



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bratley View Walk

Date: 17th November 2025
 Weather: Sunny but cold
 Walk Leaders: Liz and Mike Read
 Attendees: 17

The start point for this weeks walk was relocated from the Canadian War Memorial at Bolderwood to just down the road at Bratley View Car Park, this was due to wet walking conditions underfoot and a broken bridge. Everywhere is extremely wet after Storm Claudia at the weekend. On this shockingly cold but sunny day after a spell of mild and wet weather, we left the car park and turned left walking along the road to pass under the A31 major road through the forest to reach Shufers Enclosure. Walking through it we reached open heathland then a small stand of trees where we were able to sit on the trunks of fallen ones to have our lunch. Afterwards we made our way to another underpass to cross back under the A31, on the way taking a deviation to view the mature Spreading Oak tree first. Oaks tend to grow outwards due to the thin soil of the New Forest. At the underpass there are pens for rounding up ponies, we walked by picturesque Mogshade Pond with views towards Lucas Castle (not a castle but a prominent hill) and Mogshade Hill before reaching the road and our cars.

Fungi	Flowering Plants	Birds
False Death cap	Common Gorse	Wood Pigeons (flock)
Slippery Jack	Common Centuary	Crossbill
Turkeytail	Self Heal	Meadow Pipit
Saffron Milkcap	Lesser Hawkbit	Robin
Red Cracking Bolete	Cross-leaved Heath	Great Tit
Deceiver	Marsh Ragwort	Blue Tit
Purple Jelly Disc	Blackberry	
Black Bulgar	Daisy	Others
Powdery Brittlegill	Dandelion	Roe Deer
Cauliflower Fungus	Wood Sage	Red Admiral Butterfly
Bitter Oysterling	Lesser Spearwort	Peacock Butterfly
Candlesnuff Fungus	Holly flowers	
Snowy Waxcap		
Spectacular Rustgill	Fruits	
Warlocks Butter	Holly Berries	
	Crab Apples	



Mogshade Pond by Gerry Traves



Purple Jelly Disc by Gerry Traves



Peacock Butterfly by Gerry Traves