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News from Knepp

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In this edition of *News from Knepp*: an **extraordinary year for butterflies** and insects at Knepp; the **Market Garden's bounty** fills the Knepp Wildling Kitchen menu; **tomato tasting**; and **Isabella Tree's TED talk** - coming soon

The Great Butterfly Summer of 2025

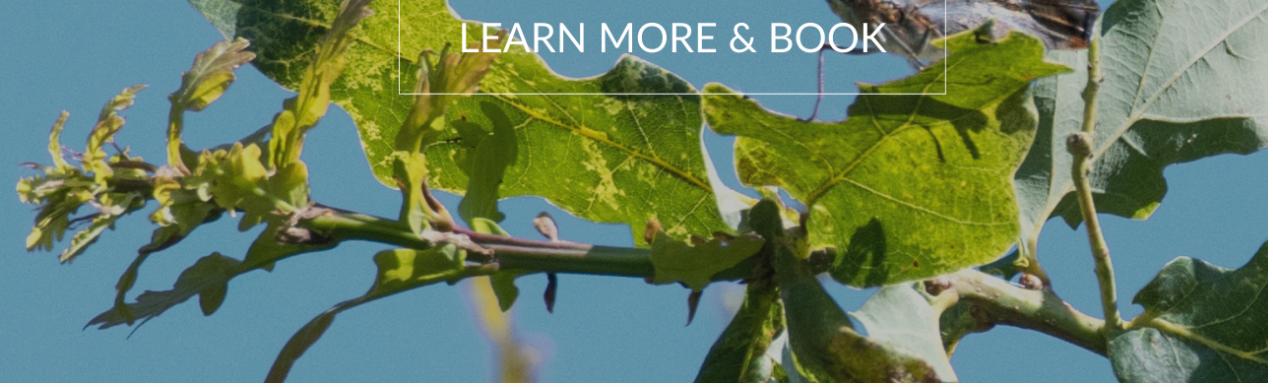
This summer is one for the history books. We have counted more **purple emperors** than ever before at Knepp – 283 in a single day, indicating many hundreds across the Wildland.

Butterfly expert Neil Hulme estimates we may have as many as 100,000 **purple hairstreaks** (pictured above).

Last chance to Join a *Butterfly Safari*

Witness this summer's butterfly spectacle yourself by booking onto a Butterfly Safari, Walk on the Wild Side or Snail-Paced Safari.





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We've recorded the **large tortoiseshell** again, too - a butterfly officially listed as extinct in Britain but first found breeding at Knepp in 2022.

And we've spotted **wall brown** butterflies along our Adur river restoration in recent weeks. This is only the second time they've been seen at Knepp since 1970.





Insect expert Graeme Lyons clocked up 242 species in one day – his best ever day at Knepp – including *Hypseloecus visci*, a beetle never seen in Sussex before (pictured).

Read Matt Phelps' new blog
about the Great Butterfly
Summer of 2025

Mid-week *Camping*

For a truly immersive butterfly
experience, pitch your own tent in our
wildflower meadow.

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Wilding Kitchen Menu Brims with *Market Garden* Produce



With our Market Garden at peak production, we're in the joyful season where almost all herbs, salads and vegetables on the **Knepp Wilding Kitchen** menu have come from Knepp.

You can also buy freshly-picked Market Garden produce at the Wilding Shop every day of the week, and on **Harvest Fridays, between 2 and 4pm**, our pickers pile up the veg stand so you can stock up for the weekend.

The summer bounty includes salad leaves, courgettes, sugar snap peas, salad cucumbers, red onions, garlic, beetroot, chillies and...tomatoes.

[Make a reservation at Knepp Wilding Kitchen](#)

Tomato Tasting Experience

Join our expert growers and taste the 11 varieties of heritage tomatoes we grow in the Market Garden, each with their own distinct flavour, colour and texture

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Isabella Tree's *TED talk*





Knepp's co-owner Isabella Tree shared her top tips for rewilding at TED's recent Countdown Climate conference in Nairobi.

Using lessons from Knepp's rewilding project and the recently rewilded Walled Garden she shows how everyone can be part of the rewilding movement, whether you have a garden, lawn or window box, or access to a church yard, roadside verge or urban park.

Watch this space. We'll share news when the talk is released.

[Join our Smaller-Spaces Rewilding Workshop](#)

[Join our rewilded Walled Garden tours](#)

Moy's June blog from the *rewilded Walled Garden*





In the June blog for the rewilded Walled Garden, Moy describes how the dry design and ecological management of the garden is enabling plants to survive to the heatwave. And the diversity of flower shapes is providing refuge and food for a surprising number of pollinators.

The man responsible for much of this thinking, landscape architect James Hitchmough, recent recipient of the Society of Garden Designers Lifetime Achievement Awards, visits the garden to lead a masterclass.

[Read Moy's blog](#)

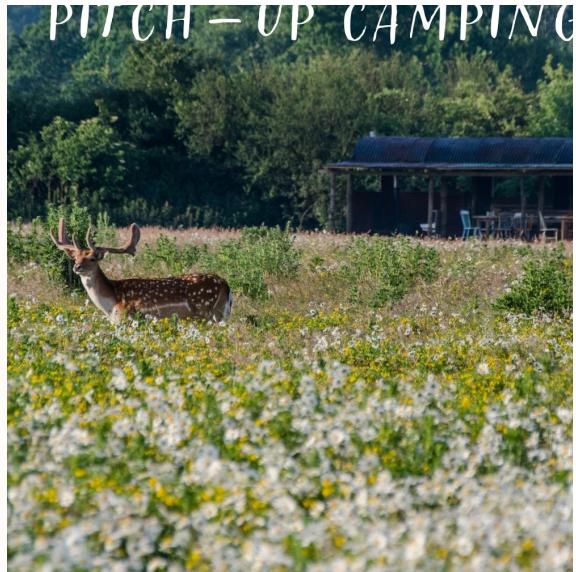
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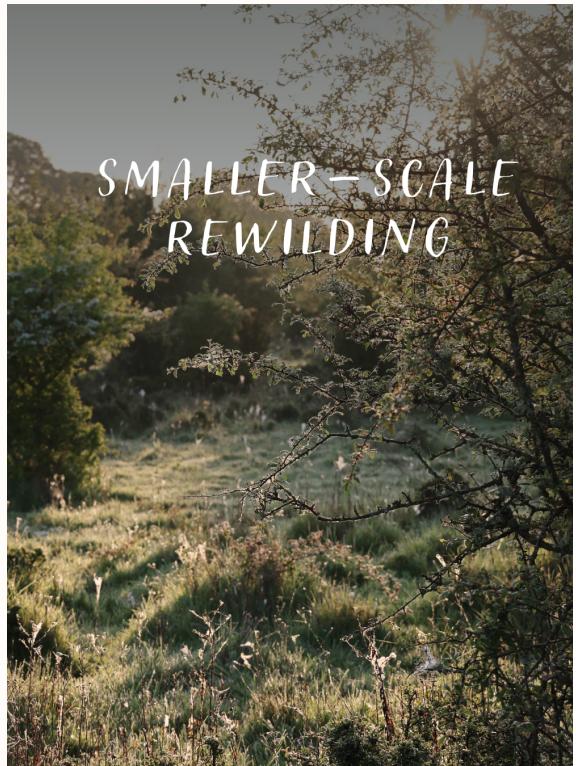
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