

To whom it may concern

The bearer of this letter is a volunteer fieldworker taking part in UK-wide annual monitoring of Brown Hairstreak organised by Butterfly Conservation, with help from CEH.

The Brown Hairstreak is a Priority Species for conservation in England and Wales, and up to date information is needed on its population status. The survey involves counting eggs along hedges, woodland rides and in scrub on one or two days during the winter months within randomly selected 1-km squares. You are receiving this letter as you own/manage land that covers all or part of the survey square that has been randomly selected. The bearer of this letter has volunteered to take part in the survey with the request that he/she seeks permission to cross private land in order for fieldwork to be carried out.

The data generated from the survey will be used by Butterfly Conservation and its partners to inform national species trends and biodiversity conservation.

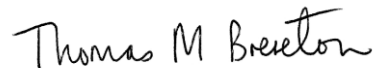
The data will also be entered into local biodiversity group databases for use at the local and regional scales. The data may also be made available to the public at 1km x 1km grid square resolution via the National Biodiversity Network Gateway (<https://data.nbn.org.uk/>), apart from in exceptional cases where the data are sensitive. Please get in touch with Butterfly Conservation if you have any concerns.

Any help you can give the bearer in gaining permission to access privately owned land would be very much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to telephone or write to us at the address below if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely,



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