



Fund a butterfly reintroduction feasibility study

Fund a study to assess the potential to reintroduce butterflies at the Heal Somerset site

Butterfly species once known to have been present in Somerset include the Duke of Burgundy and the Wood White, but are now considered extinct in the region, having not been reported for a number of years.

We would like to conduct research to understand which lost butterfly species could be reintroduced at Heal Somerset and on surrounding land with the support of neighbouring landowners. We would work with experienced researchers to understand which butterfly species were previously recorded in the locality, if existing habitats could support a successful reintroduction, what (if any) land management interventions are required to support butterflies (including existing populations and reintroduced species) and which approach to breeding, release and post-release monitoring should be taken.

Impact

More abundant and diverse population of butterflies at the site and surrounding areas of Heal Somerset

Legacy

Providing the tools and knowledge for future generations in ensuring survival and abundance of native butterfly species.