



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bucklers Hard Walk

Date: 28th August 2025
 Weather: Overcast with heavy rain showers
 Walk Leader: Audrey Walker
 Attendees: 17

Buckler's Hard is a picturesque 18th century village in the civil parish Beaulieu, in the New Forest. Situated on the banks of the Beaulieu River, it is part of the 9,000-acre Beaulieu Estate. Our walk started from the car park, passing the Maritime Museum originally the village inn, then the apple orchard down to the high street with its two rows of Georgian cottages running towards the Beaulieu River. We passed by the Dukes Bath House now a holiday let, the boat harbour and the historic boat yard where ships for Nelsons fleet for Trafalgar were built. Walking the Solent Way footpath towards Beaulieu we passed Burt Oak Copse, taking a detour to walk around footpaths running alongside the river bank along with a visit to the bird hide, before we turned back it was raining very heavily. We had our picnic lunch on the green by the 18th century slipways where Nelsons fleet were launched, having to take shelter by the Shipwright Workshop built in 2014 as a reconstruction of traditional building methods to keep them alive, we all got soaked! Afterwards some of us then took a boat trip along the river estuary.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds	Butterflies
Scarlet Pimpernel	Goldenrod	Robin	Common Blue
Bristly Ox tongue	Enchanter's Nightshade	Goldfinch	Meadow Brown
Common Fleabane	Angelica	Black-headed Gull	Large White
Creeping Thistle	Sea Mayweed	Herring Gull	Peacock
Sea Aster	Sea Plantain	Wood Pigeon	
Hemp Agrimony	Hoary Plantain	Grey Heron	Others
Sea Purslane	Greater Plantain	Siskin	Emperor Dragonfly
Sea Beet	Nipplewort	Little Egret	Roe Deer
Horned Wrack (Algae)	Fruits	Mallard	
Common Glasswort	Blackberry	Gadwall	Fungi
Stinging Nettle	Sloes	Green Sandpiper	Clustered Bracket
Saw-wort	Rose Hips	Curlew	Beech Wood wort
Field Horsetail	Haws	Buzzard	
Greater Willowherb	Black Bryony	Cormorant	
Marsh Sow-thistle		Canada Geese	
Marsh Thistle	Grasses	Pied Wagtail	
Water Mint	Pendulous Sedge		
Gipsy wort	Sea Club-rush		
Climbing Corydalis	Common Cord-grass		
Bramble	Common Reed		
Self-heal	Purple Moor-grass		



Little Egret by Andy Ennefer



Roe Deer by Gerry Traves



Clustered Bracket Fungus



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