



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Holmsley Walk

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 Weather: Hazy Sun  
 Walk Leader : Theresa Holden  
 Attendees: 16

Our walk started from Holmsley Car Park situated on Holmsley Passage, a turning off Station Road which runs from Burley. Leaving Holmsley car park we walked downhill towards the disused railway line where there is a modern house situated on Holmsley Passage, originally there was a cottage for the level crossing keeper to live. The railway was part of the former Southampton and Dorchester Railway line which ran from Brockenhurst to Hamworthy Junction via Ringwood. It was promoted by Charles Castleman of Wimborne and became known as Castleman's Corkscrew because of the meandering route it followed. We walked around Goatspen Plain and Turf Hill on fairly wet and muddy tracks, returning towards Greenberry Bridge then Holmsley Ridge and Lodge. Crossing the road we entered Holmsley Inclosure where we had a picnic lunch. Afterwards we walked downhill through the inclosure to reach Holmsley Tea Rooms. Afterwards we returned back walking along the disused railway line back to our cars.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Insects
Wren	Common Gorse	Brimstone Butterfly
Raven	Daisy	Green Tiger Beetle
Greenfinch	Hairy Bittercress	Common Wasp
Blackbird	Wavy Bittercress	
Robin	New Forest Crowfoot	<b>Fungi</b>
Buzzard	Round-leaved Crowfoot	Southern Bracket
Meadow Pipit	Common Whitlow Grass	Sulphur Tuft
Jackdaw	Lesser Celandine	Birch Polypore
Chaffinch	Primrose	Dog Lichen
Long Tailed Tit	Green Field Speedwell	
Blue Tit	Hazel Catkins	
Great Tit		



*Celandine by Lyn Traves*