

Privacy Policy

Introduction

At Somerset Moth Group (“the Group”) we are committed to respecting and protecting your privacy. We have established this Privacy Policy in order for you to understand our policies with regard to your personal information.

Gathering and Use of Information

The Somerset Moth Group is a data controller and will only collect your personal information when you voluntarily submit personal information to access certain areas of our site, or when you sign-up for Group Membership. We collect it to provide membership services or process, store, collate, analyse and report on your moth records should you submit any. The personal information we collect (‘personal data’) are names, addresses and, temporarily, bank account details of Group members, and email addresses of contributors to this website. We use the data of Group members for administration and fulfilment of membership and notification of Group news, events and activities. We typically hold this data in the form of spreadsheets on domestic, password-protected, personal computers owned by committee members. The email addresses of website contributors are held securely on this website and only authorised administrators may access them.

Access to our web site is generally unrestricted, and you may browse it anonymously. We will retain such information only as long as you contribute to this site or a paid-up Member of the Group.

Legal basis for holding personal data

The General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR) set out allowable justifications for holding personal data. The basis on which we rely is ‘legitimate interest’, since the personal data we collect for annual membership is necessary for the functioning of the Society and providing benefits to members. The way in which we use it has little impact on the privacy of members.

Data Sharing

We may need to supply your data to national moth bodies such as Butterfly Conservation in connection with processing moth records. Otherwise we will not sell, rent or share it with third-parties, unless required by Law, or if we receive your specific consent to do so.

Data Retention

We will hold the personal data we collect as long as the data subject remains a member of the Group.

Your rights as data subjects

Under the GDPR, you, as a data subject, have a number of rights, which are:

The right to request a copy of your personal data which we hold about you;

The right to request that we correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;

The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for us to retain it;

The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time;

The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;

The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

If you wish to exercise any of these rights, you should initially contact us by email or in writing at the email or postal address shown in the ‘Contacts’ section of this website.