

MOTH NEWS FOR DERBYSHIRE©



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September Moth News - 1st September - As is often the case, Clive Ashton kick-starts the month with his catch from his garden in Cromford, returning 127/42 which is a good haul for early September. Highlights were a 2nd generation **Lilac Beauty**, a **Cypress Pug**, **Pinion-streaked Snout** and **Burnished Brass**.



Lilac Beauty - ©Clive Ashton



Cypress Pug - ©Clive Ashton

Early September has seen a small influx of **Cypress Pug** and another was attracted to the light trap of Dave Evans at Belper, from 143/51. Other highlights were **Hedge Rustic**, **Plodia interpunctella** (Indian Meal Moth) and **Burnished Brass**, with **Rush Veneer** and **Scrobipalpa ocellatella** still being recorded.



Plodia interpunctella - ©Dave Evans



Hedge Rustic - ©Dave Evans

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Daniel Shaw from Long Eaton recorded **The Vestal** and a **Treble Bar** from his garden light trap. Pete Mella recorded ***Palpita vitrealis* (Olive-tree pearl)** and **Rusty Dot Pearl** at Norton Lees, both being the 4th records for this year from his garden light trap. Paul Buxton recorded **Dewick's Plusia** and his 2nd **Mullein Wave** of the year from his Sandiacre garden, along with a total of 26 **Centre-barred Sallow** which was a good tally.

2nd September - Mark Radford produced a few more leaf mine records whilst dodging the showers at Hall Lane Ponds, Markham Vale. ***Coleophora potentillae*** larval case (2nd in a week) is scarce, as is ***Coleophora milvipennis*** larval case (also 2nd in a week) and ***Incurvaria pectinea*** cut outs are hard to find and a **Puss Moth (larva)** was new for the site.



Coleophora milvipennis larval case
©Mark Radford



Coleophora potentillae larval case
©Mark Radford

The Vestal was recorded from woodland near Foremark Reservoir by Tom Coe. Dave Evans joined the Derbyshire **Clifden Nonpareil** club when he found one lying close by his Belper garden light trap this morning.



Clifden Nonpareil - ©Dave Evans



The Vestal - ©Tom Coe

September Moth News:

2nd September cont'd - Pine Carpet, Old Lady, Silver Y (2), Spectacle, Small Fan-footed Wave, and *Evergestis forficalis*, were Clive Ashton's highlights from his Cromford garden light trap.

Mark Radford recorded a smart looking **Orange Sallow** from 105/36 in his Staveley garden light trap.



Orange Sallow - ©Mark Radford



Pine Carpet - ©Clive Ashton

3rd September - Matt Leedell found a **Small Ranunculus** roosting on an office building on Chequers Road, Derby. Dave Evans located a few leaf mines at Wyver Lane, Belper including *Phyllonorycter acerifoliella* which was a new species for the site.

4th September - A **Rusty Dot Pearl** was roosting on a wall at Costco, Wyvern Way, Derby and discovered by Matt Leedell. Dave Evans ran his Belper garden light trap and recorded **Autumnal Rustic** as his 698th species for the year. **Frosted Orange** was another highlight from his trap. Angie Seymour discovered a first for her Whaley Bridge garden, a very smart looking **Clifden Nonpareil**.



Rusty Dot Pearl - ©Matt Leedell



Autumnal Rustic - ©Dave Evans

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Clifden Nonpareil - ©Angie Seymour



Small Blood-vein - ©Nikki Barrow

5th September - A **Bordered Straw** was found on a car in Derby. There is always a thrill and an excitement when one finds a "lifer" in the moth trap, as Nikki Barrow discovered when she found her first **Small Blood-vein** in her Shirland garden moth trap. Mark Radford recorded the first **Deep-brown Dart** of the year from his Staveley garden light trap. Dave Evans ran his Belper garden light trap attracting 173/35, with **Dewick's Plusia** his main highlight. Clive Ashton recorded 53/21 from his Cromford garden light trap with **Angle Shades** and **Feathered Gothic** being main highlights.

There is a strong likely-hood that **Clifden Nonpareil** has established small and localised populations in Derbyshire, a small influx of records recently including two more from 5th September at Buxton (Steve Orridge) and Breaston (Steve Thorpe), both were pristine individuals, as were the records from Belper and Whaley Bridge in recent days.

6th September - Clive Ashton discovered a **Hummingbird Hawk-moth** in one of his bedrooms at his house in Cromford. The Markham Vale Moth Group set up their moth traps on the North Tip hoping for a decent night.



Hummingbird Hawk-moth - ©Clive Ashton



Markham Vale Moth Group - ©Mark Radford

Andrew-John Shervill recorded 13 species from his 6w Actinic Heath Trap and 20w Bucket Trap from his Normanton garden in inner city Derby. Highlight was an **Orange Sallow**.

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6th September cont'd - Martin Roome's highlight from his Chaddesden garden light trap was a **Blackneck**. Clive Ashton recorded 112/35 which included the first **Lunar Underwing** of the year. Dave Evans from Belper had 152/40 from his garden light trap with **Small Blood-vein**, **Sallow**, **Silver Y** and **Angle Shades** as his highlights.



Lunar Underwing - ©Clive Ashton



The Sallow - ©Dave Evans

Apodia martinii was recorded from Markham Vale (Sid Morris) and Norton Lees (Pete Mella). The result of the Markham Vale moth trap was 314/52, but increased wind strength and a drop in temperature affected the trap result. Highlights were ***Apodia martinii*** and ***Agonopterix nervosa***. A **Dark Sword-grass** was recorded by Richard Pittam from his Chellaston garden light trap.

Another **Cypress Pug** recorded by Daniel Shaw from Long Eaton along with **Small Mottled Willow** and **Rush Veneer**.



Apodia martinii - ©Pete Mella



Cypress Pug - ©Daniel Shaw

Ann Wood from Sandiacre recorded a ***Palpita vitrealis***, **Scarce Silver-lines** and **Frosted Orange** along with a **Toadflax Brocade caterpillar** on her patch of Purple Toadflax.

7th September - 103/32 was the result from Dave Evans garden light trap at Belper with **Lunar Underwing** a highlight. Clive Ashton recorded 89/25 from Cromford on a wet night in his garden. **Brown-spot Pinion**, **Angle Shades**, 2 **Feathered Gothic** and **Tawny Speckled Pug** being highlights.

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Scarce Silver-lines - ©Ann Wood



Brown-spot Pinion - ©Clive Ashton

9th September - Dave Evans recorded 36 leaf mine species at Wyver Lane which included 4 that were new to the site. *Phyllonorycter sorbi*, *Phyllonorycter pastorella*, *Phyllonorycter blancardella* and *Bucculatrix cidarella*. Brett Sentence recorded a **Dark Sword-grass** from his garden light trap in Ashbourne. Whilst Dave Evans recorded 80/28 from Belper which included a **Gem**, **Oak Hook-tip**, **Lunar Underwing** and still *Scrobipalpa ocellatella* on the wing. Richard Pittam recorded a **Cypress Pug** from his Chellaston garden light trap.



The Gem - ©Dave Evans



Black Rustic - ©Matt Leedell

Clive Ashton recorded 25/12 from Cromford which included **Lunar Underwing** and *Archips podana*. Matt Leedell ran his garden light trap in Belper recording the first **Black Rustic** for the year. Martin Roome was trapping at Bryans Coppice, South Wood recording *Epinotia tenerana* (**Nut Bud Moth**) and *Ypsolopha parenthesella* (**White-shouldered Ochre**).

10th September - Clive Ashton decided to try his luck in The Via Gellia and recorded 43/17 which included a superb **Clifden Nonpareil**, which flew in at around 5.00am. Not to be outdone Dave Evans also recorded his 2nd **Clifden Nonpareil**, within a week, from his garden light trap in Belper. Dave's other highlights were **Dark Sword-grass**, **Small Ranunculus**, **Lunar Underwing**, **Feathered Gothic**, **Oak Hook-tip**, **Light Emerald**, *Evergestis forficalis* and *Eudonia angustea*. Brian Hobby recorded a **Pearly Underwing** (a really good Derbyshire migrant as we don't get many), *Cochylichroa atricapitana*, *Neocochylis molliculana*, a **Clifden Nonpareil**, **Cypress Pug**, **Brindled Green**, **Pale Pinion**, and **Black Rustic** for his GMS from his garden in Kirk Hallam.

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Clifden Nonpareil - ©Clive Ashton



Clifden Nonpareil - ©Dave Evans



Pearly Underwing - ©Brian Hobby



Pearly Underwing - ©Brian Hobby

11th September - Ann Wood recorded **Satellite**, **Rusty Dot Pearl**, **Rosy Rustic** and **Barred Sallow** from her Sandiacre garden light trap.

Jeremy Erde from Atlow recorded **Pink-barred Sallow**, the first one for the year.

Dave Evans recorded 96/33 from Belper which included **Black Rustic** (2), **Oak Hook-tip**, **Small Ranunculus** and **Lunar Underwing**. Sid Morris recorded a **Scarce Bordered Straw** from his garden light in Staveley.

A small catch from Cromford by Clive Ashton's standards returned **Lunar Underwing**, **Dusky Thorn** (3), **Silver Y** (2), the first **Red-green Carpet** of the autumn and a **Rusty Dot Pearl**.

I ran my moth trap from my garden in Melbourne, running a 160w mv non ballast bulb with a skinner trap. Hoping for one or two decent moths but end result was rather disappointing. 77/23 which included **Large Yellow Underwing** (21) and **Lesser Yellow Underwing** (21), **Oak Hook-tip** (2), **Rush Veneer**, **Small Mottled Willow**, **Small Blood-vein** and a **Grey Pine Carpet** as highlights.

September Moth News:



Black Rustic - ©Dave Evans



Scarce Bordered Straw - ©Sid Morris



Grey Pine Carpet - ©Tony Davison



Oak Hook-tip - ©Tony Davison



Lunar Underwing - ©Clive Ashton



Rusty Dot Pearl - ©Clive Ashton

From his Findern garden light trap, Brian Hallam recorded 102/21 which included **Lunar Underwing** (6), **Frosted Orange**, **Brindled Green** and a **White-point**.

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Ian White recorded what may well be ***Mompha divisella***, a species that has not been recorded since 1994, and is one of three species of ***Mompha***, *Mompha divisella*, *M. jurassicella*, *M. bradleyi* that are superficially similar and require genitalia dissection.

12th September - From Cromford, Clive Ashton recorded 105/27 from his garden light trap. Highlights were **Burnished Brass**, **Angle Shades**, **Lunar Underwing** and **Spruce Carpet**.



White-point - ©Brian Hallam



Spruce Carpet - ©Clive Ashton

13th September - Nikki Barrow from Shirland recorded 117/26 which included **Black Rustic**, **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Beaded Chestnut** and **Small Mottled Willow**. There are still a few of these migrants around. **The Vestal** was attracted to Andrew-John Shervill's light trap in Normanton, a superb inner-city Derby record. Another **The Vestal** from Martin Roome's Chaddesden garden light trap, along with ***Nephopterix angustella*** and ***Dioryctria sylvestrella***. A total of 18 **Angle Shades** was an incredible garden count.



Dioryctria sylvestrella - ©Martin Roome



Nephopterix angustella - ©Martin Roome

Clive Ashton ran a light trap at Bow Wood recording only 48/15 but a surprise find was 3 ***Epinotia trigonella***, the last time it was recorded was in 2008. Sid Morris ran a light trap from his garden at Staveley recording ***Palpita vitrealis***, another **Scarce Bordered Straw** and an **Autumnal Rustic** as highlights from 218/36. Dave Newcombe also recorded his first **Scarce Bordered Straw** from his garden light trap in Belper, along with **Deep-brown Dart**, **Orange Sallow** and ***Aproaerema anthyllidella*** (**Vetch Moth**). Another **Clifden Nonpareil** trapped by Christian Heintzen at Wildboar Clough, Longdendale.

September Moth News:**Scarce Bordered Straw** - ©Dave Newcombe**Deep-brown Dart** - ©Dave Newcombe**Clifden Nonpareil** - ©Christian Heintzen**Vestal** - ©Martin Roome

14th September - Dave Evans recorded a few leaf mines from Mapperly Wood which included *Parornix devoniella*, *Phyllonorycter geniculella*, *Phyllonorycter sorbi*, *Phyllonorycter nicellii*, *Phyllonorycter acerifoliella*, *Phyllonorycter corylifoliella*, and *Stigmella plagiolella*.

Brian Hallam recorded a few good moths from his Findern garden over two traps, one on 12th September produced an incredibly late **Muslin Moth**, **Cypress Pug** and **Green-brindled Crescent** and 14th September produced 127/13 included *Dioryctria abietella*, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Satellite**, **Black Rustic** and **Scarce Silver-lines**. Pete Mella from Norton Lees recorded **Autumnal Rustic**, his second record for his garden and another *Palpita vitrealis*.

15th September - David Knass recorded a **Clifden Nonpareil** from his Hathersage garden moth trap. Whilst Dave Evans had **Black Arches**, **Black Rustic** and *Archips podana* from his Belper garden moth trap.

16th September - Dave Evans also record a good leaf mine from Wyver Lane, *Phyllonorycter klemannella*, potentially a third county record. A **Pink-barred Sallow** was seen by several recorders at Carsington Water.

September Moth News:**Cypress Pug** - ©Brian Hallam**Muslin Moth** - ©Brian Hallam***Dioryctria abietella*** - ©Brian Hallam**Scarce Silver-lines** - ©Brian Hallam

17th September - Nikki Barrow from Shirland recorded 62/12 from her 20W actinic Heath Trap at Shirland. Her highlights were **Deep-brown Dart**, **Rush Veneer**, **Straw Underwing** and **Lunar Underwing** in varying colour forms.

**Lunar Underwings** - ©Nikki Barrow

September Moth News:

18th September - Emily Milnes from Sandiacre recorded 116/26 which included another record of **Cypress Pug**, also a *Palpita vitrealis*, **Sallow**, **Black Rustic**, **Deep-brown Dart** and **White-point**.



Cypress Pug - ©Emily Milnes



Barred Sallow - ©Brian Hobby

Brian Hobby ran his GMS from his Kirk Hallam garden using 125MV light and with a minimum overnight temperature of 16°C, he recorded 194/32 taking his year total to 3211/254 species from 42 trappings. Highlights were **Turnip Moth**, **Deep-brown Dart**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Barred Sallow** and *Eudonia angustea*.

19th September - Clive Ashton recorded 62/22 from his Cromford garden including a **Green-brindled Crescent** of the "*f.capucina*". This form lacks the attractive green metallic sheen and is a plain dark brown or dull blackish-brown without any green. Clive also had a **Small Mottled Willow**, otherwise the usual suspects.



Green-brindled Crescent "*f.capucina*"
©Clive Ashton



Red-line Quaker - ©Sid Morris

20th September - Ann Wood recorded her very first **Beaded Chestnut** and her second **Black Rustic** this year from her Sandiacre moth trap. Sid Morris recorded the first **Red-line Quaker** for the year from Staveley.

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21st September - Ann Wood from Sandiacre recorded **The Vestal, Sallow** (2) and a **Barred Sallow** as highlights. Dave Evans ran his garden MV light at Belper recording **Black Rustic, Chestnut, Beaded Chestnut** and a **Wax Moth**.

22nd September - Christine Maughan found a smart looking **Dewick's Plusia** on her allotment in Mickleover. Christine's image features at the end of this bulletin.



The Vestal - ©Ann Wood



Beaded Chestnut - ©Dave Evans

The evening of the 22nd turned out to be a surprisingly good night for moth trapping. Emily Milnes set the pace with the first record of **Clancy's Rustic** for Derbyshire from her Sandiacre moth trap. Also recording a **Scarce Silver-lines** and with a **Mullein Wave**, and a pristine **Small Mottled Willow**, one of three, both species added some support to the migrant flavour of her trap.



Clancy's Rustic - ©Emily Milnes



Mullein Wave - ©Emily Milnes

September Moth News:

22nd September cont'd - Not to be out done, Dave Evans was hot on the heels of Emily with another **Clancy's Rustic** from his Belper light trap. So two first records for VC57 Derbyshire, making Clancy's Rustic the 600th Macro Moth species for Derbyshire. Dave also recorded ***Acleris sparsana***, **Dewick's Plusia** (2), **Red-green Carpet**, **Grey Pine Carpet**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Black Rustic**, **Chestnut** and ***Aproaerema anthyllidella***.



Clancy's Rustic - ©Dave Evans



Markham Vale Moth Group

The Markham Vale Moth Group ran five lights at Markham Vale recording highlights of **Scarce Silver Lines**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Deep-brown Dart** and **Square-spot Rustic** (80).

The Calke Park Moth Survey Team ran lights at South Wood, (part of the NT Calke Estate), recording 180/51, which included a single ***Euchromius ocella***, a rare immigrant. The trapping session was within the Leicestershire side of the wood, so unfortunately Derbyshire will miss out on the records.

Nikki Barrow ran her light trap at Shirland and recorded 62/19 which included yet another **Cypress Pug**. Other highlights were **Deep-brown Dart** and **Green-brindled Crescent**.



Cypress Pug - ©Nikki Barrow



Deep-brown Dart - ©Nikki Barrow

Dave Newcombe recorded his first **Autumnal Rustic** from his garden moth trap at Belper, also **Black Rustic** and **Deep-brown Dart**.

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23rd September - Dave Evans ran two traps at Belper noting that it didn't take long to process them with totals of 37/16 and 25/14, but it was worthwhile as the highlight was a **Scarce Bordered Straw**.



Scarce Bordered Straw - ©Dave Evans



Merveille du Jour - ©Christian Heintzen

Christian Heintzen recorded his first Merveille du Jour of the year from Glossop, commenting on the fact that as with almost all moths, they can be variable in size and colour but this was particularly noticeable this morning. See image above - Same scale, same exposure settings.

24th September - Dave Evans recorded a new species for Wyver Lane when he discovered the larval case of ***Coleophora potentillae***. Nikki Barrow recorded 18/9 from her Shirland garden moth trap which included a **Lychnis** and a couple of late moths, **Light Emerald** and **Riband Wave**. Also, another very late **Muslin Moth** which appears to be a 2nd brood. Others included **Deep-brown Dart** and **Beaded Chestnut**. Clive Ashton recorded just 5 moths of 3 species from Cromford, **Lesser Yellow Underwing** (3), **Lunar Underwing** and **Brown-spot Pinion**.



Muslin Moth - ©Nikki Barrow



Brown-spot Pinion - ©Clive Ashton

25th September - **The Vestal** was found by Dave Newcombe in his Belper garden. Another really pink **The Vestal** was attracted to Gareth Thomas's moth trap in Duffield and another found at Foremark Fields by Richard Winspear.

September Moth News:**The Vestal** - ©Dave Newcombe**The Vestal** - ©Gareth Thomas

26th September - Dave Evans was trapping again at Darwin Forest and on his first night (25th) recorded a **Feathered Ranunculus**, **Pink-barred Sallow** and **Red and Yellow-line Quakers**. Not bad for starters.

**Feathered Ranunculus** - ©Dave Evans**Pink-barred Sallow** - ©Dave Evans**Yellow-line Quaker** - ©Dave Evans**Red-line Quaker** - ©Dave Evans

John Turner from New Mills recorded **Orange Sallow** from his garden moth trap.

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27th September - From Darwin Forest on Dave Evans second night (26th), most moths were recorded prior to 9:30pm, best were **Green-brindled Crescent** and **The Brick** from 36/21.



Green-brindled Crescent - ©Dave Evans



The Brick - ©Dave Evans

A Moth & Bat Event took place at Waingroves Community Woodland Trust on Sunday evening 27th September. It was extremely well attended with around 130 turnout. Emily and Nikki helped with manning the moth traps. Really pleased for Shaun Walters who decided to put together the event at very short notice.



Moth Event Waingroves 2026



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27th September - I ran my garden light trap overnight in Melbourne recording 16/9 which included NFY **Black Rustic** and **Lunar Underwing**, also a **Small Mottled Willow** and a female **Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing**.



Black Rustic - ©Tony Davison



Lunar Underwing - ©Dave Evans

Dave Evans third trap at Darwin Forest (27th), produced 40/28 which included **Large Wainscot**, **The Mallow**, and **Spruce Carpet**. Jeremy Erde recorded a **Green-brindled Crescent**, of the dark variant form *capucina*, from Atlow.



The Mallow - ©Dave Evans



Large Wainscot - ©Dave Evans

28th September - Ann Wood from Sandiacre joined the **Clancy's Rustic** club when she recorded the 3rd record for VC57 from her MV moth trap on the morning of the 29th September. Another fantastic record from this area of the vice-county, "Moth Mecca"!

Dave Evans ran his 4th Moth trap over-night (28th) from Darwin Forest recording **Large Ranunculus**. Other highlights were **Pink-barred Sallow** (2), **Barred Sallow**, **Chestnut**, **Pine Carpet**, **Grey Pine Carpet** (7), **Spruce Carpet** (2), **Red-green Carpet** (2), **Black Rustic**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Yellow-line Quaker** and **Acleris sparsana** (2).

September Moth News:

Clancy's Rustic - ©Ann Wood



Large Ranunculus - ©Dave Evans

29th September - The 29th September turned out to be an interesting night's mothing across the county. With very mild temperatures the spirits of Derbyshire's moth-ers were on a high. Pete Mella was the first to post with a superb **Merveille du Jour** from Norton Lees. Not in his moth trap but perched on a nearby fence. I ran my Melbourne moth 20W Actinic from the garden recording 41/21 which included a few NFY, **Scarce Silver-lines**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Barred Sallow** (well worn), and **Carcina quercana**. Also **Black Rustic** (5), a pristine **Small Mottled Willow** and a **Rusty Dot Pearl**.

Emily Milnes from Sandiacre seems to be gripping everyone off with **Clancy's Rustic**. Sandiacre seems to be the centre in Derbyshire for this species currently. Emily recorded another three! Also **Scarce Silver-lines** (2), **Cypress Pug** (2) and **Blair's Shoulder-knot** from 140/27 using a 125MV Robinson trap. Pretty impressive for late September.



Merveille du Jour - ©Pete Mella



Clancy's Rustic - ©Emily Milnes

September Moth News:*Carcina quercana* - ©Tony Davison*Scarce Silver-lines* - ©Tony Davison

Clive Ashton recorded 46/19 from his Cromford garden light trap which included highlights of **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Black Rustic** and **Barred Sallow**.

Dave Evans is still trapping at Darwin Forest, his 5th trap (29th) and recorded 151/44. Highlights of **Merveille du Jour** (5), **Brindled Green**; **Autumn Green Carpet**, **Flounced Chestnut** and **Acleris cristana**. Best of the rest **Grey Pine Carpet** (47), **Pine Carpet** (7), **Red-green Carpet** (6), **Spruce Carpet** (5), **Barred Sallow** (3), **Pink-barred Sallow** (4), **Yellow-line Quaker** (3), **Red-line Quaker**, **Chestnut** (3), **Turnip Moth** (3), **Beaded Chestnut** (3), **Black Rustic** (3), *Pandemis cinnamomeana* (2), *Epinotia ramella*, *Ypsolopha parenthesella*, *Acleris sparsana* (6), *Acleris variegana*, *Eudonia angustea* (4), **Rusty Dot Pearl** and *Scrobipalpa ocellatella*.

Brian Hobby ran his light trap at Kirk Hallam and in the warm overnight temperatures he recorded 93/26. Highlights were **Merveille du Jour**, **Yellow-line Quaker**, **Clifden Nonpareil**, **The Vestal**, **Cypress Pug** and **Scarce Silver-lines**.

*Brindled Green* - ©Dave Evans*Flounced Chestnut* - ©Dave Evans

Dave Newcombe recorded similar species from his Belper garden light trap from 43/21, **Merveille du Jour**, **Brindled Green** (2), **Scarce Silver-lines**, **Beaded Chestnut** (2) and **Waved Umber**.

September Moth News:**Autumn Green Carpet** - ©Dave Evans**Clifden Nonpareil** - ©Brian Hobby

Brian Hallam from Findern pulled out another **Clancy's Rustic** from his garden light trap. Also a stunning **The Vestal**, a very deep pink one, **Barred Sallow** and a **Blair's Shoulder-knot**, from 139/27.

**The Vestal** - ©Brian Hallam**Clancy's Rustic** - ©Brian Hallam

From 0 to 7 **Clancy's Rustic** in a week is pretty impressive. They must surely be immigrants with such a range of supporting species, but time will tell if we have a new colonist on our hands.

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Christian Heintzen recorded his first **November Moth** for the season, 29th Sept, exactly on the day he had his first November Moth last year. The pointy octavals confirm it is *Epirrita dilutata*. In the small image side view only, the right octaval is visible.



November Moth - ©Christian Heintzen.

30th September - Dave Evans 6th night in the Darwin Forest produced 71/30 which included **Feathered Thorn**, **Grey Shoulder-knot**, **Merveille du Jour** (2), **Grey Pine Carpet** (23), **Green-brindled Crescent**, **Pink-barred Sallow** (3), **Barred Sallow** (2) and **Autumn Green Carpet**.



Feathered Thorn - ©Dave Evans



Grey Shoulder-knot - ©Dave Evans

David Knass from Mellor recorded **Barred Sallow** and a **Red Underwing** and Ann Wood from Sandiacre recorded 20/9 which included **The Vestal**, **Small Mottled Willow**, **Black Rustic** (4), **Beaded Chestnut** (2) and **Vine's Rustic** (2).

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The Vestal - ©Ann Wood



Small Mottled Willow - ©Ann Wood

30th September cont'd - Sid Morris ran his GMS (week 31) from his Staveley garden recording a mixed bag that included ***Acleris sparsana***, ***Neocochylis molliculana***, **Mottled Rustic** and **Green-brindled Crescent**.

Clive Ashton found a **Yellow-line Quaker** on a wall at Millfields, Carsington, whilst Matt Leedell found ***Eudonia angustea*** on an office building wall at Chequers Road, Derby.

John Turner up at New Mills recorded his highlights of **Black Rustic** (5), **Brown-spot Pinion**, **Green-brindled Crescent** and **Blair's Shoulder-knot**.

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A friendly request to all Leaf Mine recorders. When entering your records and photos to social media and iRecord database, could I ask that photos are tagged with species and food plant, please. Your iRecords also need to be tagged with the food plant. This will be most helpful when verifiers are verifying the records, when I am entering the highlights into the Moth Bulletin and website and also when submitting the annual micro moth records to the UK Micro Moth Recorder.

So another month slips by and what a month of moth-ing September really produced. Seven Clancy's Rustic in total, since the first two for the county on 22nd September. Plenty of **The Vestal**, **Rusty Dot Pearl**, at least ten **Clifden Nonpareil**, the first "**Merves**" began appearing and a wide range of autumn species from across Derbyshire.

Looking forward to seeing what October brings.

Good "Moth-ing"

Tony Davison.

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Kedleston Hall Moth Survey - No:5 - 18th/19th September 2026

Dave Evans writes - Lunar Underwing could be described as the harbinger of autumn, and after last night's session, this was most certainly the case as 187 individuals flooded the four traps set up across the grounds of Kedleston Hall. To be honest though, we would have settled for far less, given the conditions. A look at the weather forecast seemed to suggest that the rain would be easing after 8pm, so the traps were fired up and bright glows from a variety of bulbs pierced the gathering gloom.

Our fears of soggy egg boxes were firmly put to bed as hardly a drop of rain had fallen overnight. The traps were mostly full of **Lunar** and **Large Yellow Underwings** and they made up around 60% of the catch, but a few gems were hidden amongst them, notably seven new species for the site - **Frosted Orange**, **Barred Sallow**, **Chestnut**, **Vapourer**, **Beaded Chestnut**, **Deep-brown Dart** and oh yes **Lunar Underwing**.

So, 413/38 was the end total and not a bad effort as September creeps into the ever-darkening nights of October. The running total now stands at 263 species and it is possible to be knocking on the door of 300 species with two more planned surveys in October and possible further sessions in November, weather permitting of course.

Once again thanks are extended to the National Trust and residents of Kedleston Hall for allowing the team access to their wonderful grounds and of course to Ellen Carne, for her continued support and logistics throughout the surveys so far.



Kedleston Hall Moth Team



Egg Tray covered in moths



Deep-brown Dart - ©Dave Evans



Barred Sallow - ©Dave Evans

September Moth News:

Don't forget the DaNES Insect Show which is being held at the University of Derby on 14th November 2026. The moth recording team will be present at the event and I hope to put on a public presentation on Derbyshire Moths and the Website.



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