Out this month — November

Insects to look for in and around Dumfries · 17 species

☐		**Angle Shades** *Phlogophora meticulosa*	Rests with its wings rolled and creased so it looks exactly like a withered leaf.
☐		**Buff-tailed Bumblebee** *Bombus terrestris*	Our biggest bumblebee, and increasingly seen on flowers in the middle of winter.
☐		**Caddisfly larva** *Limnephilus lunatus*	Builds itself a portable case out of sand, twigs and snail shells, and carries it everywhere.
☐		**Cockchafer** *Melolontha melolontha*	The 'maybug' that blunders into a lit window on a warm May evening with a considerable thud.
☐		**Common Carder Bee** *Bombus pascuorum*	The gingery bumblebee — the only common one here with a wholly brown thorax.
☐		**Common Darter** *Sympetrum striolatum*	The dragonfly still flying in late October, returning again and again to the same warm fence post.
☐		**Common Stonefly** *Perla bipunctata*	Needs cold, fast, clean, well-oxygenated water — which is why its presence is such good news.
☐		**Drone Fly** *Eristalis tenax*	A honey bee lookalike whose larva breathes through a snorkel in liquid filth.
☐		**Freshwater Shrimp** *Gammarus pulex*	Not an insect and not really a shrimp — but it is what half the burn's food chain runs on.
☐		**Great Diving Beetle** *Dytiscus marginalis*	Carries its own air supply under its wing cases, and will take on a newt or a small fish.
☐		**Green Drake Mayfly** *Ephemera danica*	Two years in the riverbed, then a single day in the air — the mayfly proper.
☐		**Harlequin Ladybird** *Harmonia axyridis*	Arrived in Britain in 2004 and is now the fastest-spreading invasive insect on record here.
☐		**Honey Bee** *Apis mellifera*	The only bee here whose whole colony overwinters — by shivering to keep the hive warm.
☐		**Marmalade Hoverfly** *Episyrphus balteatus*	Double black bands on orange, no sting whatsoever, and its larvae eat aphids by the hundred.
☐		**Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta*	A migrant from the Mediterranean that has started, in mild winters, to simply stay.
☐		**Signal Crayfish** *Pacifastacus leniusculus*	Introduced from North America, and it brought a plague that wiped out our own crayfish.

☐  **White-lipped Snail** *Cepaea hortensis*

Yellow, pink or brown, striped or plain — and the white rim of the shell mouth is the giveaway.

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