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Front cover: Scarce Blue-tailed Damselflies *Ishnura pumilio*, in cop, Sundon Quarry, 13th June 2023. This was the first time in over 20 years that they were confirmed as a breeding species in the county.

Steve Cham

Inside front cover: The rare Large Scabious Mining Bee *Andrena hattorfiana* found at Totternhoe Knolls in June 2023, with its characteristic salmon-pink pollen baskets. This is largest nest found so far of the Southern Wood Ant *Formica rufa* in Maulden Wood, 24th February 2023. Chris Boon (left) and Richard Revels (right) give an indication of its size.

Peter Sutton

Rosemary Brind

Back cover: A female Long-winged Cone-head *Conocephalus fuscus*, ovipositing in an old wooden post in a Biggleswade garden, 8th September 2023.

Richard Revels

Red Admirals *Vanessa atalanta*, Biggleswade garden, 16th July 2023. It was a delight to see so many Red Admirals clothing buddleias during July when there was an exceptionally large migration.

Richard Revels