



## BIOLOGICAL RECORDING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Even an off-shore island like Guernsey has been affected by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. While it remains a threat, it is vital we all follow the latest government advice in order to prevent the spread and transmission of the virus and safeguard our community.

Our primary concern is your well-being and so the Records Centre is closed to visitors and volunteers. We can still be contacted via email [gsybiorecords@gmail.com](mailto:gsybiorecords@gmail.com) as the Records Centre remains open on a remote basis although we may be a bit slower in answering emails and identification questions.

As well as being closed for physical visits we are currently suspending all fieldwork and events, including the 2020 BioBlitz and are not accepting any new commercial projects. Instead our focus is on our local community and completing some outstanding projects such as historic analyses, e.g. for the 2019 BioBlitz. Wherever possible we intend to continue to deliver normal services.

Many of us habitually wander around the islands so we appreciate it is frustrating to be confined to home, but this is a great opportunity to look at the wildlife on our doorsteps, and unravel the secrets of our gardens. We can discover a little more about our local biodiversity and learn new skills. Enjoying our natural environment and interacting with wildlife is good for us, even if that is limited to watching butterflies in the garden.

### **Are we still accepting records?**

Yes! Please do send in your records and observations from your gardens or during your allotted exercise. You can email them in to us.

If you don't normally record wildlife, to help you, we will be posting some recording activities and surveys you can do right here at home and in your garden, or during your regular walks ... while keeping to social distancing rules! Stay safe and be kind to one another.

- Elizabeth Sweet, Manager

