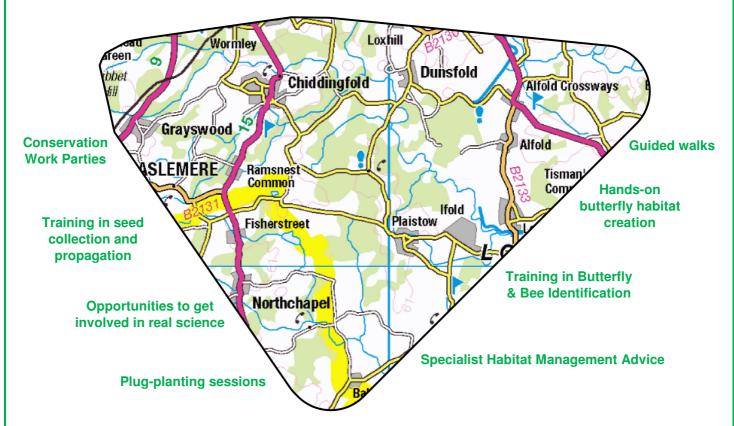




Saving the Wood White and other Wildlife

The Wood White is one of the UK's rarest and most threatened butterflies. It is also one of the most delicate and charismatic. This area (below) is the <u>only place in South East England</u> where the Wood White butterfly survives (the next nearest colony is on the Northamptonshire border). <u>34</u> other butterfly species also live here, plus of course bees, reptiles and all sorts of other wildlife.



In January we will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund to help us fund a project to help secure the Wood White in this area. We aim to plant and sow a total of **3km of butterfly and bee-friendly flower strips** which will provide valuable 'stepping-stones' for the Wood White and other wildlife. We hope to work with landowners and managers, gardeners and the local communities to achieve our goals.

We're developing this project in discussion with Kew and the Millennium Seedbank, Natural England, Forestry Commission England, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, the Amphibian and Reptile Trust, the National Trust, the Woodland Trust, Buglife, the Weald Meadows Partnership, Colin Reader Wild Flower Lawns and Meadows, and Hazelwood Landscapes ("the Butterfly Brothers") and we hope to work with many of these organisations and with local people to deliver this exciting and inspiring project.

If you like what we are doing or would like to be more involved please contact me... **Steve Wheatley** (Conservation Manager for Butterfly Conservation) swheatley@butterfly-conservation.org



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