



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ogdens and Latchmore Brook Walk

Date: 26th August 2026
 Weather: Sunny and hot
 Walk Leader : Pat Holder
 Attendees: 15

This weeks walk started from Abbots Well car park at Frogham, a small village in the civil parish of Hyde, it is the second largest settlement in the parish after Hyde itself. It is situated on a plateau overlooking the heathland of the New Forest to the east. The village is situated around a crossroads leading to the nearby settlements of Hyde, Blissford and Stuckton. Its nearest town is Fordingbridge, which lies approximately 1.8 miles (2.5 KM) north west of the village.

We turned right out of the car park passing by Rose Cottage and Well House an ancient roadside well known as Abbots Well. At the bottom of the road we walked south eastwards across Latchmore Bottom and crossing the meandering but dried up Latchmore Brook to reach Ogdens car park. Then walking towards the brook again we found a section which had not dried up. It is a drinking and gathering place for the New Forest Ponies and cattle. Martin managed to spot two Muntjac Deer here, we also saw Trout, Minnows and Dace managing to survive in the pools of water. We then walked towards Hasley Hill Inclosure, the terrain turns to sandy open heath, taking the sandy path which passes by Hasley Hill Inclosure a mixed plantation on the summit of Hasley Hill. We entered the enclosure where we managed to find a shady spot with a fallen tree trunk and have lunch sat on it. Afterwards we returned back across Latchmore Bottom to reach Ogdens again, a Sand Lizard was spotted on the way but it was too shy for a photo, we then retraced our steps back to Abbots Well car park.

Flowering Plants	Autumn Fruits	Birds	Butterflies
Ling	Rose Hips	Robin	Peacock
Bell Heather	Blackberries	Dunnock	Small White
Dwarf Gorse	Sloes	Wood Pigeon	Painted Lady
Marsh Cudweed	Haws	Stonechat	Moths
Autumn Hawkbit	Chestnuts	Spotted Flycatcher a family of 5	Grass Veneer
Lesser Skullcap		Red Kite	Dragonflies
Marsh St. John's Wort	Reptiles	Meadow Pipit	Migrant Hawker
Lesser Spearwort	Sand Lizard	Goldfinch	Southern Hawker
Water Mint		Swallows	Common Darter
Tormentil		Raven	Fish
Self-heal		Carrion Crow	Brook Trout
Heath Milkwort		Blackbird	Dace
		Kestrel	Minnows
		Buzzard	Mammals
		Bullfinch	Muntjac Deer



Latchmore Brook by Gerry Traves



New Forest Ponies by Gerry Traves