



The Buff-tip lifecycle

Phalera bucephala

♂ 22-26mm ♀ 26-34mm

The female will lay her large batch of eggs on the underside of the leaf of the larval foodplant, usually sallows, birches, oak and Hazel

The larval stage can last from mid July to early October. The larvae are gregarious until the final instar, sometimes totally defoliating the branches as they feed en masse. They can grow up to 75mm, the caterpillars will raise their head and tail together if disturbed



The adult moth cannot feed so will not come to flowers, but will come to light usually after midnight

Overwinters as a pupa formed under the soil at the base of the foodplant.

Resident, common well distributed throughout England and Wales, more local in Scotland.

The adults resemble a broken twig



The countryside is not the place to dump your unwanted builder's rubble. It is enough that our volunteers spend their time removing discarded litter. Please be more considerate in future and dispose of your rubbish responsibly! Thank you.

Kempshott Conservation Group AGM

Kempshott Village Hall Sunday 19th October 2014
at 2:30pm

2014/15 Subscriptions are due now £ 3.00 per family

Work Parties for October & November 2014 The start of a new season

Date	Meeting Point
Sunday 12 th October	Down Grange Meadow Homestead Road interpretation board
Thursday 23 rd October	Old Orchard. Kendal Gardens.
Sunday 2 nd November	The Old Hedgerow. Footpath between Coniston Road & Down Grange, behind 77-155 Coniston Road.
Thursday 13 th November	Down Grange Meadow. As above

Times: - Sunday's 10:00 - 12:00. Thursday's 14:00 – 16:00.

If you would like to join us for the first time please ring Marion on 470171.

Please bring work gloves, tools are provided.

Contact us:- By e-mail on kempshott-serve@tiscali.co.uk or via the website www.kempshotconservationgroup.org.uk. For anything that requires urgent action, such as fallen trees on any of our sites please contact Marion Wolstencroft on 470171