

# Lepidoptera.uk

## Lepidoptera UK Data Policy / Privacy Policy

### Lepidoptera UK Data and Privacy Policy

This Privacy and Data Policy governs the collection, use, and sharing of records and photographs on Lepidoptera UK websites (listed below). By contributing records or photographs to any of these websites, you agree to comply with the terms outlined in this policy. The policy ensures transparency and safeguards the privacy of all users while promoting the conservation and understanding of moths and their habitats.

#### Websites Covered

- **Lepidoptera UK:** <https://lepidoptera.uk>
- **Norfolk:** <https://norfolkmoths.co.uk>
- **Suffolk:** <https://suffolkmoths.co.uk>
- **Cambridge:** <https://cambsmoths.co.uk>
- **West Midlands:** <https://westmidlandsmoths.co.uk>
- **Dorset:** <https://dorsetmoths.co.uk>
- **Upper Thames:** <https://upperthamesmoths.co.uk>
- **Yorkshire:** <https://yorkshiremoths.co.uk>
- **Bedfordshire:** <https://bedfordshiremoths.co.uk>
- **Devon:** <https://devonmoths.uk>
- **Herts & Middlesex:** <https://hertsmiddxmoths.uk>

## 1. Data Collection and Usage

Lepidoptera UK strives to maximise the use of records and data to promote understanding, recording, and conservation efforts for moths and their habitats. We collect, store, and use data for the following purposes:

- **To support research:** Contribute to conservation decision-making, research, public awareness, education, policy development, and the planning system.
- **To promote recording:** Encourage further moth recording and provide feedback to contributors.
- **To inform conservation:** Provide insights into moth populations, habitat conservation, and species diversity.

## 2. Personal Data and Privacy

- **What Personal Data We Collect:** We collect only your **name** when contributing records or photographs to Lepidoptera UK websites. If provided, we may also collect **address, email address, and phone number**, which is stored securely in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- **What Personal Data We Display:** When you become a member or submit records, we may display your **name** alongside your moth record or photograph on our websites or affiliated social media channels.
- **Data Sharing:** We do not share personal contact information (address, email, phone number) without your explicit consent. Your **name** may be displayed publicly on the website, but not your personal contact details.
- **Access to Your Personal Data:** You have the right to request access to or removal of any personal data we hold. Please contact the relevant website listed above for this request.
- **Opt-In Policy:** All personal data is held on an opt-in basis. If you wish to opt out of our records system, please contact us.

## 3. Use of Images

- **Copyright:** All images remain the property of their respective owners. By submitting/uploading an image to the website, you grant us permission to display your image on Lepidoptera UK websites and affiliated social media channels. The image will always be credited with the photographer's name.

- **Permissions for Use:** If third parties wish to use your images, they must seek permission directly from you, the copyright holder.

#### 4. Data Sharing and Distribution

- **Summary Data:** Records will be made available at the **2km x 2km grid square** resolution to the general public and to all members at the **1km x 1km grid square** resolution. This is to provide feedback and support conservation efforts.
- **Sharing with Local and National Organisations:** Data will be exchanged with Local Record Centres, Butterfly Conservation, and other national moth recording schemes.
- **Restrictions:** Access to certain data may be restricted if making it public could jeopardise moth populations or their habitats.

#### 5. Legal Compliance

- **Record Ownership:** You retain ownership of all records and photographs you submit. However, by submitting records, you grant Lepidoptera UK permission to use, store, and share them according to this policy.
- **Indemnification:** By submitting contributions, you warrant that the materials are your own or you have the rights to share them, and that they are not defamatory or infringe upon any law. You agree to indemnify Lepidoptera UK from any legal issues arising from your breach of this warranty.
- **Inappropriate Material:** Lepidoptera UK reserves the right to remove or edit any content deemed inappropriate.

#### 6. Cookies

Cookies may be used to enhance your experience on the website. They help identify you while logged in and enable functionality. You may choose to disable cookies, though some services may be limited.

For more information, please read our [Cookies Policy](#).

## 7. Membership and Donations

**Basic Membership:** Create a free account to upload, store, and edit your records and photos using the online recorder (where available) and photo upload tools.

- **Golden Cinnabar Membership:** Access detailed maps, including OS Premium. View comprehensive species records. Explore additional statistics and graphs. Activated through a donation of at least £10 via PayPal. Membership lasts for 12 months and can be extended by further donations. Donations are non-refundable.
- **VIP Membership:** Includes Golden Cinnabar membership for access to 10 Lepidoptera UK websites (16 Counties, 23 Vice-counties!) Activated on payment via PayPal, lasting 12 months. Membership can be extended by additional payments. Payments are non-refundable.

## 8. Contact Information

If you have questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold, please reach out to the relevant website via the contact details provided on each website's help page.

- **Lepidoptera UK:** <https://lepidoptera.uk>
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This policy may be updated from time to time, so please check for the latest version regularly.

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This policy reflects our commitment to transparency, user privacy, and responsible data usage. Thank you for being a part of the Lepidoptera UK community!