



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Holmsley Inclosure Walk

Date: 22nd May 2018
 Weather: Warm and sunny 19 degrees
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
 Attendees: 14

Holmsley Inclosure including the campsite occupies part of what used to be Holmsley South Airfield in WWII, one of 12 New Forest wartime airfields and Advanced Learning Grounds. Surrounded by ancient trees on all sides, and sitting next to a large heathland, it takes advantage of the beauty and outdoor escapes the New Forest has to offer. The airfield is located approximately 5 miles (8.0km) north east of Christchurch, Dorset and about 5 miles (8.0km) south west of Burley Hampshire on the boundary of the New Forest National Park. Opened in 1942, it was used by both the Royal Air Force and United States Army Air Forces. During the war it was used primarily as a bomber and later as a transport airfield. After the war it was closed in late 1946. Christchurch Council from December 1946 to 1961 used the old accommodation sites including WAAF Nissan Huts as temporary accommodation for families waiting for a council house. Today the Inclosure is managed by the Forestry Commission. In August 2002 a memorial was unveiled at Holmsley Campsite commemorating the 12 wartime airfields of the New Forest.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Insects
Daisy	Buzzard	Brimstone Butterfly (m&f)
Birdsfoot Clover	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Broad-bodied Chaser Dragonfly
Gorse	Red Kite	Speckled Wood Butterfly
Bluebell	Blackbird	Green-vened White Butterfly
Black Medick	Carrion Crow	Green Tiger Beetle
Hawthorn	Pied Wagtail	Four-spotted Chaser Dragonfly
Germander Speedwell	Black-headed Gull	
Bulbous Buttercup	Robin	Reptiles
Meadow Buttercup	Blue Tit	Slow Worm
Field Rose	Chaffinch	
Lousewort		
Tormentil		
Sheep's Sorrel		
Heath Milkwort		
Herb Robert		
Catsear		
Birdsfoot Trefoil		
Ribwort Plantain		
Cotton Grass		
Pale Dog Violet		
Eyebright		
Bugle		
Rhododendron		
Yellow Pimpernel		
Marsh Thistle	Flowering Plants cont.	
Hop Trefoil	Foxglove	
Red Clover	Rowan	