

# Viewfinders of Romsey Camera Club

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## ***Wild Hidden Bulgaria***

*A presentation by Victoria Hillman  
Zoologist, Photographer & Artist*

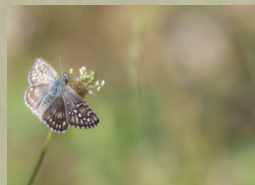
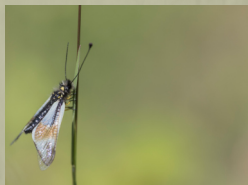
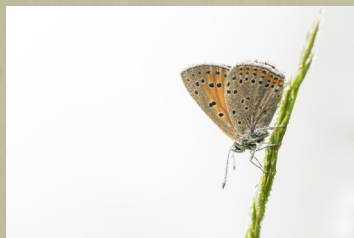
A fundraising evening in aid of the Jubilee Hall.

7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Entrance: £5

Jubilee Hall, New Road, Timsbury (near Romsey), SO51 0NH



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More examples of Victoria's work at: [www.forgottenlittlecreatures.com](http://www.forgottenlittlecreatures.com)

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## Victoria Hillman - Zoologist, photographer & Artist

Victoria studied Zoology with Marine Zoology before going on to study for an MSc in Wildlife Biology and Conservation. Nature has been a passion from an early age with photography following closely behind as a way to show people what she was seeing and studying. Over the years she has developed her scientific and photographic skills specialising in macro photography championing the smaller species we have around us and the importance of ethical photography.



Victoria has been a judge for BWPA, BPOTY and is currently on the judging team for WildArtPOTY, she has contributed stills, video and articles to magazines, books and TV series including National Geographic and The BBC. She co-hosts the UK Wildlife Podcast.

Victoria published her first book Forgotten Little Creatures in 2017 celebrating local wildlife through bringing together photography with scientific and historical facts and is now continuing the project and working on future books which will include artwork and folklore as well.

Alongside her work on the project, Victoria has return to art creating needle felted ornaments and sculptures and pencil drawings from her own photographs as Woolley Wildlife, some of these drawings form part of the ongoing Forgotten Little Creatures Project as well as new collections teaming up with research and conservation charities to raise much needed funds for them to carry on their work.

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