

# BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION UPPER THAMES BRANCH

## Duke of Burgundy Report 2008

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Duke of Burgundy  
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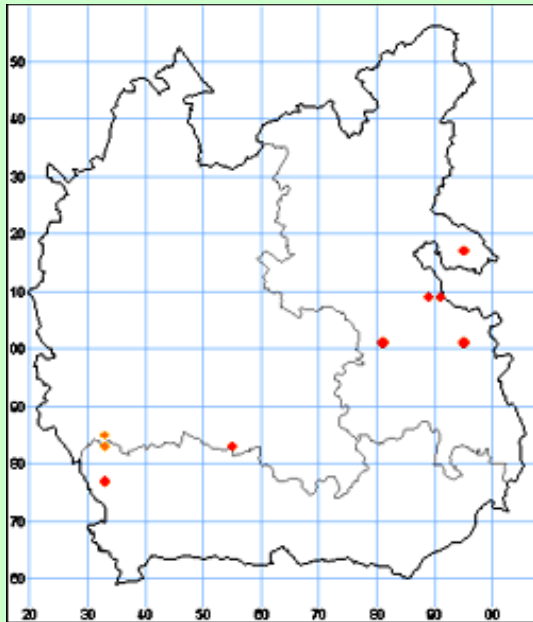
It was another poor year for the butterfly locally. Though it clung on at the 5 UTB sites where it existed in 2007, several recently occupied sites are still without reports.

Numbers at 3 sites were higher than in 2007.

Detailed studies of foodplant condition and position were undertaken at Dancersend (BBOWT) reserve by BBOWT volunteers and students from Anglia Ruskin College, with a view to forming future management plans. At Dancersend, the Duke of Burgundy lays eggs on both Cowslip and Primrose.

**Right: An unusual choice of pabulum.** This cowslip plant (with 4 eggs) on a quarry face in Bedfordshire is in a far more exposed position than most favoured plants at Dancersend, which grow in scrub/woodland edge habitat.





**Left: The 2006 distribution of Duke of Burgundy (*Hamearis lucina*).** Records from Levana.

Contact has been maintained at key sites, including some where the butterfly is (temporarily?) lost.