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**MANAGING MEADOWS FOR BUTTERFLIES RESOURCE SHEET**

**Summary of event at Butterfly Conservation Reserve with Lucy Morton – June 2018**

**Links to good fact sheets about managing habitat for butterflies.**

5 key farmland habitats are flower rich areas, rough grassy strips, hedges, rides and glades and nettles. See [Butterfly Conservation’s Butterflies and Farmland leaflet](https://butterfly-conservation.org/files/habitat-butterflies-and-farmland.pdf)

And [butterfly factsheets are available from the Butterfly Conservation website](https://butterfly-conservation.org/4941/Butterflies.html)

**Some suggested methods of controlling weeds by hand in butterfly and wildflower meadows**

[**Dashel basher**](https://www.lanleesupplies.co.uk/Products/0050002b001e/TOSSSLG) **hand tool to prevent docks, nettles, thistle, hogweed seeding before (late) hay cut**

[**Lazy Dog Tool**](https://lazydogtools.co.uk/) **made in Yorkshire – used by organic growers on field scale – with practice can lever dock and other roots out of the ground**

**Guides and books available from**

Field Studies Council [Butterflies identification fold out chart](http://www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/butterflies-identification-chart.aspx) £3

Malvern Hills butterfly poster guide: Page 2 = free [identification chart](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Malverns-Butterfly-Poster-SIDE-2-FINAL-LOW-RESOLUTION-pdf-724x1024.jpg); Page 1 = [information](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Malverns-Butterfly-Poster-SIDE-1-FINAL-LOW-RESOLUTION-pdf-1024x724.jpg)

*”*[*The Butterflies of the West Midlands”*,](https://www.westmidlands-butterflies.org.uk/shop) 2016- Editors: Duncan I, Seal P, Tilt J,

Wasley R, Williams M. available from West Midlands Butterfly Conservation [Shop](https://www.westmidlands-butterflies.org.uk/shop)

[Butterfly Field Guide](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pocket-Guide-Butterflies-Britain-Ireland/dp/1910389048/ref=pd_lpo_sbs_14_img_0?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=VRCGXACBV99SBW72JVPK) by Richard Lewington available in shops and online

**To join Butterfly Conservation** go to [*https://butterfly-conservation.org*](https://butterfly-conservation.org)

For **information on local events, guided walks and other activities** visit:

West Midlands Butterfly Conservation’s regional website

[*www.westmidlands-butterflies.org.uk*](http://www.westmidlands-butterflies.org.uk)

**Recording your butterfly sightings**

Record you sightings on iRecord using a smartphone app

or online at [*www.brc.ac.uk/irecord*](http://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord)

**To join local work parties managing butterfly habitat contact** [Lucy Morton](mailto:lmorton@butterfly-conservation.org) (BC’s Reserves Officer)

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