



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bolderwood Walk

Date: 12th November 2025
Weather: Overcast with sunny spells after heavy rain
Walk Leaders: Lyn and Gerry Traves
Attendees: 15

Bolderwood is situated in the heart of the New Forest along the Ornamental Drive, west of Lyndhurst on the minor road leading from the A35 to Linwood, it is an important part of the New Forest history. Over the centuries it has been the site of several hunting lodges visited by kings but nothing of them exists today, the area was planted with Douglas Firs. The two remaining properties there today, Bolderwood Farm and Bolderwood Cottage behind the picnic area is thought to be built from parts of the old hunting lodge. We followed the 2 mile graveled Radnor Trail marked at the start by a memorial stone. This stone was erected by the Forestry Commissioners to the memory of William Pleydell Bouverie 7th Earl of Radnor K.G. K.C.V.O. Chairman of the Forestry Commission from 1952 to 1963 and Official Verderer of the New Forest 1964–1966. The trail passes through sweet chestnut, oak and beech trees dating from 1860, passing the boundary of Mark Ash Wood an ancient woodland and Bratley Water a tributary which flows south to join the Lymington River. Here we saw Norway spruce planted in 1966 which are thriving in the moist valley bottom. The trail finally leads past the deer fields which leads onto the viewing platform, unfortunately no deer were seen.

Fungi	Birds
Sulphur Tuft	Mistle Thrush
Root Rot	Chaffinch
Small Stagshorn	Robin
Crust fungus poss Tear dropper	Great Spotted Woodpecker
Beechwood Sickener	Nuthatch
Hairy Curtain Crust	Redwing
Turkeytail	Great Tit
Purple Jelly Disc	Blackbird
Witches Butter	
Yellow Stagshorn	
Bay Bolete	
Wrinkled Club	
Blushing Rosette	
Tawny Grisette	
Common Inkcap	
Glistening Inkcap	



Autumn colour at Boulderwood by Gerry Traves



Jellyrot Fungus at Bolderwood by Lyn Traves