RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Whitefield Moor Walk

Date: 17th September 2026
Weather: Windy, a shower at the start, then sunny spells
Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
Attendees: 11

Our walk was re-scheduled to a short walk with a picnic afterwards, meeting at Whitefield Moor car park, situated off Rhinefield Road which runs from the A35 and leads into the north eastern side of Brockenhurst. During World War 2 this site was part of several thousand acres ploughed up to grow crops under the New Forest Pastoral Developments Scheme. Once the war was over it was ploughed again and sown with clover and grasses and became pasture superior to that of natural forest lawn. We followed the path which leads from the car park close to the road to reach Puttles Bridge which crosses over Ober Water and walked alongside the stream, crossing back over it to return walking over Whitefield Moor to enjoy our picnic lunch. Ober Water originates in the bog land around Burley and joins Highland Water, they are headwaters of the Lymington River. The walk passes a variety of habitats around Ober Water, including heathland with gorse and bog, grassland, natural and formerly enclosed woodland.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Fungi
Autumn Ladies Tresses	Song Thrush	False Chanterelle
Mouse-ear	Jay	Purple Brittlegill
Ling	Robin	Beefsteak Fungus
Bell Heather	Stonechat	Dyers Mazegill
Cross-leaved Heath	Jackdaw	Spectacular Rustgill
Dwarf Gorse	Carrion Crow	Velvet Bolete
Daisy	House Sparrow	Fairy-ring Champignon
Autumn Hawkbit		Field Mushrooms
Sheepsbit	**Fruits**	
Hard Fern	Blackberries	
Marsh Ragwort	Haws	
Tormentil	Rose Hips	
Self-heal		
Marsh St. John's Wort	**Butterflies**	
Lesser Spearwort	Clouded Yellow	
Bog Myrtle	Peacock	