



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Beaulieu to Bucklers Hard Walk

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
 Weather: Sunny, 18 degrees  
 Walk Leader: John Gurney  
 Attendees: 19

Beaulieu is a small village located on the south eastern edge of the New Forest National Park in Hampshire, and home to both Palace House and the British National Motor Museum. Beaulieu's recorded history began in the early 13th Century with the foundation of the Cistercian Abbey, the ruins of which can still be seen within the grounds of the Motor Museum. Some of the village buildings date back to the 17th century, the village of Beaulieu lies alongside the Beaulieu River and near to Palace House, it has been the home of the Montagu family since 1538 when it was bought from the Crown following the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII. Most of the village forms part of the 7000 acre Beaulieu Estate.

Our walk started from the car park at the Motor Museum, walking past Beaulieu River and into the village, then following the waymarked footpath to Bucklers Hard passing by Bailey's Hard an old estate brickworks and onto the riverside path. The whole area is designated a National Nature Reserve, we passed a flat area known as a salting, grass species such as Spartina (Cord-grass) have helped to stabilise the mud banks over time. Walking on through Burt Oak Copse to Buckler's Hard which is a picturesque 18th century village on the river and part of the estate. It is famed as the place where some of the ships of Nelson's fleet were built. After lunch we had a short boat trip down the river to Needs Ore Point, before retracing our steps back to the car park.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Flowering Plants cont.</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Fungi</b>
Scented Mayweed	Tormentil	Mallard	Golden Scalycap
Russian Vine	Yellow Pimpernel	Black-headed Gull	Turkeytail
Common Ragwort	Sea Astor	House Martin	Rootrot
Dandelion	Redleg	Mute Swan	Dappled Webcap
Lesser Hawkbit	Hedge Bindweed	Coot	Birch Polypore
Spear Thistle	Narrow-leaved Hawkweed	Moorhen	Blackfoot Polypore
Meadow Buttercup	Yellow Glasswort	Robin	Charcoal Burner
Red Dead-nettle	Purple Glasswort	Grey Heron	Oak Mazegill
Fumitory	Wood Sage	Little Egret	Sulphur Tuft
Stinging Nettle	Broad-leaved Willowherb	Canada Goose	Common Stump Brittlestem
Common Fleabane	Common Dock	Black-tailed Godwit	Beechwood Sickener
Yarrow	Water-pepper	Redshank	Beefsteak Fungus
Honeysuckle	Groundsel	Herring Gull	Purple Brittlebill
Common Reed		Curlew	Honey Fungus
Greater Plantain	<b>Fruits</b>	Pied Wagtail	Cep
Bramble	Haws	Lapwing	
Hogweed	Rose Hips	Pheasant	<b>Others</b>
Small Scabious	Blackberry	Carrion Crow	Speckled Wood Butterfly
Common Knapweed	Snowberry		Small White Butterfly
Snowberry	Guelder Rose		Crane Fly
Creeping Thistle	Butcher's Broom		Honey Bee
Water Mint			Donkey
Golden Rod			
Field Horsetail			
Self-heal			



Beaulieu River and Palace House Grounds by Lyn Traves