



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Shatterford Walk

Date: 20th May 2025
 Weather: Sunny and warm
 Walk Leader: Mike and Liz Read
 Attendees: 11

Shatterford Forestry England car park on the B3056 between Beaulieu and Lyndhurst had been temporally closed by Forestry England probably to prevent dog walkers from using the area in case there are Curlews nesting. So we used the car park over the railway bridge to the left by the Beaulieu Road Pony Sales (opposite the Drift Pub). We then walked back over the railway bridge and through Shatterford car park to start the walk. The area is part of Denny Lodge a civil parish in the New Forest encompassing much of the eastern side of the New Forest, it covers an area of over 27 square miles, making it the second largest civil parish by area in England covering a large area of heathland and woodland but contains no towns, villages, churches, or schools. The Parish extends from Copythorne Parish in the north to Exbury & Lepe in the south, it was created in 1868 and enlarged in 1934. The name "Denny" is recorded as Dunie in 1300, Dinne in 1347, and Dynney in 1589. The origin of the name is not known.

| Flowering Plants | Birds | Dragonflies and Damselflies | Others |
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| Common Sorrel | Buzzard | Common Darter | Common Heath Moth |
| Greater Stitchwort | House Sparrow | Four-spotted Chaser | Brown Silverline Moth |
| Coral Necklace | Starling | Large Red Damselfly | Brimstone Butterfly |
| Sand Spurrey | Blackbird | Broad-bodied Chaser | Green Tiger Beetle |
| Creeping Buttercup | Stonechat | Common Blue Damselfly | Toad (deceased) |
| Lesser Spearwort | Coal Tit | | |
| Round-leaved Crowfoot | Goldcrest | | |
| Columbine | Chaffinch | | |
| Cuckoo Flower | House Martin | | |
| Common Sundew | Robin | | |
| Intermediate Sundew | Goldfinch | | |
| Tormentil | Chiffchaff | | |
| Rowan | Pied Wagtail | | |
| Birdsfoot Trefoil | Blackcap | | |
| Lesser Trefoil | Wren | | |
| Herb Robert | Greenfinch | | |
| Heath Milkwort | Carrion Crow | | |
| Common Dog Violet | Rook | | |
| Heath Bedstraw | Grey Heron | | |
| Creeping Forget-me-not | Redstart | | |
| Foxglove | Spotted Flycatcher | | |
| Germander Speedwell | Hawfinch | | |

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| Common Field Speedwell | Song Thrush | | |
| Lousewort | Cuckoo | | |
| Daisy | Swallow | | |
| Dandelion | | | |
| Bluebell | | | |