

MOTH NEWS FOR DERBYSHIRE©



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VC57

June Moth News: Belated news - Some late news from May. Steve Orridge from Buxton trapped a *Pammene obscurana* (Birch Catkin Tortrix) which is a new micro species for VC57 Derbyshire, taking the VC57 Derbyshire List to 918. See full details on the species page on the website. Nikki Barrow ran her garden light trap for GMS at Shirland on 30th May 2026 and from 102/45 there were 6 **Small Mottled Willow** and 11 **Diamond-back Moth**. **Bordered White**, **Little Emerald** and **Small Clouded Brindle** were other moths that Nikki hadn't trapped in her garden in over 8 years. **Little Emerald** being notable.

June 1st - Mark Radford began the month with a record of the larval case of *Coleophora lusciniapennella* on Willow at Markham Vale South Tip. The first record of this species in VC57 since 1956. Dave Evans recorded **Snout**, **Bird's Wing** and *Aproaerema anthyllidella* from his Belper garden light trap. Clive Ashton recorded a possible *Scrobipalpa artemisiella* (requires Gen Det) and possibly *Cydia ulicetana* at Gang Mine.

June 2nd - A **Currant Clearwing** was recorded by Clive Ashton in his Cromford garden. Dave Evans recorded an *Aethes cnicana* from his garden meadow at Belper.



Coleophora lusciniapennella - ©Mark Radford



Aethes cnicana - ©Dave Evans



Cydia ulicetana - ©Clive Ashton



Currant Clearwing - ©Clive Ashton

June Moth News:

June 2nd cont'd - Mark Radford discovered the leaf mines of *Stigmella lapponica* on Grey Birch and *Eriocrania sparmannella* on Silver Birch at Poolsbrook Marsh (Markham Vale). **The Shark** was trapped by Mark Radford in his Staveley garden light trap. Dave Evans from his Belper moth trap recorded **Small Fan-foot**, **Gold Swift**, **Swallow Prominent**, **Eyed Hawk-moth**, **The Shears** and *Argyresthia cupressella* from 81/49.



The Shark - ©Mark Radford



Small Fan-foot - ©Dave Evans

Deb Biss found a **Common Swift** roosting on the cash machine at Whitemoor Lane Co-op, Belper. Brian Hallam from his Findern garden light trap recorded a **Figure of Eighty** and *Crambus lathoniellus* as highlights from 62/34.

June 3rd - Dave Evans highlights from his Belper moth trap were *Eulia ministrana*, **Small Ranunculus**, **Shoulder-striped Wainscot** and *Monopis laevigella*. Richard Pittam recorded a superb **Privet Hawk-moth** in his Chellaston garden light trap.

June 4th - Mark Radford recorded four notable micros at Markham Vale South Tip - *Argyresthia brockeella*, *Argyresthia retinella*, *Thyraylia nana* and *Narycia duplicella*.



Eulia ministrana - ©Dave Evans



Argyresthia brockeella - ©Mark Radford

June 5th - Clive Ashton recorded **Marsh Pug** from a new site at Dene Quarry near Cromford.

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June 5th cont'd - Andrew-John Shervill recorded a **Toadflax Brocade** from his inner-city garden in Normanton, Derby. A new site for this species which does seem to be expanding its range in the county. In pretty dire conditions for moth trapping, Dave Evans managed to attract **The Miller** to his Belper garden light trap. Mark Radford recorded the tiny **Argyresthia cupressella** in his Staveley garden.



The Miller - ©Dave Evans



Argyresthia cupressella - ©Mark Radford

Brian Hobby ran his light trap at Kirk Hallam for the GMS moth night recording 70/23. Highlights were **White-point** (2), and **Eudonia truncicolella** (6).

June 6th - Nikki Barrow from Shirland recorded the Melanic form of **Common Swift** amongst 73/24 from her garden light trap. Other highlights were **Marbled White Spot**, **Small Mottled Willow**, **Gold Spot** and **Currant Pug**. A third record of **Eastern Bordered Straw** from Roger Nash at Findern.



Common Swift (melanic form) - ©Nikki Barrow



Eastern Bordered Straw - ©Roger Nash

A small number of records, from various sites, appeared during early June of the **Forester Moth**. A species that requires Common and Sheep's Sorrel. Up until 2018 there were only four or five known sites in Derbyshire.

Our other Forester moth, the **Cistus Forester** is smaller and is confined to the Derbyshire limestone dales, where the food plant Rock Rose exists. It is rarely away from these areas and is only recorded in ones or twos, never in number.

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Ghost Moth - ©Dave Evans



Buff Arches - ©Dave Evans

June 6th cont'd - Dave Evans ran his Belper garden light trap and from an average night recorded **Ghost Moth**, **Buff Arches**, ***Lozotaenia forsterana*** and ***Notocelia uddmanniana***. The first **Dark Sword-grass** of the year was attracted to Richard Pittam's garden light trap at Chellaston.

7th June - Robert Waldron found 3 **Scarlet Tiger** in his Aston-on-Trent garden. This species is now well established across the county.



Dark Sword-grass - ©Richard Pittam



The caterpillar of Puss Moth - ©Neil Loverock

8th June - Neil Loverock photographed the stunning caterpillar of **Puss Moth** at Erewash Fields, following the discovery of them by Paul Buxton on 7th June. Mark Radford and Sid Morris attracted a **Six-belted Clearwing** to pheromone lure at Seymour, Markham Vale in a 15mph wind. They had been searching a flooded area at Seymour for **Forester Moth** managing to find two in challenging conditions. A **Chimney Sweeper** was recorded at Mercia Marina by Martin Jordan.

9th June - Overnight (8th) moth traps produced small returns due to the cold, windy conditions with clear skies. A **Large Nutmeg** was recorded by Martin Roome from Chaddesden. A **Brown Rustic**, **Grey Pug** and **Lychnis** from Clive Ashton's garden light trap at Cromford. The best I could do from the Melbourne moth trap was 2 **Buff Ermine** and a ***Lozotaenia forsterana*** both NFY. Andrew-John Shervill recorded the first ***Euzophera pinguis*** of the year, as a highlight from his inner-city garden in Normanton, Derby.

June Moth News:

Buff Ermine - ©Tony Davison

*Lozotaenia forsterana* - ©Tony Davison

9th June cont'd - Mark Radford and Sid Morris had a superb pheromone session at Markham Vale Complex, attracting no less than 19 **Six-belted Clearwings** to the lures (14 in 20 minutes on North Tip and 5 in 5 minutes on South Tip) before rain set in. Martin Roome also attracted 3 **Six-belted Clearwings** to pheromone lure at Ambaston GP's.



Six-belted Clearwing - ©Mark Radford



Chimney Sweeper - ©Martin Jordan

A number of good day flying moths were recorded in the brief spells of warm sunshine, including **Chimney Sweeper**, **Burnet Companion**, **Yellow Shell**, **Latticed Heath**, **Mother Shipton**. Dave Evans also recorded *Pammene aurana*, *Epiblema cirsiaria* (On Knapweed), **Grass Rivulet** and **Angle Shades** from Wyver Lane NR, Belper. A **Rusty Dot Pearl** was recorded by Stephen Plant in his Allestree garden light trap. A few leaf mines were reported by Mark Radford from Markham Vale - *Mompha raschkiella* (7), *Stigmella hybnerella* and *Acrolepia autumnitella* (15).

10th June - Further leaf mines from Mark Radford were *Stigmella aceris*, *Etainia louisella* and *Stigmella floslactella*. Mark also recorded *Triaxomera parasitella* in his Staveley garden.

Dave Newcombe recorded a **Cabbage Moth** from 20/11 in his Belper garden light trap. A species we don't see many records of in recent times.

June Moth News:

10th June cont'd - Clive Ashton recorded **Cistus Forester Moth** at Gang Mine, The small size and short winged appearance, plus food plant, Rock Rose nearby, favoured the identification.



Cistus Forester - ©Clive Ashton



Curren Clearwing - ©Emily Milnes

12th June 2026 - Emily Milnes recorded her annual event of **Curren Clearwing** in her Sandiacre garden. Clive Ashton is certainly recording some good species from Gang Mine with records of **Eupoecilia angustana**, **Pterophorus pentadactyla** and **Thyme Pug**. A **Bordered Straw** was recorded by Martin Roome from his Chaddesden moth trap, along with **Sycamore**, **Scarlet Tiger** and **Coronet**. Dave Evans recorded **Coronet**, **Common Emerald**, **Beautiful Hook-tip** and **Narrow-winged Pug** from his Belper garden light trap.



Thyme Pug - ©Clive Ashton



Bordered Straw - ©Martin Roome

Matt Leedell recorded 75/27 species from his Belper garden light trap which included **Green Pug**, **Vine's Rustic**, **Flame**, the first records for the year of **Heart and Club** (2) and **Elephant hawk-moth** as highlights. Dave Newcombe also from Belper recorded 104/41 species including one or two quality species - **Peach Blossom**, **Puss Moth** and **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**.

13th June - It looks like **Scarlet Tiger** is continuing to do well in the county with a conservative estimate of 25 at Ticknall by Martin Roome during the afternoon of the 13th June.

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13th June cont'd - Clive Ashton recorded 90/50 from his Cromford garden light, mainly common macros but **Grey Arches** was a highlight. A **Purple Clay** was a good record from John Turner's New Mills light trap. A **Pale Oak Beauty** was attracted to light at Stoney Clouds LNR recorded by Emily Milnes and Marion Bryce.



Purple Clay - ©John Turner



Grey Arches - ©Clive Ashton

Although a cool night, Dave Evans from Belper recorded a few good species from his Belper garden light trap. **Golden Plusia**, **Burnished Brass**, **Smoky Wainscot** and **Eyed Hawk-moth** (3). Clive Ashton from Cromford recorded 54/35 including **Green Arches**, **Single-dotted Wave** and **Cochylis atricapitana** (2). Brian Hobby recorded the first **Fan-foot**, **Plain Golden Y** and **Scalloped Oak** of the year from Kirk Hallam.



Eyed Hawk-moth - ©Dave Evans



Green Arches - ©Clive Ashton

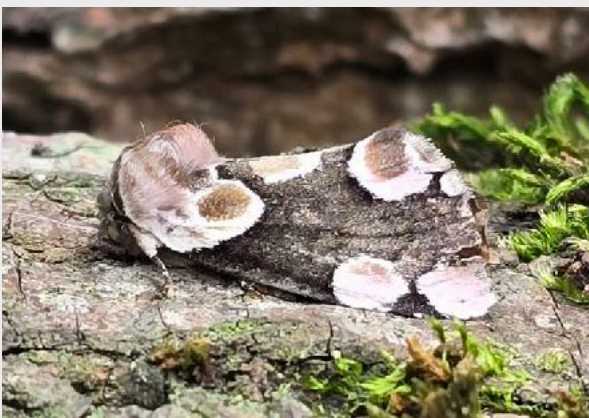
14th June - Clive Ashton recorded **Eana osseana** from Gang Mine along with **Bryotropha terrella**, **Pyrausta cingulata** and **Chimney Sweeper** (7). Nikki Barrow recorded a **Grey Pug** from her Shirland garden moth trap. Clive Ashton recorded the first **V-Moth** of the year from his Cromford garden, along with **Blood-vein**, **Burnished Brass**, **Clouded Brindle**, **Knot Grass**, **Thyme Pug** and **Beautiful Golden Y**. Martin Roome recorded the first **Lozotaenoides formosana** for the year. Clive Ashton recorded a smart looking **Peach Blossom** from his Cromford garden. A **Small Argent and Sable** was recorded by Christian Heintzen at Torside Clough.

June Moth News:

V-moth - ©Clive Ashton



Grey Pug - ©Nikki Barrow



Peach Blossom - ©Clive Ashton



Scarlet Tiger - ©Clive Ashton



Small Argent & Sable - ©Christian Heintzen



Pale Oak Beauty - ©Emily Milnes

15th June - Another record, the 4th, of **Eastern Bordered Straw** was recorded by Shane Harper from Chesterfield. Dave Evans ran his first moth trapping session of the week at Darwin Forest recording an incredible 301/104 species. The surprise find was a first VC57 Derbyshire record of *Cydia conicolana*. Other highlights were **Pale Oak Beauty**, **Satin Beauty**, **Brindled White-spot**, **Larch Pug** (2), **Beautiful Snout**, **Barred Red**, **Red-necked Footman**, **Green Arches**, **Grey Pug**, **Ochreous Pug**, *Ancylis geminana*, *Eupoecilia angustana* and a whole lot of others. Brian Hallam from Findern recorded *Gypsonoma oppressana* from his garden light trap. This will be the sixth record of this species for VC57 Derbyshire.

June Moth News:

15th June cont'd -



Cydia conicolana - 1st VC57 record - ©Dave Evans



Brindled White-spot - ©Dave Evans



Pale Oak Beauty - ©Dave Evans



Satin Beauty - ©Dave Evans



Larch Pug - ©Dave Evans

June Moth News:

16th June 2026 - Pete Mella ran his Norton Lees light trap and recorded **Grey Arches**, his first **Uncertain/Rustic** agg, **Small Elephant Hawk-moth**, **Spinach**, **Lychnis** and **Sycamore**.

Dave Evans 2nd trapping session at Darwin Forest produced 231/97 with a real diverse range of species - **Lilac Beauty**, **Large Emerald**, **Cream-bordered Green Pea** and **Treble Brown Spot**. **Marbled White-spot**, **Drinker**, **Small Blood-vein** and **Bright-line Bright-eye**. and finally **Scallop Shell**, **Silky Wainscot**, *Exoteleia dodecella* and *Carpatolechia proximella*. Many species were first records for the year.



Lilac Beauty - ©Dave Evans



Treble Brown Spot - ©Dave Evans



Scallop Shell - ©Dave Evans



Silky Wainscot - ©Dave Evans

Clive Ashton from his Cromford garden light trap recorded **Broad-barred White**, **Smoky Wainscot** and **Common Wave** as highlights. *Notocelia roborana*, *Neocochylis dubitana* and *Cydia pomonella* were also of note.

17th June - Continuing Dave Evans adventures in the Darwin Forest. Micros of note were *Apotomis turbidana*, *Cryptoblades bistriga*, *Epagoge grotiana* (only 4th record), *Aethes beatricella* and *Zeiraphera ratzeburgiana*. Macro highlights were **Satin Wave**, **Clay Triple-lines**, **Large Twin-spot Carpet**, **V-Moth** and **Dingy Shell**. Daniel Shaw from Long Eaton recorded **Dwarf Cream Wave** and **Peach Blossom** as highlights from 176/52 Stephen Plant recorded the first **Juniper Webber** of the year from his Allestree garden light trap.

June Moth News:*Apotomis turbidana* - ©Dave Evans*Cryptoblabes bistriga* - ©Dave Evans*Epagoge grotiana* - ©Dave Evans*Zeiraphera ratzeburgiana* - ©Dave Evans

18th June - Clive Ashton attracted the **Lunar Hornet Moth** to his Cromford garden using a pheromone lure. Dave Evans recorded **Speckled Yellow** and the **Forester** whilst seep netting at Darwin Forest. Dave also recorded highlights from his evening trapping session (340/108) at Darwin Forest - **Scarlet Tiger, Brown Rustic, Blue-bordered Carpet, Purple Clay, Broad-barred White, Common Lutestring, *Ptycholoma lecheana* and *Gypsonoma sociana*.**



Lunar Hornet - ©Dave Evans



Brown Rustic - ©Dave Evans

June Moth News:

18th June cont'd - Emily Milnes from Sandiacre recorded *Calamotropha paludella* (Bullrush Veneer), **Buff Arches** and **The Shears** from 193/47. Pete Mella recorded the micro that everyone wants to catch, the spectacular *Strathmopoda pedella*. Claire Richardson Longmoor recorded **Bordered Straw** from her Long Eaton garden moth trap, still the odd immigrant lurking.



Strathmopoda pedella - ©Pete Mella



Bordered Straw - ©Claire Richardson Longmoor

John Turner recorded the first **July Belle** of the year and a **Small Elephant hawk-moth** from New Mills. Neil Loverock recorded a few good micros from his Chaddesden garden home made light trap including *Gelechia senticitella*, *Argyresthis brockeella* and *Batia lunaris*. Pete Mella from Norton Lees recorded a *Grapholita tenebrosana*, the first record since 1984 and which was determined by Ben Smart. Dan Martin recorded a **Bird's Wing** from a Duffield garden.



Gelechia senticitella - ©Neil Loverock



Grapholita tenebrosana - ©Pete Mella

19th June 2026 - Dave Evans reporting from Darwin Forest recorded *Hedya salicella*, **Southern Wainscot**, **Green Arches**, **Beautiful Snout** and **Purple Bar**, *Rhyacionia pinicolana*, *Carpatolechia fugitivella*, *Epinotia nanana* and *Pandemis cinnamomeana*. Pete Mella from Norton Lees reported his best night of the year so far for diversity and from 101/48 his highlights were **Burnished Brass**, **Purple Clay** and **Beautiful Hook-tip**, with a good micro *Monopsis crocicapitella* (*hind wing was checked*). Clive Ashton ran his Cromford moth trap and recorded 174/70, with highlights of Golden Plusia, Sloe Pug, Light Arches. Another good trapping session came from Dave Newcombe at Belper with highlights of *Luquetia lobella* and *Carpatolechia fugitivella*, and **Small Ranunculus**. Brian Hobby ran his garden light trap for GMS Friday, recording 142/48, which included **Heart and Club** and *Ephestia woodiella*, and 55 **Dark Arches**. Dave Newcombe recorded a **Small Marbled** 6th record for VC57 Derbyshire.

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Golden Plusia - ©Clive Ashton

*Luquetia lobella* - ©Dave Newcombe

20th June - Darwin Forest- Dave Evans found the leaf mines of *Stigmella sorbi* on Sorbus. Several **Privet Hawk-moths** were recorded one from Sandiacre by Ann Wood and I recorded my first one for the garden in Melbourne. Other highlights from my Melbourne trap were **Poplar** and **Elephant Hawks**, **Scarce footman**: **Giant Water Veneer**, **Scalloped Oak**, **Light Arches**, 2 **Turnip Moth**, **Diamond-back**, **Dwarf Cream Wave** from 92/42.

Dave Evans ran another moth trap at Darwin Forest with highlights of **Clouded Brindle**, **Mullein Wave**, **Heart & Club**, **Double Square-spot**, **Poplar Grey**, *Lobesia reliquana*, *Archips xylostearia*, *Zeiraphera isertana* and *Argyresthia brockeella*.

Clive Ashton recorded **Pale Oak Beauty**, and **Obscure Wainscot** in Via Gellia, 2 really good records and good numbers once in good habitat. **Clouded Magpie** 22, **Clouded Border** 6, **Buff-tip** 7, **Flame Carpet** 3, **Silver-ground Carpet** 5, **Marbled Minor** agg 3, **Small White Wave**, **Barred Carpet**, **Common Lutestring** 8, **Mottled Beauty** 18, **Light Emerald** 6, **Ingrailed Clay** 7, **Spectacle**, **Pale-shouldered Brocade** 2, **Dark Arches**, **Brown Rustic** 2, **Coronet**, **Muslin Footman**, **Small Fan-footed Wave** 6, **Buff Ermine** 3, **White Ermine**, **Small Phoenix** 5, **Map-winged Swift**, **Peach Blossom**, **Coxcomb Prominent**, **Beautiful Golden Y**, **Heart and Dart**, **Riband Wave** 3, **Barred Yellow**, **July Highflyer** 3, **Small Dotted Buff**, **Common White Wave**, **Grey Pug**, **Common Pug** 2, *Udea olivalis* 10, *Anania hortulata*, *Notocelia uddmanniana*, *Notocelia rosaecolana* 3, *Pandemis cerasana*, *Hedya nubiferana* 3, *Scoparia ambigualis* 10. An impressive range of species from 160/44.



Pale Oak Beauty - ©Clive Ashton



Obscure Wainscot - ©Clive Ashton

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Privet Hawk-moth - ©Tony Davison



Dwarf Cream Wave - ©Tony Davison



Light Arches - ©Tony Davison

Nikki Barrow from Shirland ran her 20W actinic Heath trap recording around 34 species, including **Homoeosoma sinuella**, **Mottled Beauty** and **Muslin Footman**.

21st June - Daniel Shaw recorded 136/38 from his Long Eaton garden moth trap - highlights of **Scarce Silver Lines**, **Barred Straw**, **Dwarf Cream Wave** and **Coronet**. Clive Ashton recorded a couple of lookers from his Cromford light trap, **Lilac Beauty** and **Scallop Shell**.



Lilac Beauty - ©Clive Ashton



Scallop Shell - ©Clive Ashton

June Moth News:

Scarce Silver Lines - ©Daniel Shaw

*Chilo phragmitella* - ©Dave Evans

21st June cont'd - Dave Evans recorded a couple of excellent micros from Darwin Forest. *Cydia coniferana* (4th modern day county record), and *Ancylis upupana*, (2nd county record), also *Chilo phragmitella*, **Privet Hawk-moth** and a site record of 25 **Small Yellow Wave**. Dave Newcombe recorded the first **Blackneck** of the year from his Belper garden light trap. John Turner recorded a **Northern Spinach** at New Mills, the first one for the year.

*Cydia coniferana* - ©Dave Evans*Ancylis upupana* - ©Dave Evans

22nd June - Some good records pouring in towards the late June with Clive Ashton recording 80 species from his Cromford garden light trap that included Galium Carpet, Bird's Wing (8) (Clive's garden must be one of the best places in the county to see this species?) Eyed hawk-moth, Phoenix and Burnished Brass. Dave Evans ran his garden light trap at Belper and was rewarded with a whopping 302/102. **Dot Moth, Clay, Blackneck, Gothic and Leopard Moth. White Satin, Scarce Silver Lines** and *Teleiodes luculella*. **Peach Blossom, Scarlet Tiger, Lilac Beauty and Beautiful Hook-tip**. Stephen Plant recorded a **Ni Moth** and **Blackneck** as highlights from his Allestree garden light trap.

An amazing record of *Donacaula mucronella* attracted to MV light at Staveley by Sid Morris. First record to my knowledge since 1985. Sid also recorded a **Small Mottled Willow**. Steve Orridge from Buxton recorded *Epinotia signatana* and *Orthotaenia undulana*, 2 good micro moth species.

June Moth News:*Donacaula mucronella* - ©Sid Morris**Lunar Hornet** - ©Tony Davison

23rd June 2026 - Will Soar attracted a Lunar Hornet to pheromone lure in his Kings Newton garden. A phone call to give me the heads up and a new species of moth for me. Later in the afternoon Will caught the first record for VC57 Derbyshire of **Orange-tailed Clearwing**, another heads up call so very grateful to Will for the opportunity to see both these clearwings.

**Orange-tailed Clearwing** - ©Tony Davison**Scarlet Tiger** - form ab. *bimacula* - ©Roger Breen

Roger Breen posted an image of a strange looking Scarlet Tiger, which turned out to be the form ab. *bimacula*. This colour variant is rare and alters the usual pattern of the moth in two distinct ways:

- 1) The forewing spots are heavily reduced, leaving only two spots one pair on each forewing.
- 2) The hind-wing spots and markings tend to coalesce into two distinct diagonal black streaks.

Roger found the moth at Cromford Canal on a stretch near Codnor Park.

Pete Mella recorded a fly-by Yellow-legged Clearwing to his VES lure at Norton Lees, but more significantly, the lure attracted a ***Nemapogon ruricolella***, a first record for VC57 Derbyshire. Pete got the ID confirmed by Ben Sale - "*Buff ground colour, dark angular marks centrally that are always bold in this species and finally an orangey head*".

June Moth News: From the weekend of the 20th June, Britain was subjected to an intense heatwave, culminating in daytime temperatures from 22nd to 26th of 30+degrees C and night time temperatures in the 20's C. The extreme overnight weather was producing huge trap totals for many recorders.

23rd June cont'd - One of the busiest "Moth-ing" days in the county I can recall. Moths poured in overnight to a variety of traps across the county. First report was from Emily Milnes at Sandiacre reporting a very attractive moth indeed, ***Chrysoclista linneella* - Lime Flame**, this report was quickly followed by Sam Goddard who had trapped 3 in his Allenton garden light trap and then one from Dave Evans trap in Belper. A little belter!



Chrysoclista linneella - ©Emily Milnes



Chrysoclista linneella - ©Dave Evans



Rosy Footman - ©Dave Evans



Obscure Wainscot - ©Dave Evans

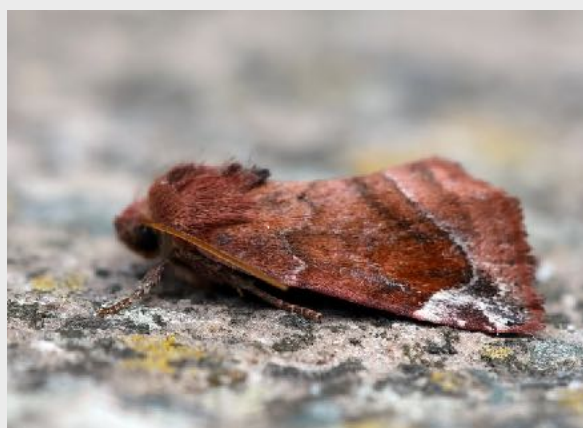
The next good moth was a first record for VC57 Derbyshire, a **Rosy Footman** recorded by Dave Evans from his garden moth trap in Belper. Another cracking little moth that is rosy orange with intricate "scribble marking" on the forewing. It took Dave over two and a half hours to process his moth traps, producing a rough estimate of 700 odd moths of 129 species. Other goodies were **Obscure Wainscot**, **Buff Footman** **Peach Blossom**, **Blackneck**, **Coronet**, **White Satin**, **Common Lutestring** and **Marbled White Spot**. **200 *Yponomeuta evonymella*** bolstered the numbers somewhat!

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23rd June cont'd - Martin Roome recorded two cracking moths, a **Bordered Straw** and **Lunar-spotted Pinion**. Also **Scarce Silver-lines** and a **Coxcomb Prominent**. Will Soar ran his MV light trap from his Kings Newton garden and had a superb trap result. A new species for VC57 was **Dotted Fan-foot** and during the morning of 24th another first VC57 record of the tiny **Red-belted Clearwing**, which came to a pheromone lure. Other good species were **Brown Scallop**, **The Suspected**, **Recurvaria leucateella**, **Ypsolopha vittella**, **Argyresthia albistria** / **A.retinella** & **A. pruniella**, **Piniphila bifasciana**, probable **Acleris logiana** and **Endothenia quadrimaculana**.



Bordered Straw - ©Martin Roome



Lunar-spotted Pinion - ©Martin Roome



Dotted Fan-foot - ©Tony Davison



Red-belted Clearwing - ©Tony Davison

Clive Ashton recorded 425/100 in Cromford with 37 **Scarlet Tiger**, 33 **Riband Wave**, **Figure of Eighty**, **Peach Blossom** and many micros including 50 each of **Ethmia quadrillella**, **Eudonia lacustrata**, and **Chrysoteuchia culmella**. Dan Martin trapped in his Matlock garden and recorded **Ghost Moth**, **Common Heath** and the beautiful **Scallop Shell** as highlights.

Nikki Barrow from Shirland also had an excellent return from her garden moth trap, 646 - 55 with highlights of **Ephestia woodiella**, **Scarlet Tiger**, **Beautiful Hook-tip**, **Drinker**, **Barred Straw**, **Bulrush Veneer**, **Grapholita janthinana** and the **warringtonellus** form of **Crambus pasquella**.

June Moth News:

24th June - Clive Ashton mentioned there seemed to be less moths than in previous night, but still plenty of interest including - 12 **Scarlet Tiger**, **Grey Arches**, **Leopard Moth**, **Purple Clay**, **Bird's Wing** (2), **V-Moth**, **Satyr Pug**, **Pinion-streaked Snout** and ***Nemapogon clematella***.



Pinion-streaked Snout - ©Clive Ashton



Satyr Pug - ©Clive Ashton

Dave Evans ran his garden traps in Belper and recorded 850/102, largely due to 400 ***Yponomeuta evonymella***, 85 ***Chrysoteuchia culmella***, 67 **Riband Wave**, 56 **Uncertain/Rustic** agg and 28 **Elephant Hawk-moth**, quite staggering numbers. High-lights were **Yellow-tail**, **Lime-speck Pug**, **Dun-bar**, ***Endotricha flammealis*** and ***Anania perlucidalis***.



Dun-bar - ©Dave Evans



Yellow-tail ©Dave Evans

24th Cont'd - Charlotte Morton recorded two very good Wainscots for the county from her garden in Findern, Obscure and Southern. Sid Morris attracted a ***Calamotropha paludella*** (Bulrush Veneer) to MV light at Staveley. Dave Newcombe from Belper recorded highlights of ***Batia lunaris***, **Leopard Moth** (2), **Muslin Footman**, **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Small Angle Shades** and **Small Blood-vein**.

June Moth News:

Southern Wainscot - ©Charlotte Morton



Obscure Wainscot - ©Charlotte Morton

*Endothenia quadrimaculana* - ©Tony Davison*Piniphila bifasciana* - ©Tony Davison

25th June - Andrew-John Shervill recorded **Cabbage Moth**, a species that seems to be very infrequently recorded these days, **Dun-bar** and *Batia lunaris* from his inner-city garden in Normanton Derby. Martin Roome recorded **Lesser Treble-bar**, showing the blunt tip to the abdomen and *Eucosma obumbratana* from his Chaddesden garden. Sid Morris recorded **Suspected** to light at Markham Vale.

A species that was thought to be extinct in Derbyshire was re-discovered in a Long Eaton garden by Claire Richardson Longmoor. Quite remarkable and a fantastic find of the **Lackey**, the first one to be seen since 2002. Claire also recorded a **Fen Wainscot** the first one of the year of this scarce species in Derbyshire. Also in a garden in Kirk Langley a very fresh looking and a superb photo of **Yellow Shell** by Brian Hobby.

26th June - Pete Mella recorded a **Lunar Hornet** to pheromone lure in his Norton Lees garden and the leaf mine of *Bohemannia pulverosella*, for the second year. Also *Grapholita tenebrosana* to the FUN Lure. Dan Martin recorded another **Bordered Straw** and **The Clay** as highlights from his Matlock garden light trap.

June Moth News:

The Lackey - ©Claire Richardson Longmoor



Yellow Shell - ©Brian Hobby

26th June cont'd - Matt Leedell recorded 307 moths with many escapees, with **Buff Arches**, **Burnished Brass**, **Elephant hawk-moth**, **Scarlet Tiger** and the **Clay** as highlights. Sid Morris trapped **Small Yellow Wave** and **Southern Wainscot** at Staveley. From Cromford Clive Ashton recorded **Bird's Wing**, **Sloe Pug**, **Marbled White-spot** and **Small Dotted Buff** as highlights. A Yarrow Plume was recorded by Pete Mella at Norton Lees. Neil Loverock from his Chaddesden garden light trap recorded three *Chrysoclista linneella*, *Hedya salicella*, **Least Carpet**, **Double Square-spot** and **Nutmeg** as his highlights. Christine Maughan watched a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** laying eggs in her Mickleover garden.



Lesser Treble-bar - ©Martin Roome

*Eucosma obumbratana* - ©Martin Roome

Bordered Straw - ©Dan Martin



Sloe Pug - ©Clive Ashton

June Moth News:

Least Carpet - ©Christian Heintzen

*Hedya salicella* - ©Neil Loverock

Christian Heintzen recorded a **Least Carpet** at Town Edge farm, Glossop, a new species for him and what looks likely to be the most northerly record for Derbyshire so far. Christian also had **Bilberry Pug** in Wildboar Clough in the Longdendale - the area is a new site for the species. Dave Newcombe recorded 138/54 from his Belper garden light trap which included **Poplar Grey** and **Small Yellow Wave**. John Turner from New Mills recorded a **Dark Spectacle**.

27th June - Clive Ashton recorded *Neocochyliis hybridella* from Cromford with other highlights of **Juniper Pug**, **V-Pug**, **V-moth**, **White-point**, **Bird's Wing** (2), **Brown Rustic** and the following micros - *Homoeosoma sinuella*, *Cydalima perspectalis* (2), *Anania lancealis*, *Eucosma campoliliana*, and *Paraswammerdamia nebulella*. Whilst Pete Mella trapped the second Derbyshire record of *Grapholita lobarzewskii* from his Norton Lees garden. He now holds both records for the VC57 of this species. Emily Milnes from Sandiacre recorded 345/55 from her garden light trap with highlights of **Black Neck** and *Schoenobius gigantella* (Giant Water Veneer). Dave Evans from Belper carried on where he left off from the Kedleston Moth Survey, recording **Double Lobed**, *Catoptria pinella*, **Northern Spinach**, **Yarrow Plume** and **Scarce Footman** as garden highlights from his MV light trap.



Double Lobed - ©Dave Evans



Yarrow Plume - ©Dave Evans

Nikki Barrow recorded 283/46 (170 were Garden Grass Veneer) from her Shirland garden light trap with a few highlights - **Cloaked Carpet**, **Small Rivulet**, **Double Square-spot** and *Spilonata ocellana*, *Phycitodes binaevella* and **Bulrush Veneer**. John Turner from New Mills had **Blackneck**, **Map-winged Swift** and **Northern Spinach** as his highlights.

June Moth News:

Cloaked Carpet - ©Nikki Barrow



The Drinker - ©Nikki Barrow

27th June cont'd - **Scarlet Tiger** has reached Buxton, as Steve Orridge reported the first record for his garden this morning. Martin Roome recorded *Metalampra italica* and *Limnaecia phragmitella* from his Chaddesden garden light trap.

28th June - Steve Orridge also had another **Scarlet Tiger** in the grounds of Haddon Hall. One reported from Darley Bridge. I ran my 20W actinic garden light trap in Melbourne, 60/27 produced a few highlights. **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Dusky Sallow** (the first one of the year), **Least Carpet**, **Small Emerald** and **Chinese Character**. Andrew- John Shervill recorded a **Campion** from his inner-city garden at Normanton.



Pine Hawk-moth - ©Tony Davison



Dusky Sallow - ©Tony Davison



Small Emerald - ©Tony Davison

June Moth News:

28th June cont'd - Dave Evans ran his Belper moth traps, producing a few good species - **Slender Brindle**, **Rivulet**, **Large Emerald**, **Dot Moth** and **Mottled Rustic**.



Large Emerald - ©Tony Davison



Mottled Rustic - ©Tony Davison

29th June - Dave Evans found a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** in his Belper garden. Clive Ashton recorded the third modern day record of ***Olindia schumacherana*** from Rose End Meadows (pm). Clive also visited Bonsal Moor and recorded **Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet** (5 freshly emerged). Martin Roome recorded 360/47 with highlights of **Silver Y** (8) **Rush Veneer** (1) and **Privet Hawk-moth** (2). Neil Loverock mentioned a disappointing trap overnight with his second ever **Double Lobed** being the only highlight. Steve Orridge recorded 192/64 from his Buxton garden light trap, with **Clouded Magpie**, **Least Carpet** and **Common Lutestring** as his highlights.



Olindia schumacherana - ©Clive Ashton



Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet
©Clive Ashton



Metalampra italica - ©Martin Roome



Double Lobed - ©Neil Loverock

June Moth News:

29th June cont'd - Daniel Shaw, one of our young new moth-ers in the county, ran his 20W actinic moth trap in his Long Eaton garden, recording 198/34 which included 98 **Uncertain/Rustic** aggs and highlights of **July Highflier**, **Barred Straw**, **Chinese Character** and **The Phoenix**. Welcome to the wonderful world of Moth-ing Daniel, I'm looking forward to seeing your results as you are located in a Derbyshire Hot Spot for Moth trapping. Clive Ashton recorded **Yarrow Plume** on the food plant at Gang Mine, along with *Dichrorampha petiverella* 2, *Eana osseana* 10, *Pyrausta despicata*, *Aethes hartmanniana*, *Pseudargyrotoza conwagana*, **Chimney Sweeper**, **Cinnabar**, and **Yellow Shell**.

Dave Newcombe ran his Belper light trap and caught a micro moth that's not been recorded since 1978. Amongst his catch was *Athrips mouffetella* (**Honeysuckle Grey**). Dave commented that he had actually trapped one last week but couldn't get a decent photo and was sure this was a different individual as the first one was more worn. Honeysuckle exits in his garden, so the food source is available.



July Highflier - ©Daniel Shaw



Athrips mouffetella - ©Dave Newcombe

30th June - The final few reports on this epic month of moths - Dave Evans ran his Belper light trap reporting **Dingy Shears** and Clive Ashton had **Brown Scallop** new for his Cromford garden. Finishing off this month with a new species of micro for VC57 Derbyshire picked up on iRecord by one of our verifiers. On 17th June Tim Worfolk recorded the first record for the county of *Cochylidia rupicola* at Cromford Canal. A **Welsh Clearwing** found and photographed by Stuart Winter at Glossop on 26th June was posed to iRecord. Another new species for VC57 Derbyshire.



Dingy Shears - ©Dave Evans



Brown Scallop - ©Clive Ashton

June Moth News:

18th June - Calke Park Moth Survey - The Derbyshire Moth Recording Team have been invited to conduct moth trapping surveys at three of the top National Trust properties in the county, Hardwick Hall, Kedleston Hall and Calke Abbey.

Following a successful moth survey that took place at Hardwick Hall in April, the Rangers at Kedleston and Calke Abbey have kindly invited us to conduct surveys at these properties. Following some lengthy protocol to overcome, we have now received permissions at both these sites and one of our teams conducted the first survey at Calke Park on 18th June. A survey is scheduled at Kedleston very soon.

The trap at Calke was mammoth, which was only to be expected at this fantastic site, and Graham Finch and Sean Browne ran 5 MV light traps until early hours of the 19th. They managed to count 840 moths of 149 species, which included two new micro species for VC57 Derbyshire and 5 Blotched Emerald amongst a huge range of macro and micro species.



Explorer site at Calke



Processing the moths



Blotched Emerald - ©Sean Browne



Burnished Brass - ©Sean Browne

June Moth News:

Peach Blossom - ©Sean Browne



Buff Arches - ©Sean Browne

Whilst processing the micros, Graham & Sean discovered two potential new species of micro moth, both classed as CAT4. Graham conducted Gen Dets on both moths, which was the only way to firm up on the identifications. The two species were *Coleophora betulella* and *Aproaerema larseniella*.

*Coleophora betulella* - Graham Finch*Aproaerema larseniella* - ©Graham Finch

On behalf of the Derbyshire Moth Recording Team, I would like to thank the National Trust Ranger Teams, at all three locations, for inviting us to conduct the moth surveys and for organising all the protocols to enable this all to happen on an official basis.

I would also like to thank all the moth recorders who have volunteered to take part and help out with the surveys. I'm sure this will be a fascinating trial during the remainder of 2026, and hopefully will pave the way for continued moth surveys at these National Trust properties. Also to Graham and Sean for supplying photos to support this feature and for quickly processing the records and data.

The three sites will provide some great opportunities for discovering new species of moth for the VC57 recording area, hopefully re-establishing some moths that haven't been recorded for many years and help with monitoring the common and not so common species of moth. All this recording and data will help to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of our county's moths.

June Moth News:

June 25th - Kedleston Hall NT Moth Survey - Overnight on 25th the Derbyshire Moth Recording Team conducted the first moth trapping survey at NT Kedleston Hall (see Dave Evans full write up on DMFG). Recording 143 species which included a new species for VC57 Derbyshire, ***Oxyptilus distans* (Breckland Plume)**. This is usually a species with a very localised distribution with most records appearing to come from the Brecklands of East Anglia. Other notables were, **Lunar Hornet Moth**, which was attracted to a pheromone lure, the beautiful **Blotched Emerald**, **Black Arches**, **Blackneck**, **Pine Hawk-moth**, **Barred Yellow** and the localised and scarce **Round-winged Muslin**. A few good micros included ***Metzneriella metzneriella***, ***Calamotropha paludella***, ***Epagoge grotiana***, ***Aproaerema taeniolella*** (hindwing checked) and ***Schoenobius gigantella***.

A huge thanks to the National Trust team at Kedleston for making all the arrangements and for asking us to conduct the surveys. Also to Clive Ashton, Dave Evans and Steve Thorpe, from our recording team, for setting up and attending the trapping, completing the recording and photographing the moths. A sterling effort and a perfect start to what we hope will be the first of many such events at this magnificent and historic site.



Kedleston Hall NT - ©Clive Ashton



Preparing one of the moth traps

***Oxyptilus distans*** - ©Dave Evans**Black Arches** - ©Dave Evans

June Moth News:

Kedleston Moth Survey cont'd



Blotched Emerald - ©Dave Evans



Blotched Emerald - ©Clive Ashton



Lunar Hornet Moth - ©Dave Evans



Round-winged Muslin - ©Dave Evans



Epagoge grotiana - ©Dave Evans



Aproaerema taeniolella - ©Dave Evans

June Moth News:

June 26th - Hardwick Hall NT - Moth Survey - Our third moth survey for June commenced overnight on 26th June in the beautiful grounds of Hardwick Hall NT. Emily Milnes, Nikki Mahadevan and Steve Thorpe, joined the site ranger Emily to set up the traps early evening on 26th. Emily and Steve re-joined Emily (NT Ranger) early morning on 27th to process the traps. Some exciting finds such as **Beautiful Hook-tip**, **The Clay**, **Yellow-tail**, **Shoulder-striped Wainscot**, **Smoky Wainscot**, **July Highflier**, **Scarce Footman**, **V-Pug**, **Dun-bar** and the fabulous **Buff-tip**. Two good micros were **Anarsia innoxia** with less than 20 records for Derbyshire and **Metzneria lappella** less than 15 records. The totals were 311 moths of 66 species.



Hardwick Hall - Moth Survey



Hardwick Hall - Processing one of the moth traps



Hardwick Hall - moth survey



Hardwick Hall - processing the moth trap in the gardens

June Moth News:

June 25th - Hardwick Hall Moth Survey cont'd



Buff-tip - ©Nikki Mahadevan



Dun-bar - ©Nikki Mahadevan



Yellow-tail - ©Nikki Mahadevan



The Clay - ©Nikki Mahadevan



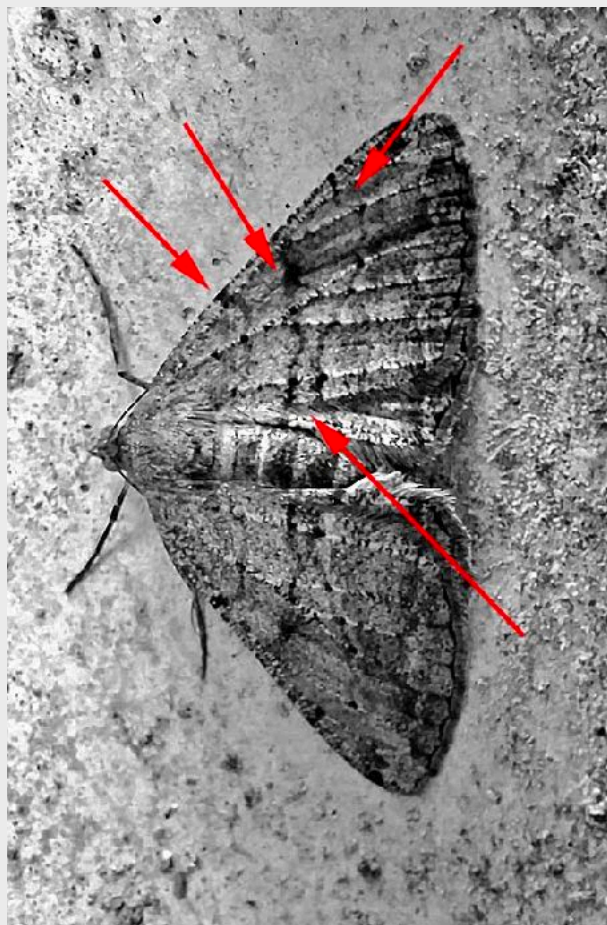
Anarsia innoxia - ©Nikki Mahadevan



Metzneria lappella - ©Nikki Mahadevan

June Moth News:**An interesting Identification feature - Willow Beauty - 23rd June 2026 - Belper - Matt Leedell.**

Willow Beauty - ©Matt Leedell

Willow Beauty - ©Matt Leedell -
ID by Mark Skevington

Matt Leedell posted the image above left on DMFG on 23rd June 2026 asking for help with the ID. He initially thought Willow Beauty, but the closed wing posture threw him off course, as it did with me and several other respectable moth recorders. It was discovered resting on an office building wall off Chequers Road, Derby.

Our moth recording team even took a look at it and Satin Beauty was tentatively mentioned as a contender. However it was Mark Skevington (Leicestershire CMR) who commented on the moth, giving his detailed reasoning as to why it was simply a Willow Beauty.

“Useful to edit image to balance out contrast and make greyscale. Pro-Willow Beauty features: post-median line strongly kinked where it meets costa, discal 'smudge' set in median line, ante-median line curved towards costa, median line and post-median line converge at dorsum. Satin Beauty tends to be a darker, more diffuse and obscurely marked forewing”.

A really interesting moth that provoked plenty of discussion and a learning curve for many of us. My thanks to Matt for photographing the moth and to Mark for his detailed explanation on the identification.

June Moth News:

From the many records and big numbers of **Scarlet Tiger** which have been recorded during June, Will Soar recorded 47 at Kings Newton, Clive Ashton 37 from Cromford, it is clearly no longer a scarce species in Derbyshire, and is now widely distributed across the VC57 recording area. The recording team will be comparing this year's totals with last year to see if there are in fact any differences in numbers. Angie Seymour from Whaley Bridge reported three in her garden for the first time. Clive Ashton recorded the *form rosica* (yellow spots on the forewing).



Scarlet Tiger - ©Angie Seymour



Scarlet Tiger *f.rosica* - ©Clive Ashton

The Derbyshire Moth Recording Team have put together the following document which is downloadable, for both newcomers and experienced moth enthusiasts. It can be found on the website by clicking this link -

<https://www.derbyshiremoths.org/a-useful-guide-for-moth-enthusiasts/>

Well that concludes this News Letter for the month of June and what an epic month it has been. We have had 6 new Macro and 7 new Micro Moth species during June, with numerous records of moths not having been recorded before for many years.

I hope this news letter consolidates the month acceptably and brings back memories of what has been an amazing time for moth-ing in Derbyshire.

Catch up in July.

Good moth-ing.

Tony Davison