



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Avon Meadows and Ringwood Walk

Date: 9th August 2021
 Weather: Sunny Spells
 Walk Leaders: Judy Thomas and Sonia Wilkinson
 Attendees: 12

We met on Bickerley Village Green which is the green space known locally as ‘The Bickerley’, it was created as a Village Green on 19 December 1990. It is maintained and managed by the town council and sometimes plays host to fun fairs and festival events. Currently there are ongoing works by Wessex Water for a new sewerage pipe installation. Our walk took us around the southern side of Ringwood towards Moortown, walking mainly on roads. Reaching an area known as the Hampshire Hatches, a popular area for families and friends to meet, we then followed the Avon Valley Path until we reached Kingston Common North, two miles south of Ringwood. The Avon Valley Path is a 34 mile long distance walking route that takes you from Salisbury to Christchurch and runs through the common. The common and associated ponds are breeding grounds for Grey Herons and Lapwings. Having had a picnic lunch we returned walking the Avon Valley footpath currently very wet, muddy and overgrown due to recent rain so retracing our steps around Ringwood roads to return to the Bickerley.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds	Butterflies
Dandelion	Hemp Agrimony	Wood Pigeon	Brimstone
Cinquefoil	Common Comfrey	House Sparrow	Large White
Ribwort Plantain	Meadowsweet	Blackbird	Peacock
Hoary Plantain	Enchanter’s Nightshade	Common Buzzard	Red Admiral
Greater Plantain	Purple Loosestrife	Kestrel	Small Tortoiseshell
White Clover	Foxglove	Swallow	Small Copper
White Dead-nettle	Bell Heather	House Martin	Common Blue
Nipplewort	Wood Sage	Jackdaw	Gatekeeper
Butterfly Bush	Lesser Stitchwort	Carrion Crow	Meadow Brown
Hedge Bindweed	Orange Balsam	Pied Wagtail	Small White
Hoary Willowherb	Wild Sweet Pea	Coot	
Yarrow	Himalayan Balsam	Mallard	Insects
Montbretia	Sand Spurrey	Greylag Goose	Seven-spot Ladybird
Red Campion	Parrot’s Feather	Grey Heron	Hornet
Herb Robert	Water Mint		Meadow Grasshopper
Common Fleabane	Gipsywort	Fungi	White-tailed Bumblebee
Common Ragwort	Water Forgetmenot	Turkeytail	Hornet Roberfly
Wall Lettuce	Marsh Woundwort	Common Earthball	Emperor Dragonfly
Canadian Fleabane	Marsh Ragwort	Fairy Ring Champignons	
Common Mallow	Water-pepper		
Redleg	Lesser Spearwort		
Knotgrass	Water Plantain		
Petty Spurge	Marsh Willowherb		

Black Medick	Common Orache		
Hop Trefoil	Red Clover		
Bristly Oxtongue	Common Storksbill		
Prickly Sow-thistle	Dovesfoot Cranesbill		
Smooth Sow-thistle	Cut-leaved Cranesbill		
Great Willowherb	Scentless Mayweed		
Hogweed	Daisy		
Wild Pansy	Ox-eye Daisy		
Scarlet Pimpernel	Stinging Nettle		
Honeysuckle	White Valerian		
Spear Thistle	Creeping Thistle		
Wild Teasel	Marsh Thistle		
Pineappleweed	Mugwort		
Common Sorrel	Corn Sow-thistle		
Meadow Buttercup	Greater Celandine		



Emperor Dragonfly at Avon Meadows by Sonia Wilkinson