

RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY Shatterford Walk

Date: 6th August 2025 Weather: Sunny and warm Walk Leader: Mike and Liz Read

Attendees: 15

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 ground nesting birds. 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 past Beaulieu Road railway station, over the railway bridge and through Shatterford car park to start the walk. We walked in a southerly direction over open heathland with the railway line to the left of us, passing some damp areas with bog pools, to reach Denny Lodge Inclosure then Denny Wood where we had a picnic lunch. Afterwards we found some unseasonal fungi in the wood, then we crossed the open heathland to return back to our cars.

| Flowering Plants | Flowering Plants cont | Birds | Butterflies |
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| Chamomile | Narrow-leaved Hawkweed | Starling | Large White |
| Autumn Hawkbit | Cotton Grass | Wood Pigeon | Gatekeeper |
| Pineappleweed | Tormentil | Pied Wagtail | Green-veined White |
| Self-heal | Bog Myrtle | Chaffinch | Grayling |
| Common Ragwort | Round-leaved Sundew | House Sparrow | Silver-studded Blue |
| Bramble | Marsh Cudweed | House Martin | Meadow Brown |
| Fat Hen | Pale Bladderwort | Stonechat | |
| Herb Robert | Catsear | Meadow Pipit | Insects |
| Sand Spurrey | Pennywort | Carrion Crow | 7spot Ladybird |
| Birdsfoot Trefoil | Bog Bean | Redstart | Common Darter Dragonfly |
| Marjoram | Hairbell | Spotted Flycatcher | Soldier Beetle |
| Yarrow | Wood Sage | Greenfinch | Buff-tailed Bumblebee |
| Hogweed | | Goldcrest | Bee Wolf Wasp |
| Scarlet Pimpernel | Grasses etc | | Wood Cricket |
| Water Mint | White-beaked Sedge | Fungi | |
| Bell Heather | Sharp-flowered Rush | Cep or Penny Bun | Amphibians |
| Ling | | The Sickener | Common Frog |
| Cross-leaved Heath | | Butter Bolete | Toadlet |
| Common Gorse | | Bay Bolete | |
| Coral Necklace | | Dog Vomit Slime Mould | Mammals |
| Dwarf Gorse | | Turkeytail | Fallow Buck |
| Marsh St. John's Wort | | False Deathcap | |
| Lesser Spearwort | | Turf Mottlegill | |
| Honeysuckle | | Yellowdrop Milkcap | |



Bee Wolf Wasp by Gerry Traves



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Hairbell by Gerry Traves



Silver-studded blue by Gerry Traves