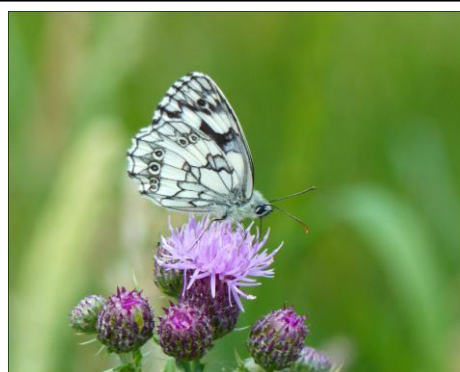


## BUTTERFLIES IN BEXLEY – FIRST SIGHTINGS OF ADULTS, 2017.

Compiled by Mike Robinson from information provided by himself and a number of other observers. (nyr – not yet recorded this year). For ongoing news of butterflies and moths in the Borough see: <https://www.facebook.com/BexleyButterflyandMothGroup/>

<u>Butterfly Species</u>	<u>First Sighting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brimstone	02 March 2017	Lamorbey Park
Brown Argus	10 May 2017	Beside the Upper Bedon Stream
Clouded Yellow	nyr	
Comma	09 March 2017	Braeburn Park
Common Blue	02 May 2017	Former Thamesmead Golf Course/environs
Essex Skipper	16 June 2017	Holly Hill Open Space
Gatekeeper	nyr	
Green Hairstreak	06 April 2017	Beside the Thames Path, Belvedere area
Green-Veined White	27 March 2017	Beside Norman Road North
Holly Blue	02 April 2017	Lamorbey Park
Large Skipper	01 June 2017	Upper College Farm
Large White	10 May 2017	Lesnes Abbey Woods/Park
Marbled White	14 June 2017	Grasmere Road Allotments
Meadow Brown	07 June 2017	Former Thamesmead Golf Course/environs
Meadow Brown	07 June 2017	Upper College Farm
Orange-Tip	28 March 2017	Crossness Nature Reserve and environs
Painted Lady	18 May 2017	Danson Park
Painted Lady	18 May 2017	Hall Place and Surrounding Area
Painted Lady	18 May 2017	Upper College Farm
Peacock	09 March 2017	Beside the Thames Path, in Erith area
Peacock	09 March 2017	Braeburn Park
Peacock	09 March 2017	Lesnes Abbey Woods/Park
Purple Hairstreak	22 June 2017	Lamorbey Park
Red Admiral	20 January 2017	Sidcup High Street
Ringlet	12 June 2017	Upper College Farm
Silver-Washed Fritillary	21 June 2017	Joyden's Wood
Small Copper	24 April 2017	Crayford Marshes and environs
Small Heath	10 May 2017	Crayford Marshes and environs
Small Skipper	10 June 2017	Holly Hill Open Space
Small Tortoiseshell	24 February 2017	Hall Place
Small White	11 March 2017	Beside public footpath, Erith area (off Church Manorway)
Speckled Wood	15 March 2017	Foots Cray Meadows
White Admiral	21 June 2017	Joyden's Wood
White-Letter Hairstreak	nyr	



Marbled White at two Bexley sites in June, including at least 3 at Holly Hill where one was discovered in 2015, raises hopes that colonisation of the Borough may be slowly underway . Photo: Mike Robinson