

SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Golden Ring Dragonfly © J A Newbould 2010



Pole Cat © Janet Craig 2010



Adder © J.A. Newbould 2010

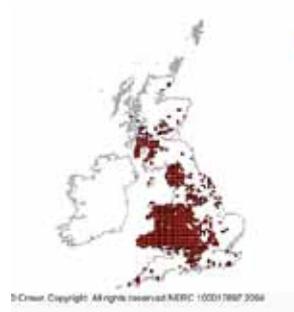
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On warm sunny days during the past few weeks, there have been many of the large Hawker dragonflies zooming around Sutton Poyntz often well above head height. These are nearly impossible to identify, unless they settle on a bush or plant for a short period. The Golden-ringed Dragonfly has been around since June and has been seen from Coombe Valley Road to the Waterworks meadows.

The Jersey Tiger moths are back in the area. Jon Campbell had eleven in his garden moth trap recently.



**Pole Cat National
Distribution**

Janet Craig managed this photograph of a Pole Cat on Coombe Valley Road last month. Nationally its stronghold is Wales, but Dorset Records Centre tell me that it is increasing in Dorset. The County mammal recorder has confirmed the record.

I recently received a call from a house on old Bincombe Lane to say that "our cat has caught an adder and brought it home". I quickly went round to the garden where the snake had been placed under a bucket. This photograph is the result. The adder was transferred, using the bucket, to a near-by field. The adder is the only British poisonous snake. Should an adder sting your pet, I recommend you seek veterinary advice. In Sutton Poyntz, we also regularly see Slow-worms and an occasional Grass-snake. All British snakes are protected species.

The Biodiversity Group is one of a number of local organisations that have received a grant from the Victorian Street Fayre for which we are most grateful. We have also secured £1700 from OPAL.