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Press Release

Get Out for Torbay's Biggest Ever Butterfly Count!

Do you want to learn about some of our most beautiful creatures and discover the wildlife stars in your local park? Want to get outdoors and have some fun? Take part in Torbay's Biggest EVER Butterfly Count between 14th July and 6th August and help Sir David Attenborough measure the health of the planet.

Torbay Green Spaces, an exciting partnership between Torbay Council and Groundwork South, are delivering Torbay's Biggest Ever Butterfly Count – we will be mapping the butterflies in 20 of our parks in Brixham, Paignton and Torquay. Each count lasts just 15 minutes and we're visiting a park near you so you can come along and join in the fun!

The Big Butterfly Count aims to help connect people with nature as well as understand changes in the natural world. Butterflies are extremely sensitive indicators of the health of the environment, so by counting their numbers each year we can assess the long term health of the environment.

Getting involved is easy. Download an ID Chart from our website and take a look at the 21 widespread species you might see. When the Count starts... start counting!

Can't make it to an organised Big Butterfly Count? You can submit records from lots of different places, the more the merrier; help us make a full assessment of Torbay.

To get involved, visit <http://www.parklifetorbay.org.uk/green-space-events> to find your local count or contact Debs Rylands on 07718 325 659

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About Groundwork South

Groundwork South is the community charity with a green heart. We want places to look better, streets to be safer and outside areas to be green and beautiful. We want people of all ages to be able to do stuff together to make the best of where they live. We want to improve job prospects by offering training and employment opportunities. We want to show people how they can make their homes and workplaces better for the environment and cheaper to run.

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