



Big City Butterflies Project 2021-2025

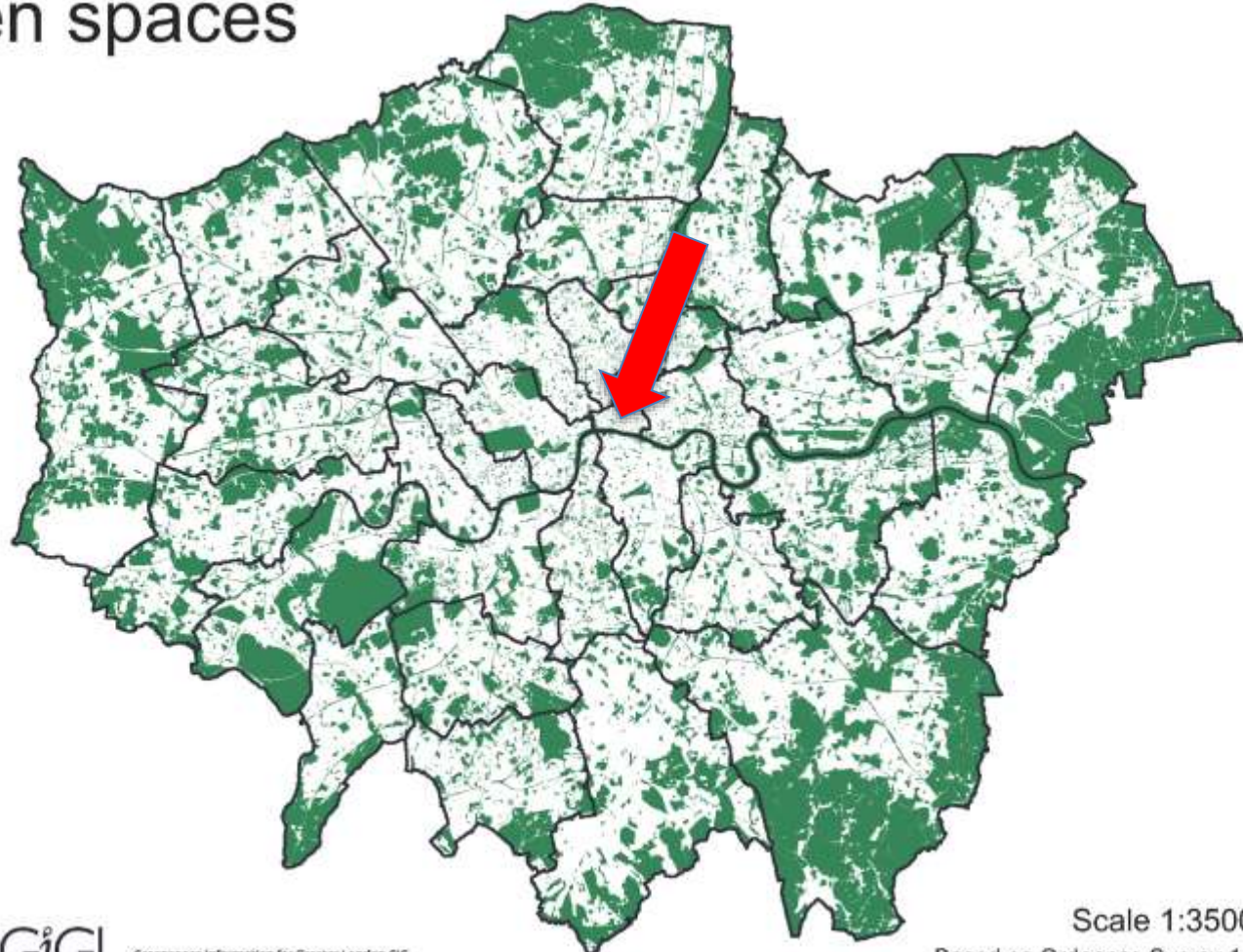
Steve Bolton
Conservation Officer

Ele Johnstone
Engagement Officer

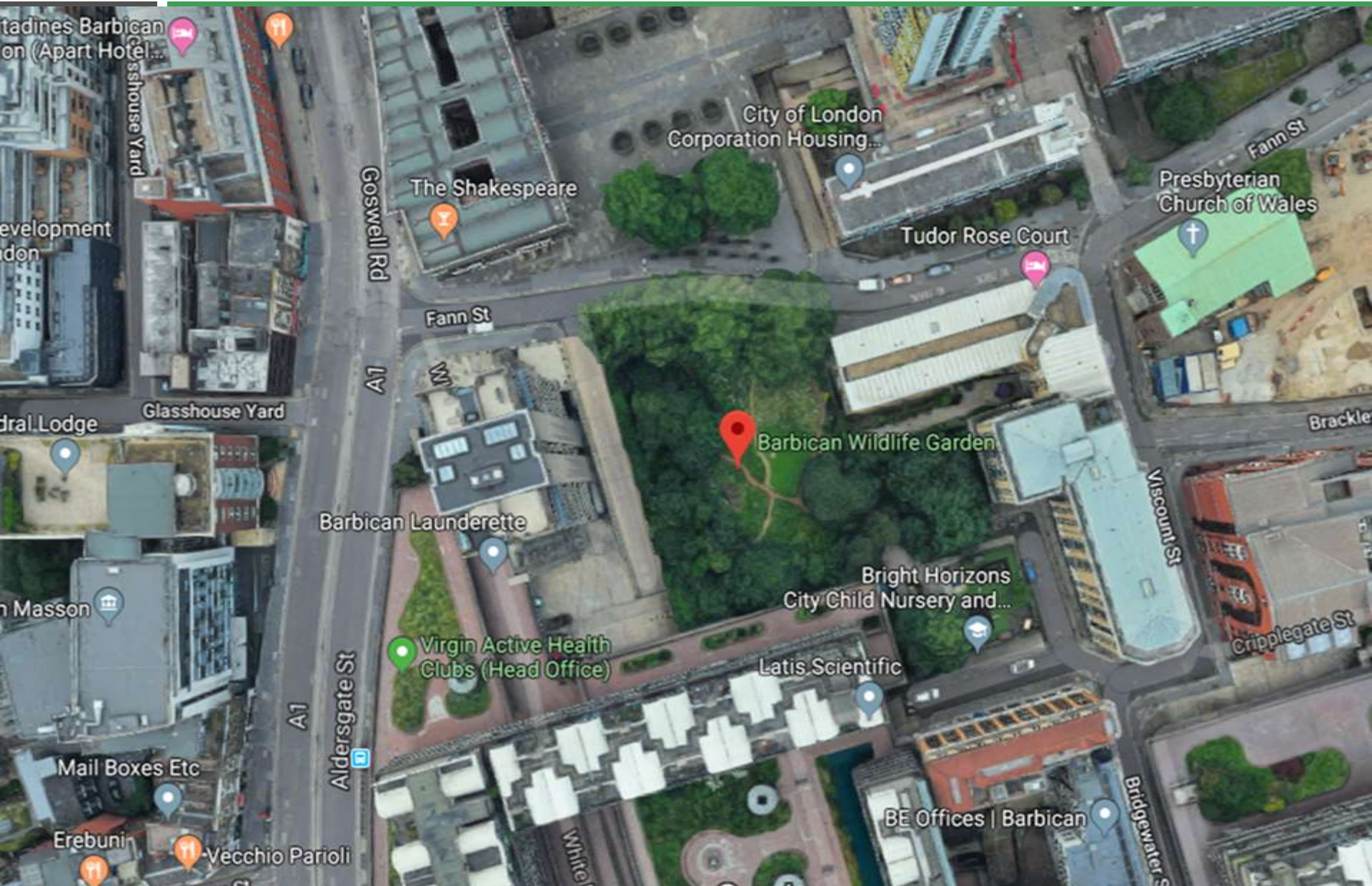


Open spaces

- 37 SSSIs
- 147 LNRs
- 1,586 SINCS
- >3000 parks and open spaces
- 47% of London is Green!



Big City Butterflies: Introduction



Big City Butterflies: Introduction



Big City Butterflies: Introduction



Big City Butterflies: Introduction



-88%



-87%



-75%



-73%



-54%



-41%



-37%



-30%

Big City Butterflies: Objectives

To help Londoners discover and connect with butterflies, moths and the greenspaces that support them.



To improve the quality and connectivity of green spaces to increase their suitability for butterflies, moths and other wildlife

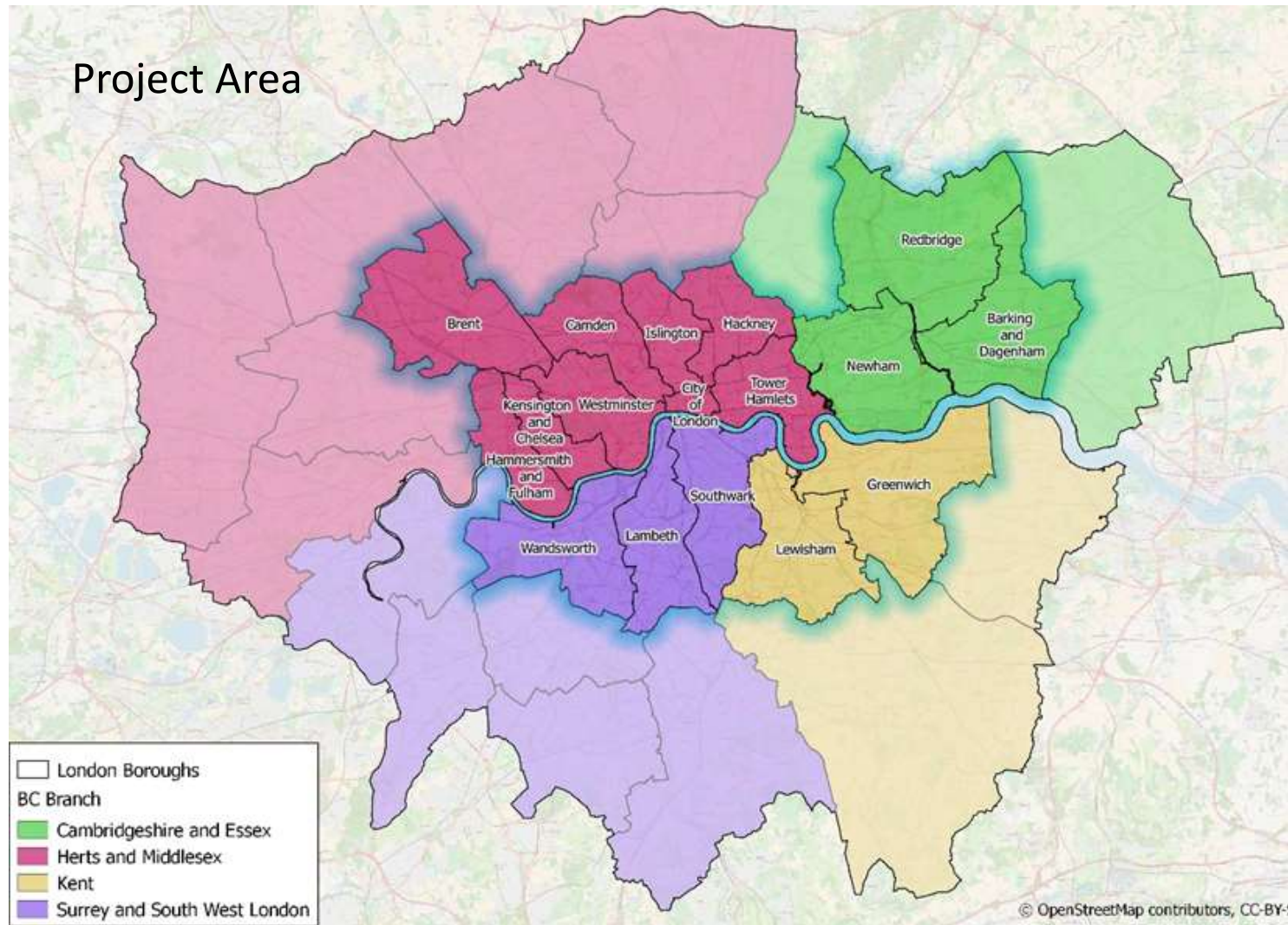
To increase levels of recording and monitoring across London



To increase opportunities for BC to engage with new audiences

To enable BC to develop and test new approaches to conservation in an urban context

Big City Butterflies: Project Area



Big City Butterflies: Themes



**Recording &
Monitoring**



Engagement



**Habitat
Management**

Recording & Monitoring Activities

- Delivered 28 training workshops
- Presentation followed by guided walk

What species can you see in London?



Common Blue



- Male is bright blue whereas female is more dull brown with flashes of blue
- Lay eggs on Common Birds foot Trefoil
- Two generations across the year so will see adults flying in May/June and August/September



Photo: Matt Berry



Online presentation: ID and recording

- ✓ Big Butterfly Count
- ✓ Casual recording
- ✓ Walking a transect
- ✓ Garden Butterfly Survey
- ✓ Contributing to our National Moth Recording Scheme



Recording & Monitoring Activities

Brockley Cemetery, Lewisham



Fairlop Waters, Redbridge



Gladstone Park, Brent



Burgess Park, Southwark



Recording & Monitoring Activities

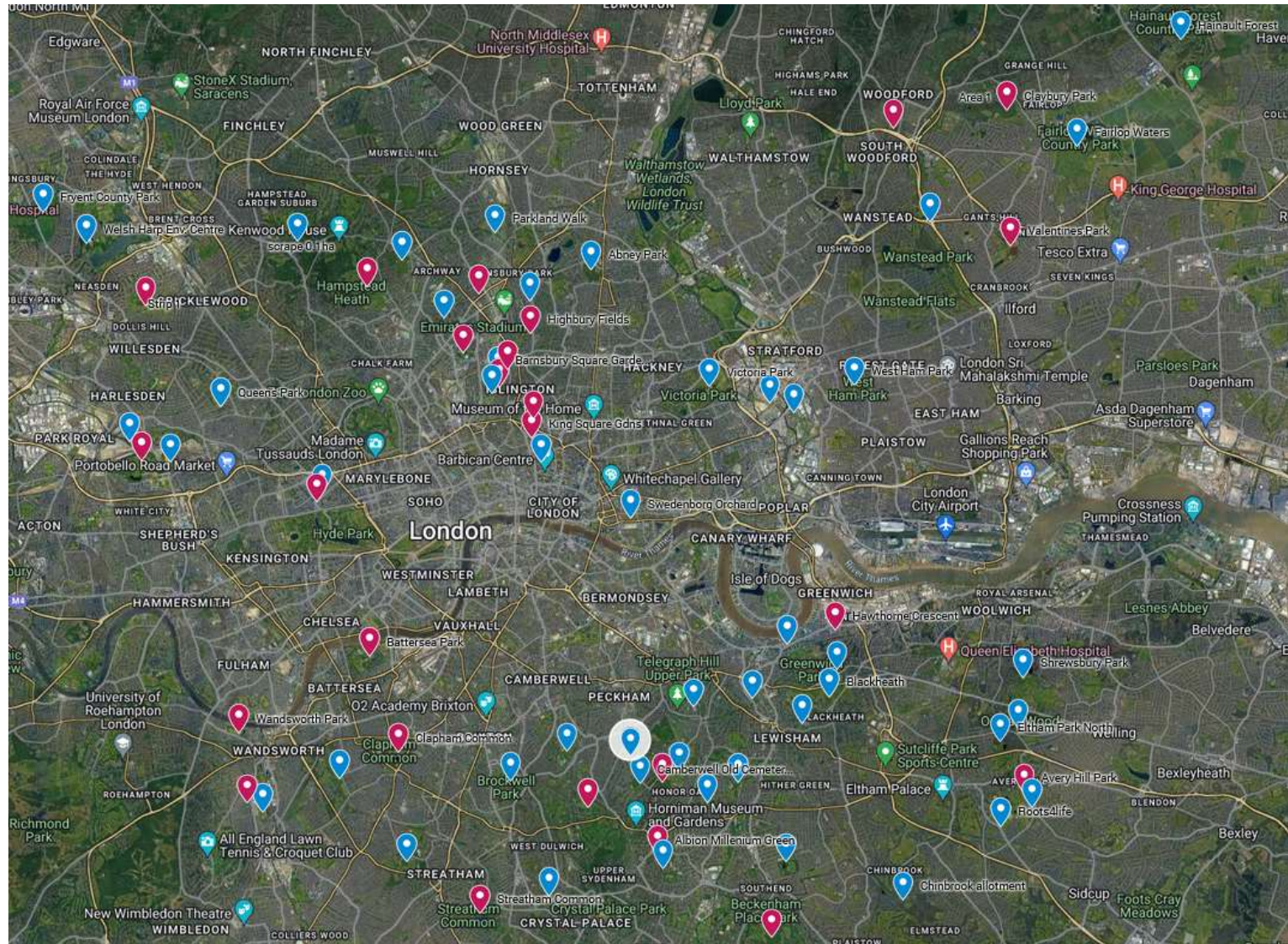
- 17 sites with BC monitoring established
 - Brockley Cemetery, Lewisham
 - Gladstone Park, Brent
 - Gillespie Park, Islington
 - Clapham Common, Lambeth

Gladstone Park, Brent



Habitat Management Activities

58 site advice visits, 29 sites improved



Habitat Management Activities

SW London – Dulwich Park



Habitat Management Activities

SW London – Dulwich Park



Habitat Management Activities

SW London – Clapham Common



Habitat Management Activities



Seeded spring 2022



July 2022

Habitat Management Activities

Horticultural planting – Wandsworth Park



Habitat Management Activities

Tree and shrub planting – Avery Hill Park



Habitat Management Activities

- 13 habitat management training workshops
- 14 management plans/agreements to support butterflies and moths

Highgate Cemetery, Camden

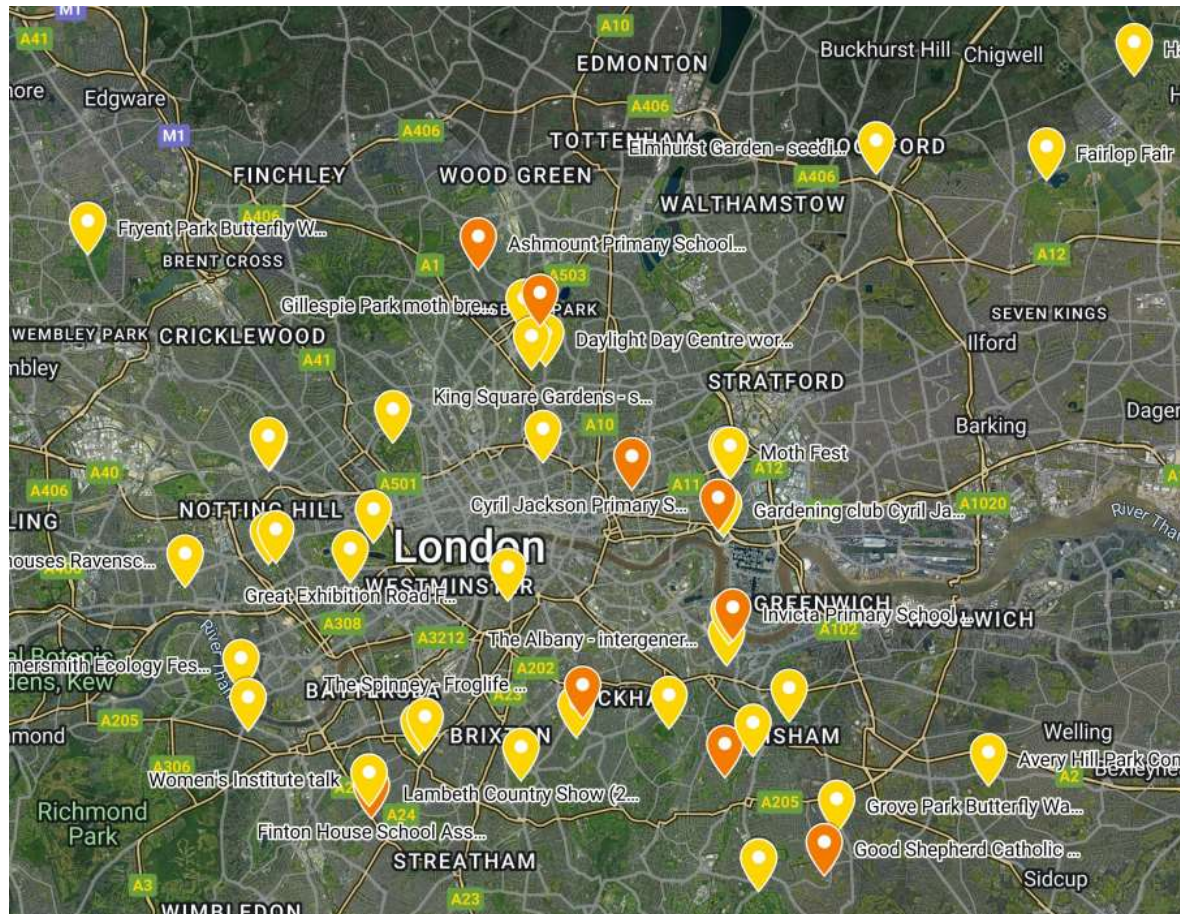


Lewisham parks team



Engagement activities

- School workshops
- Community events
- High footfall public events



51 school workshops, 1000 children engaged

Workshop 1: all about butterflies & moths + planting activity



- 11 schools engaged
- 6 planted in green spaces

Gillespie Primary school, Islington

Engagement activities



Workshop 2:
life cycle &
adaptations + live
specimens!

Engagement activities

37 community events
950 + people engaged



The Colour of Transformation, Meanwhile Gardens K&C

- Butterfly/moth walks & talks
- Art & Photography
- Beginner's identification
- Planting/gardening



Intergenerational Day, The Albany, Lewisham



Moth Fest, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

Engagement activities



Elm tree planting Valentines Park, Redbridge



Family planting morning Holland Park, K & C



Elmhurst Gardens Community Planting, Redbridge



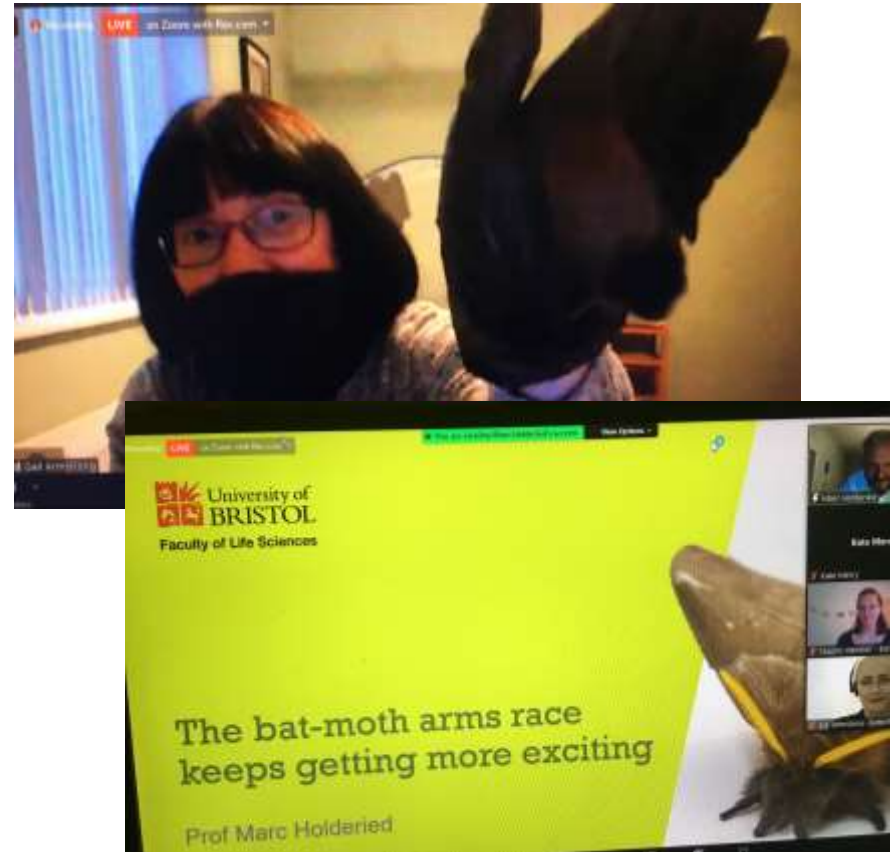
Engagement activities

9 public events
5000 people engaged



Lambeth Country Show, Brockwell Park

Bat & Moth Night with BCT, virtual



- Promoting Big Butterfly Count
- Sharing knowledge and advice
- Planting/crafts



Butterfly
Conservation

WILD SPACES

Mission = 100,000 wild spaces by 2026 to help improve the state of butterflies and moths in the UK.

Where butterflies & moths can complete their lifecycles. The area needs to enable them to **feed, breed and shelter.**



Help us make space for nature!



Campaigns



WILD SPACES

There is no defined size, so long as the requirements are met!



- Patio/balcony pots
- Garden
- Community green space
- School grounds
- Allotment plots
- Street/verges

Register your Wild Spaces

Pledge to Create Wild Spaces

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/wild-spaces>

Questions?

Steve Bolton

Conservation Officer, Big City Butterflies

Email: sbolton@butterfly-conservation.org

Ele Johnstone

Engagement Officer, Big City Butterflies

Email: ejohnstone@butterfly-conservation.org

Project website and e-newsletter sign up

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/conservation-projects/england/big-city-butterflies>