

Claire Hartt-Palmer for Branch Secretary



I joined Butterfly Conservation in 2022 when I discovered the organisation online whilst searching for information about butterflies, because I had started walking a UKBMS transect in Portsmouth and was keen to learn more. I began attending the Field Trips and Reserve walks, for which I am so grateful, as I have met fellow enthusiasts who have been extremely generous in sharing their knowledge and experience in helping me to start learning the craft of butterflying, which has now become a passion for me.

I am a keen recorder of butterflies, and I am now on two rotas for transects for the UKBMS. I am also a volunteer warden at a nature reserve local to my home in Hampshire.

Prior to retirement in 2019 I spent my career in Hampshire and West Sussex working as a Solicitor and Partner in private practice. During that time, I volunteered on the Boards of other charities, and I hope that my experience can help my colleagues on the Committee for Butterfly Conservation Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch. I firmly believe in what Butterfly Conservation stand for and enjoy all my interactions with them.

I am a keen “rookie” photographer. I also play the violin in a local orchestra, and enjoy paddleboarding and art.

Proposed: Peter Eeles

Seconded:

Julie Cox for Membership Secretary



My interest in butterflies started at an early age, being brought up by parents with a keen interest in nature. I've lived in Hampshire all of my adult life and have been a member of Butterfly Conservation for many years and am striving to improve my knowledge of UK butterflies by attending several of Ashley's field trips in the last couple of years.

Having recently retired from a career in finance I am now in a position to make a bigger contribution to the branch. Last year I joined Fiona's work parties at Bentley Station Meadows, and enjoy the hard work that goes into improving the habitat for butterflies.

Our butterflies need all the help we can give them, and I hope that given the opportunity to support members as the Membership Secretary, the branch will continue to thrive.

Proposed: Peter Eeles

Seconded: