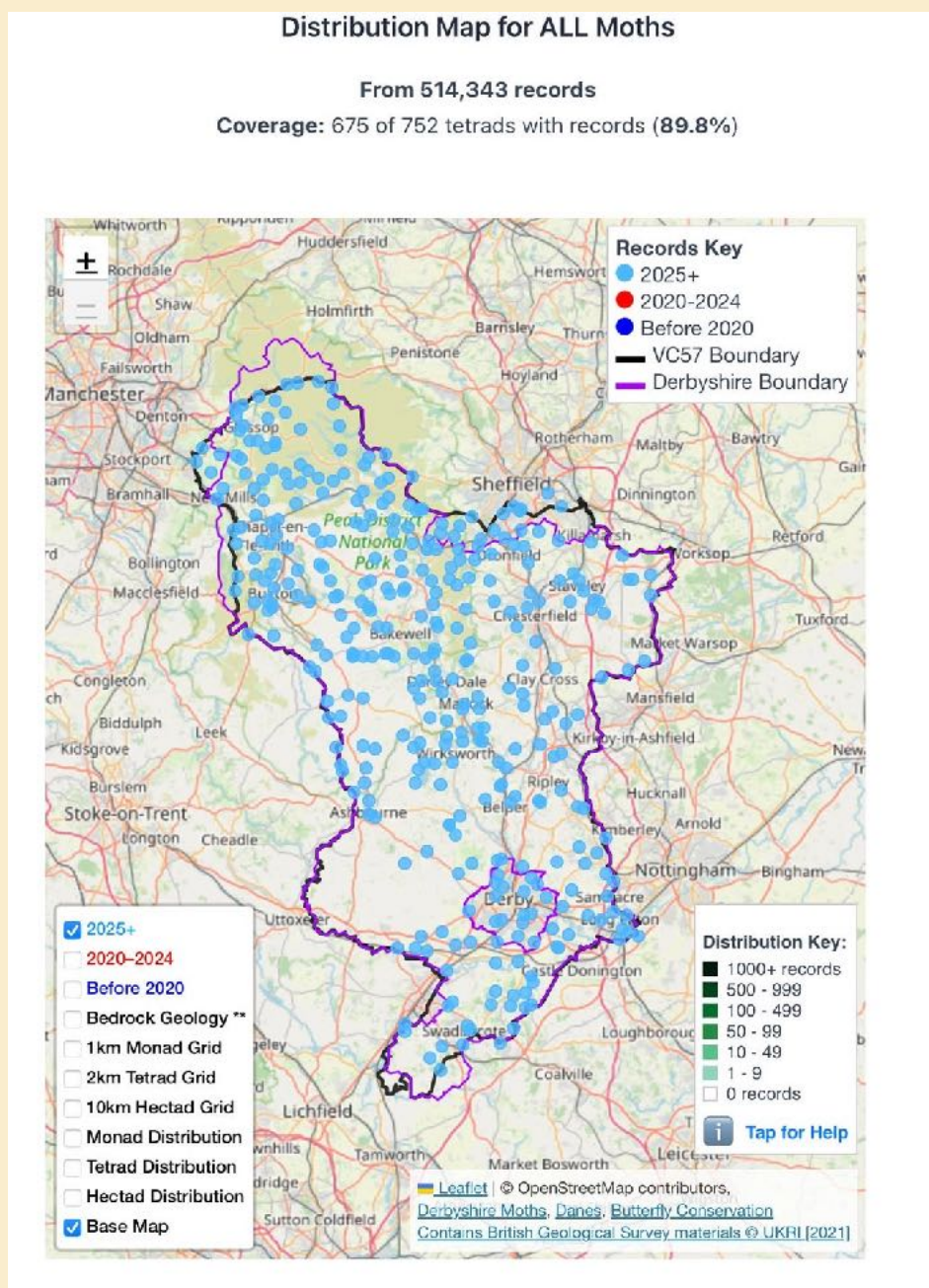
Dotted Border Wave - Andrew Williamson©



Nephopterix angustella - Alan Kydd©

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Thanks to all the county moth recorders, the hard work in both moth trapping (enjoyable) and iRecording, (which may or may not be so enjoyable), is beginning to pay off. Just look at the results so far this year! The Mapping on the website is now allowing us to produce some really interesting statistics. I will be at the DaNES Show in November and will be demonstrating the website, explaining how you can get the most out of the site. Please come along and say hello.



All moth records for 2025 at September 2025

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Identification Article on the *Epirrita* group - by Christian Heintzen

The *Epirrita* season is upon us and to encourage you to ID to species level, contrary to the many, many statements one finds online, it is actually quite easy to do.



Small Autumnal Moth (above) **November Moth** (below) Christian Heintzen©

The top row are all **Small Autumnal Moth** that I had end of September 2025. This is a bit at the rear end of their flight times but the habitat on heather moorland is distinct and the only other *Epirrita* that looks similar is **Autumnal Moth** which will be starting to fly in mid October. **Small Autumnal Moths** have a distinct silvery-grey sheen to them and are usually well marked and on average are distinctly smaller than **Autumnal Moth**. The genitals and octavals are too similar to distinguish between them.

The bottom row shows **November Moths** that start to fly in early October. They are typically very drab but some exceptions occur. In **November Moth** the octavals are relatively long and straight and generally poke out beneath the scales. So all that's needed is to look for the octavals on the underside of a moth (kept in a pot or flat transparent dish).

In Glossop **Autumnal Moth** should start flying from mid October onwards. They look like a larger version of **Small Autumnal Moth**. The octavals of **Autumnal Moth** are short and stubby and in fresh moths are usually completely hidden beneath scales. As the season progresses things get even easier as often scales will have been naturally lost (especially on the underside of the abdomen) and octavals become even more obvious.

I do not (seem to) get **Pale November Moth** here, so have no experience with it, except for one that I caught in Scotland. The octavals are much more closely spaced and when seen it is very obvious that it is a **Pale November Moth**.

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Moth Recording - Rare, Scarce, Migrant, Unusual and First County Records - What to do?

If you are fortunate enough to record a moth that falls into one of the above categories, or you think you have recorded one or found something special, what do you do?

1) Check out what you think it might be on the website **www.derbyshiremoths.org**. As I have mentioned numerous times before, the site is now your go to place for everything to do with Derbyshire Moths. It is bang up to date with regards to species seen and recorded in Derbyshire, their status, etc., etc. If the species isn't on the website, then it has not been recorded before. The colour coding signifies the status, as far as is possible with current data on hand, so it is a fairly straightforward process to realise you have found a good species.

2) Try and take a series of good quality photographs. Try not to rush taking them, but at least try and get a record shot of your moth that can be used to back-up your account. It is really important to do this as the photo maybe the only way the record can be accepted. In some cases, especially with micros, the species may fall into a CAT 4 which means it would require more scientific analysis. In the case of the species being new to the county and a CAT 4, please contact myself or Steve Thorpe in our capacities as County Moth Recorders, or one of our other members of our Recording Team and we will advise you what to do.

3) Please enter your record to iRecord, so it can be verified and officially recorded to the county database.

4) If in any doubts, please make contact with one of the team and get your exciting find onto either the website, by using the Contact Us Tab on the site and completing and sending off a simple form, or by putting it out on DerbyshiremothsFacebookGroup. I am well aware that not everyone likes to use Social Media, so using my website is the next best thing or sending Steve or myself an email.

Numerous records are, or have been lost due to insufficient data supporting the find, which is a great shame when it is such an easy process to follow. Hoping you find this useful and many thanks for supporting Derbyshire Moths.

News update - Whilst verifying records, one of the recording team discovered a new species of micro moth for VC57 Derbyshire. The leaf mine of *Phyllocnistis xenia* (**Kent Maze-miner**) was recorded from the Erewash Canal by Marion Bryce on 17th September 2025. The species was first discovered in Kent in 1974 and has progressively extended its range northwards.

Well that brings to a close the October edition of Derbyshire Moth News.

Don't forget the forth-coming event on Saturday 8th November 2025, The DaNES Annual Meeting at Ntu Brackenhurst Campus, Nottingham Road, Southwell, NG25 0LW, United Kingdom.

Good Moth-ing for November

Tony Davison

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Moth Photo of the Month - Clive Ashton - Merveille Du Jour - Cromford 17th October 2025

