



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Corfe Mullen Walk

Date: 1st October 2019
 Weather: Rain mainly holding off
 Walk Leader: Jayne O'Reilly
 Attendees: 7

The walk was taken from Pub Walks in Dorset by Anne-Marie Edwards. The walk started at The Lambs Green Inn, Corfe Mullen near Wimborne in Dorset. It was originally called Lambs' Green Farm, and was used to raise pigs, poultry, dairy cattle and sheep. The land was farmed until the 1980's when it was sold, the farmhouse becoming the Lambs' Green Inn. We followed a bridleway and crossed the disused Somerset and Dorset Railway, opened in 1872 connecting Bath with Bournemouth. Crossing the B3074 we followed a track that ran alongside a Roman Road built by the Second Legion under Vespasian around AD40 and subsequently used in the 18th century as a smuggling route bringing in luxury goods from France. Skirting the Corfe Hills Nature Reserve we circled around, re-crossing the railway made our way to Happy Bottom Nature Reserve (both reserves are managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust) and then returned to the pub via Wayman's Way an area of land left for the public to enjoy by Charles Wayman. A very pleasant walk, with the rain mainly holding off, of 4km passing through a mix of Oak and Beech woods, open heath and tree lined bridleways enjoyed by seven intrepid travellers.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Mammals	Fungi
Herb Robert	Robin	Rabbit	White Saddle (Helvella)
Bramble	Magpie	Grey Squirrel	Puffball
Herb Bennet	Jay		Bracket Fungi
Black Bryony	Blue Tit		
White Bryony	Wood Pigeon		
Hedge Woundwort	Pheasant		
Cuckoo Pint Berries	Blackbird		
Red Campion			
Buttercup			
Honeysuckle			
Hawkbit			
Bell Heather			
Ling			
Sow Thistle			
Self-heal			
Eyebright			
White and Red Clover			
Spear Thistle			
Creeping Thistle			
Daisy			
Birdsfoot Trefoil			
Burr Marigold			



White Saddle Fungi by Judy Thomas