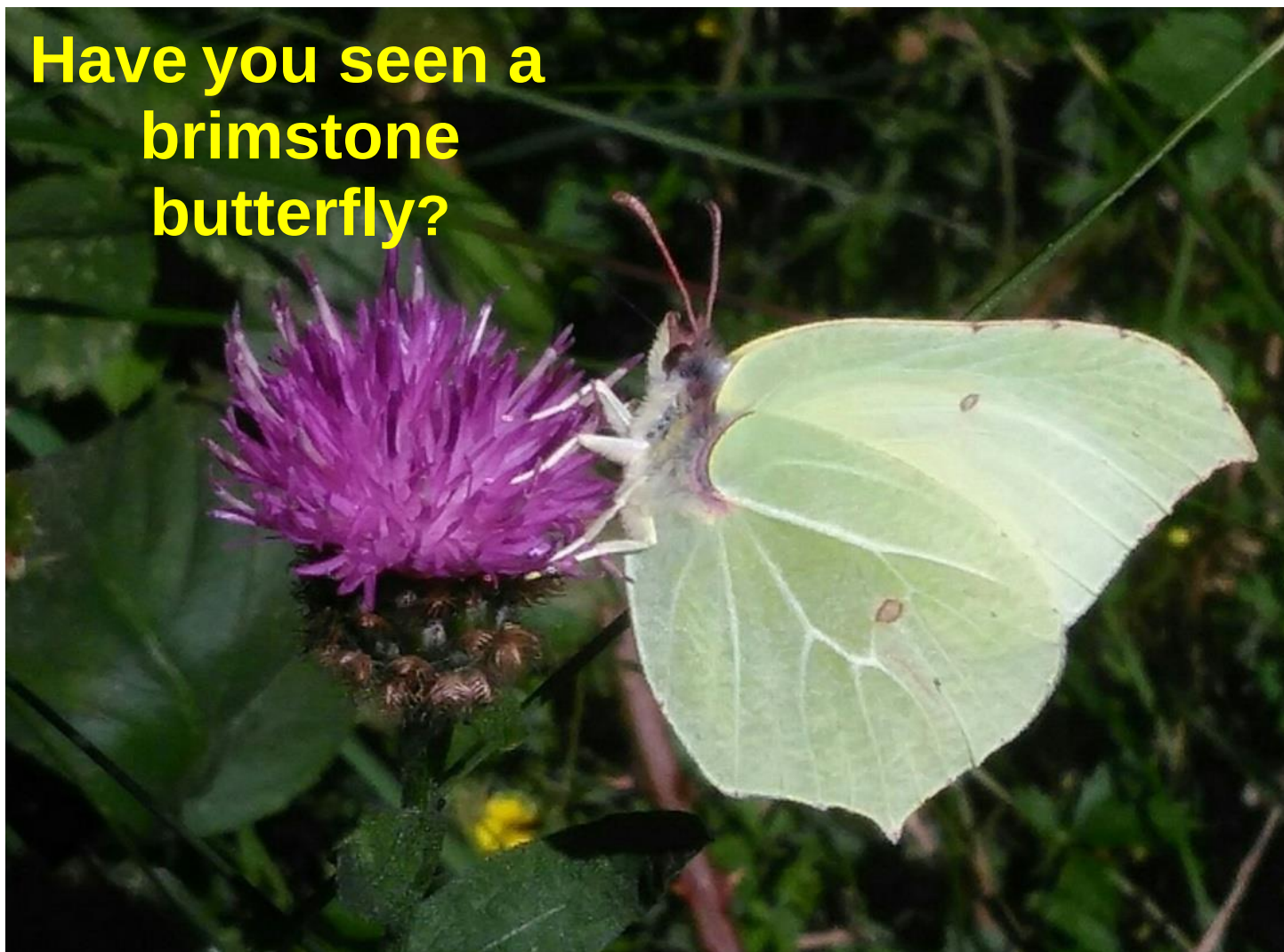


Have you seen a brimstone butterfly?



Brimstones are large, strong flying butterflies that can be seen from early spring to late summer/autumn. The male brimstone is yellow and the female is very pale green. The wings are a distinctive leaf shape. Brimstones are uncommon in the Whitby/Esk Valley area, as their larval food plant, buckthorn, was not present.

With support from Yorkshire branch of Butterfly Conservation, Whitby Naturalists launched the Buckthorn for Brimstones project in 2019, and over 700 alder buckthorns have been planted in the area. We want to know if more butterflies are attracted, and if they are breeding.

If you see a brimstone, let us know **WHERE** and **WHEN**.

Please send a photo if possible, and any extra notes such as male/female, flying/feeding/egg-laying.

Email your sightings to

lepidoptera@whitbynaturalists.uk

Thank you!