

PLANET PORTSMOUTH

Moths, butterflies and flowers

Welcome to this year's Planet Portsmouth supplement.

We've been inundated with your photographs of everything from butterflies to wild deer.

Readers have sent their snaps in of stunning wildlife, whether in their gardens or out and about.

Other photos came from Solent Camera Club and other clubs in Hayling Island, Havant, Fareham and Portchester and Gosport.

■ Unlike most pictures that appear in *The News*, none of the pictures that appear in this supplement are for sale.



Marilyn Wilton-Smith, of Soberton, took this picture of a Red Admiral butterfly



Ian Gregory snapped this treble brown spot moth in his back garden in Denvilles



Susan Gibson, of Hurstwood, Waterlooville, made a study of this striking flower (right) and butterfly (below)



This hawk moth was photographed by Maurice Hammon, a member of Horndean Camera Club.



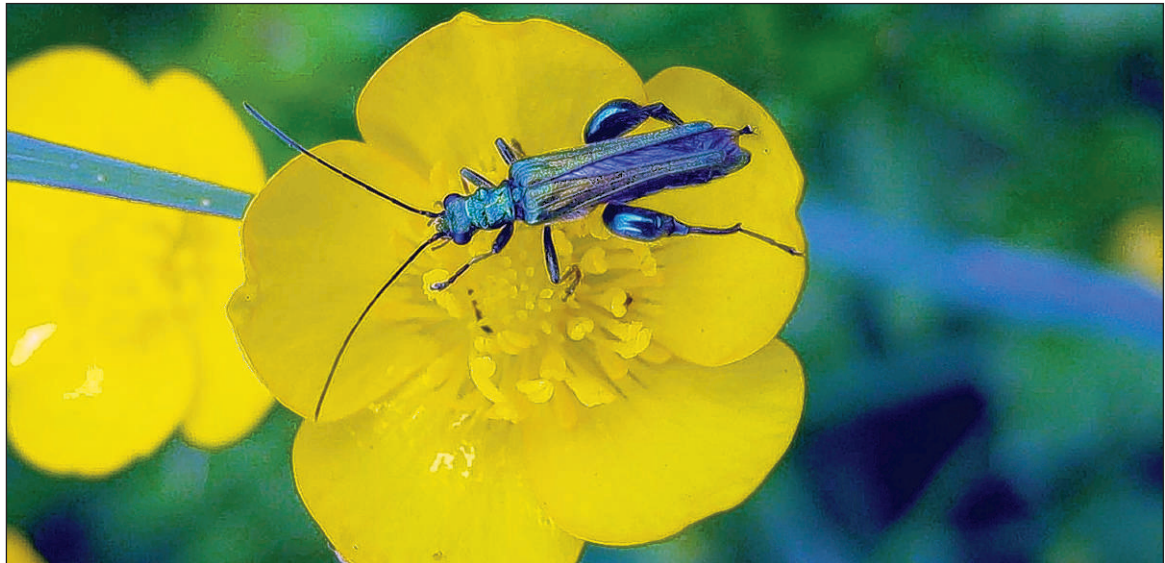
Elisabeth Kille, of Havant, loves these flowers which bloom in June



This picture of a lime hawk moth was taken in May and submitted by Glyn and Rachel Evans, Copnor



Pauline Bromly snapped this Red Admiral while in her garden in Cosham



Susan and Chris Gibson, of Hurstwood, Waterlooville, submitted this picture of an insect exploring a buttercup



Creepy crawlies



Hazell Morell, of Durley Avenue, Waterlooville, spotted this dragonfly emerging from its larval case



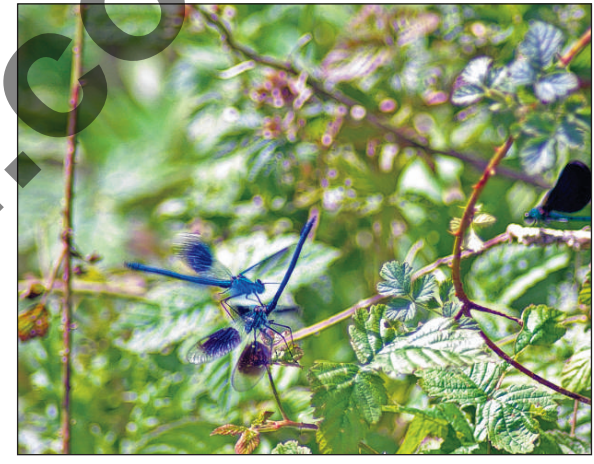
This speckled bush cricket was pictured by Ian Gregory



The birth of an Emperor dragonfly was captured by Glyn and Rachel Evans, of Copnor



Paul Robbins took this photo of a dragonfly in his garden in Chaucer Avenue, Paulsgrove



These damsel flies were taken by Marilyn Wilton-Smith, of Soberton, by the River Meon



This garden chafer beetle was captured by Steve Crabtree in Lawrence Road

Grants for voluntary groups working with children and young people



If you are involved in a voluntary group that works with children and young people then you might be able to apply for a Local Network Fund grant! Groups like this can apply:

- ◆ Disability or illness support groups
- ◆ Sports, arts and drama clubs
- ◆ Support groups for young parents
- ◆ Life skills training for young people
- ◆ Pre-schools or play schemes for babies and toddlers
- ◆ Community Associations or faith groups running youth clubs
- ◆ Any activity giving children and young people more opportunities

Call 01962 878986 now for more information!

Here are the details:

Groups can apply for £250 to £7,000. Our next deadline for applications is 5pm on 5th September. The scheme is closing soon so this may be your final chance to apply! Contact the Local Network Fund team to find out more: 01962 878986 or <http://action.hants.org.uk/> and click on Local Network Fund on the left of the screen.



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Jennifer Rowney had her camera ready when this dragonfly emerged in her Catherington garden



Richard Harvey spotted this honey bee finding succour in the Clarence Yard Development



This green orb spider was seen by R. Workman of Gosport



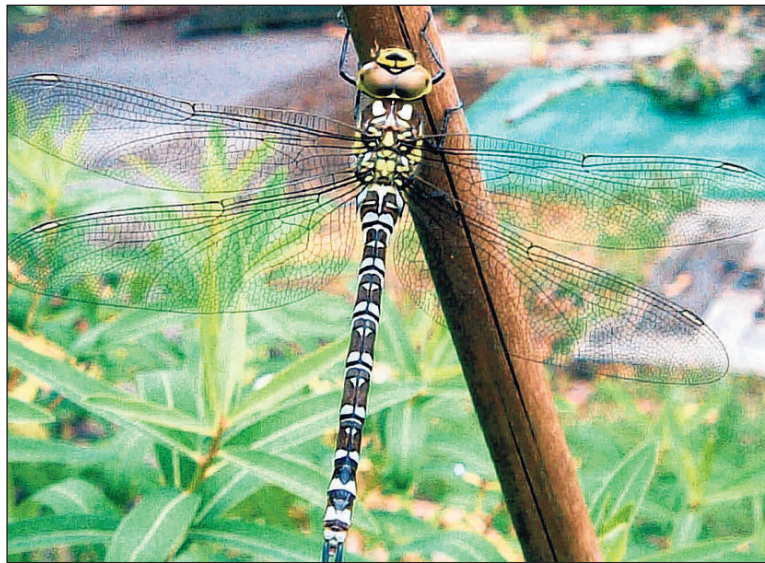
This iridescent dragonfly was snapped by Steven Cloke in the gardens near the Pyramids, Portsmouth



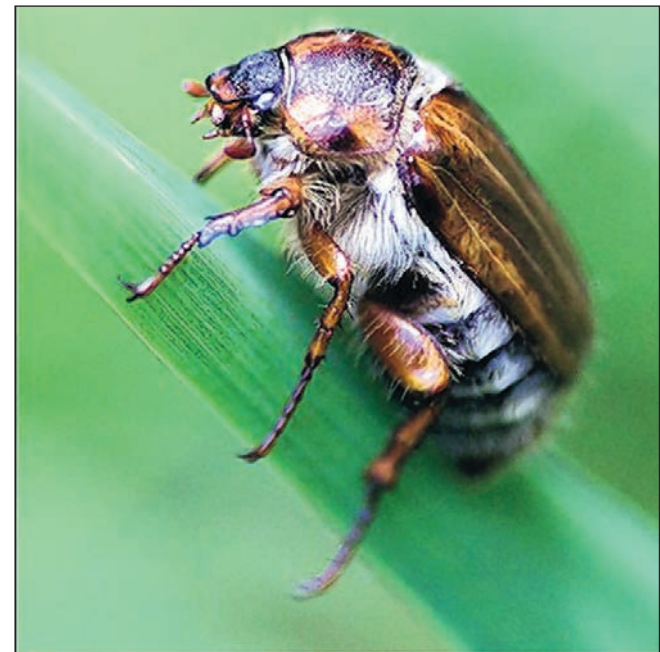
Gary Kenmir captured this stunning close-up of a bee at work in West Dean Gardens, West Sussex



This is a green shield beetle, captured in Ian Gregory's home in Denvilles



K. Finch, of Woodstock Avenue, Waterlooville, sent in this photo of a dragonfly spreading its wings



Ian Gregory also made a study of this garden chafer beetle, found in his back garden in Denvilles