



Moth Trapping Report

Summary

Location:	Green Cross Cottage, South Garden (TQ3615)
Date:	08/02/2026
Trap(s):	MV Robinson Trap
Recorders(s):	Chris Chapman
Moth Count:	47
Species Count: (see notes)	9 New for Year: 3 New for Location: 0 Total new species for Location this Year: 0 Species Count for Year: 14 Species Total for Location: 525
Non-species Count:	1
Notable Record Count:	4

Full List

NFY = New Species For Year

Species	Count	Type	Sussex Status	Comment
Agonopterix ciliella/heracliana (Agonopterix ciliella/heracliana)	6	Micro		
Common Quaker (Orthosia cerasi)	19	Macro	Very Common (9,110)	A very common, resident species found in a wide range of habitats. Single-brooded, flying mainly from early February to late May. Larvae feed on birch, willow, oaks, lime, elm, bramble, rose, sweet chestnut, hawthorn and ash.
Dotted Border (Agriopis marginaria)	2	Macro	Common (1,153)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak, hawthorn, hazel, willow and birch.
Grey Shoulder-knot (Lithophane ornitopus) ^{NFY}	1	Macro	Fairly Common (813)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak.
Hebrew Character (Orthosia gothica)	1	Macro	Very Common (10,295)	A very common species. Single-brooded and flies mainly from early March to early June. Larvae feed on a large range of trees, shrubs and low-growing plants.
March Moth (Alsophila aescularia) ^{NFY}	1	Macro	Common (1,614)	
Oak Beauty (Biston strataria) ^{NFY}	2	Macro	Common (2,189)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak, (silver) birch and willow.
Pale Brindled Beauty (Phigalia pilosaria)	6	Macro	Common (1,085)	Resident. Larvae feed on elm, hawthorn, hazel, oak and grey willow.
Small Brindled Beauty (Apocheima hispidaria)	4	Macro	Fairly Common (548)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak.
Winter Shade (Tortricodes alternella)	5	Micro	Fairly Common (531)	Resident. Larvae feed on oak.

Notable Records

Species	Comment
Agonopterix ciliella/heracliana (Agonopterix ciliella/heracliana)	6 is now the highest number recorded during a single survey at this location. The previous highest count was 4.
Small Brindled Beauty (Apocheima hispidaria)	4 is now the highest number recorded during a single survey at this location. The previous highest count was 3.
Winter Shade (Tortricodes alternella)	5 is now the highest number recorded during a single survey at this location. The previous highest count was 3.
March Moth (Alsophila aescularia)	Only the 5th time recorded at this location.

Images



Common Quaker (*Orthosia cerasi*)



Grey Shoulder-knot (*Lithophane ornitopus*)



March Moth (*Alsophila aescularia*)



Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*)



Small Brindled Beauty (*Apocheima hispidaria*)

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](#)