



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A Walk Around Poulner

Date: 19th March 2025
 Weather: Sunny and warm
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
 Attendees: 16

We started from Linford Road, Poulner in the civil Parish of Ringwood. At one time Poulner was a separate settlement from Ringwood, however 20th century development mainly through the 50's and 60's of housing in the fields and small-holdings that once lay between Poulner and Ringwood have made Poulner effectively a suburb of Ringwood. The main road through Ringwood at that time was Southampton Road then part of the A31, which runs west to Bere Regis in Dorset and east towards Cadnam, though the New Forest. Then came the big split when Ringwood and Poulner were virtually cut in half by the completion of a bypass becoming the new A31 which was completed in 1977.

After leaving Maz and Will's house we walked uphill to Poulner Common, walking across it to reach Cowpits Lane then Linford Brook at Gorley Road, walking over the bridge at the ford. From there we walked along the footpath which runs alongside Linford Brook and Northfield Lake primarily a fishing lake run by Ringwood & District Anglers Association to the south and Linbrook East Lake a Carp fishery to the north. These lakes are disused gravel pits. We followed the path through to North Poulner Road, returning back walking along it to reach Gorley Road then Linford Road and Maz and Will's house where hot soup and a roll was awaiting us. A big thank you to Maz and Will for their hospitality.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Insects
Common Gorse	Chiffchaff	Brimstone Butterfly
Dandelion	Magpie	Red Admiral Butterfly
Lesser Celandine	Nuthatch	Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly
Daisy	Blue Tit	Buff-tailed Bumble-bee
Wild Daffodils	Robin	
Greater Periwinkle	Jay	Mammals
Spring Snowflake	Raven	Short-tailed Field Vole (deceased)
Hazel Catkin	Wood Pigeon	
Common Field Speedwell	Gadwall	Fish (seen in Linford Brook)
Cherry Laurel	Great Crested Grebe	Common Dace
Primrose	Tufted Duck	Brown Trout
Wood Anemone	Mallard	
Coltsfoot	Little Egret	
Red Dead-nettle	Jackdaw	
Storksbill	Carrion Crow	
Musk Storksbill		
Hairy Bittercress		
Groundsel		
Shepherd's Purse		



Lesser Celandine at Poulner