



Moth Trapping Report

Summary

Location:	Green Cross Cottage, South Garden (TQ3615)
Date:	18/01/2026
Trap(s):	MV Robinson Trap
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	15
Species Count: (see notes)	4 New for Year: 2 New for Location: 0 Total new species for Location this Year: 0 Species Count for Year: 6 Species Total for Location: 525
Non-species Count:	0
Notable Record Count:	2

Full List

NFY = New Species For Year

Species	Count	Type	Sussex Status	Comment
Early Moth (<i>Theria primaria</i>) ^{NFY}	1	Macro	Fairly Common (432)	Resident. Larvae feed on hawthorn and sloe.
Pale Brindled Beauty (<i>Phigalia pilosaria</i>)	6	Macro	Common (1,085)	Resident. Larvae feed on elm, hawthorn, hazel, oak and grey willow.
Spring Usher (<i>Agriopsis leucophaearia</i>)	7	Macro	Fairly Common (582)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak.
Variable Smudge (<i>Ypsolopha ustella</i>) ^{NFY}	1	Micro	Very Scarce (193)	

Notable Records

Species	Comment
Variable Smudge (<i>Ypsolopha ustella</i>)	A relatively scarce or rare species within Sussex; Likely to be only the 4th time recorded in Plumpton & East Chiltington.
Spring Usher (<i>Agriopsis leucophaearia</i>)	7 is now the highest number recorded during a single survey at this location. The previous highest count was 3.

Notes

The numbers in the **Species Count** section of the **Summary** section only include moths that have been identified to species level.

You can see more details of each species from the [UK Moths website](#) by clicking on the name of the species. This doesn't apply to records at genus level or aggregates.

The Sussex Status is an **unofficial** indication of the likelihood of encountering the species in Sussex based on data sourced from the [Sussex Moth Group](#) website. The number in brackets is the minimum number of times the moth has been recorded in Sussex.

The species comments are primarily sourced from the excellent volumes of **A Revised History of the Butterflies and Moths of Sussex** by C R Pratt.

For further details of the records see [Green Cross Nature](#)

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