



Somerset Archaeological &
Natural History Society

NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

Shapwick NNR Saturday May 21st, 2022
leader: Bill Urwin



Argent and Sable Moth

Meet at the Avalon Marshes Centre **ST426415** at 1000 hrs – Toilets on site and a cafe.

This meeting will look at some of the flora and fauna of this amazing “brownfield site” nature reserve that has grown up in the aftermath of the peat industry. Attendees should have a good level of fitness, as we will walk a fair distance over sometimes rough, possibly boggy terrain. Stout footwear essential. Part of the walk will go along the route of the “Sweet Track”, a Bronze Age trackway across the marshes between the high ground of the Polden Hills and the high ground near Wedmore and Mudgely.

We will be looking at some of the aquatic invertebrates that live in the ditches, as well as birds, spiders, dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and moths that inhabit the reserve. Attendees should bring a packed lunch and we aim to finish at around 3pm. Please be aware that the area has ticks and mosquitoes so appropriate repellents are advised as well as UV protection..

Booking is necessary for this visit as numbers will be limited. To book, please send an email requesting a place/places to naturalhistory@sanhs.org asap. A donation of £4.00 would be appreciated.