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With little to recommend the recent weather, a **Dotted Border**, rescued from the Observatory pond on the 7th, was the first moth of the month. However, as overnight temperatures improved, **March Moth**, **Early Grey** and **Red Chestnut** were recorded on the 9th, continuing an interesting trend of early emergence - of the 13 species recorded so far (one of which was unrecorded in 2010), nine have appeared earlier than last year. **Oak Beauty** and **Small Quaker** were trapped on the 20th and **Twin-spot Quaker** followed on the 21st, along with 3 more Oak Beauty. Although numbers continued to improve, variety failed to do so and no new species were recorded for the remainder of the month.