



## ***RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY***

### Wareham, a walk around the town walls

Date: 14th May 2025  
 Weather: Sunny and warm  
 Walk Leaders: Sonia Wilkinson and Judy Thomas  
 Attendees: 10

Wareham is an historic market town and under the name Wareham Town, a civil parish in the county of Dorset. The town is situated between the Rivers Frome and Piddle eight miles south-west of Poole.

Wareham Town Walls are a Scheduled Ancient Monument, owned by the Rempstone Estate and managed by Dorset Council. Originally built in Saxon times to defend the town from Viking attacks they surround the heart of the town on three sides and date from the 9th century. The Walls (now grassy, earth mounds) are managed to improve the local wildlife with 21 species of butterfly, 7 species of grasshopper and bush cricket, 4 species of reptile, 17 notable Dorset plant species all recorded along with many bird species.

The walk started from Connegar Lane car park following the Walls Walk passing the parish church of Lady St Mary and the Quay along West Walls then North Walls enjoying views of the Common and the River Piddle and beyond to Wareham Forest, continuing past the church of St Edward the Martyr, then onto East Walls and returning back to the car park.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds
Horse Chestnut	Alexanders	Mallards
Herb Robert	Birdsfoot Trefoil	Swifts
Groundsel	Stinging Nettles	House Sparrows
Red Dead-nettle	Bramble	Jackdaw
Shepherd's Purse	Yarrow	Black-headed Gull
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Ribwort Plantain	Herring Gull
Germander Speedwell	Hawthorn	Blackbird
Mexican Fleabane	White Clover	Wood Pigeon
Sow-thistle	Star of Bethlehem	Carrion Crow
Navelwort	Dandelion	
Red Valerian	Meadow Buttercup	<b>Butterflies</b>
Cow Parsley	White Dead-nettle	Small White
Sheep's Sorrel	Bluebell	Green-veined White
Creeping Buttercup	Foxglove	Large White
Red Clover	Flag Iris	Speckled Wood
Ox-eye Daisy	Greater Stitchwort	Peacock
Wood Spurge	Cleavers	
Common Comfrey	<b>Grasses</b>	
Green Alkanet	Quaking Grass	
Common Gorse	Sweet Vernal Grass	