



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Badbury Rings Walk

Date: 13th May 2026  
 Weather: Sunny Spells and very windy and cold  
 Walk Leaders : Christine Storey and Pat Holder  
 Attendees: 9

Badbury Rings is situated between Wimborne and Blandford in East Dorset. It is a hill fort which dates from the Iron Age, (800BC to AD43), and is constructed on an earlier Bronze Age site (2200BC-800BC). It is believed to have belonged to an ancient Celtic tribe known as the 'Durotriges'. Until 1983 it was owned by the Bankes family as part of the Kingston Lacy Estate who discouraged investigation of the site. Now owned by The National Trust, they carried out a survey of the hill fort which was begun in 1993. The summit area was cleared of undergrowth by the National Trust in 1997 and the conifer plantation was thinned out, which recorded 28 potential hut sites within the ramparts of the site. It has now been restored to light grazing land by sheep and cattle during the winter months. Following overnight heavy rain storms with wind and the threat of more, we changed the planned walk and left the car park to walk towards the road passing three large tumuli on the way. From there we crossed the green area to a path then circled around the outer ring then walked through the centre path to return back. We managed to find a sheltered corner where we had a picnic lunch with a view towards the rings.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Butterflies</b>
Rowan	Skylark	Small Copper
Hawthorn	Carrion Crow	Small Heath
Dog Rose	Red Kite	Common Blue
Cow Parsley	Kestrel	Grizzled Skipper
Bulbous Buttercup	House Martin	Brimstone
Meadow Buttercup	Swift	
Cleavers	Wren	Others
Ground Ivy	Goldfinch	Small Edgar Moth Larva
Hedgerow Cranesbill	Chaffinch	Last years Robin's Pincushion
Chalk Milkwort	Robin	
Salad Burnet	Chiffchaff	
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Song Thrush	
Bramble		
Stinging Nettle		
Elderflower		
Cowslip		
Common Field Speedwell		
Prickly Sow-thistle		
Daisy		
Stinking Iris		
Black Bryony		
Common Twayblade		
Annual Mercury		

Common Agrimony		
White Bryony		
Bluebell		
Lesser Celandine		
Ribwort Plantain		
White Dead-nettle		



*Small Edgar Morth Larva by Lyn Traves*



*Small Copper by Gerry Traves*