

RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Whitefield Moor Walk and Gathering

Date: 1st August 2023

Weather: Sunny spells and showers Walk Leaders: Yve Prior and Maz Russell

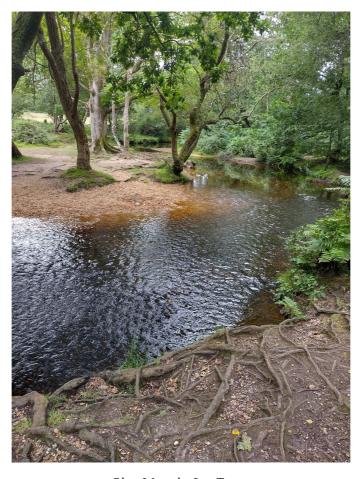
Attendees: 22

Our walk started at Whitefield Moor car park, situated of 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 a picnic lunch, where we were joined by three non walkers. Ober Water originates in the bogland around Burley and joins the Highland Water to eventually become 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	Flowering Plants cont	Birds	Butterflies
Ling	Lesser Skullcap	Wood Pigeon	Gatekeeper
Catsear	Marsh Ragwort	Bullfinch	Large White
Eyebright	Water-pepper	Coal Tit	Brimstone
Daisy	Marsh Willowherb	Great Tit	Meadow Brown
Dandelion	Marsh Thistle	Blue Tit	Silver-studded Blue
Birdsfoot Trefoil	White Clover	Long-tailed Tit	Red Admiral
Wood Sage	Self-heal	Nuthatch	
Bell Heather	Chamomile	Blackbird	Insects
Dwarf Gorse		Grey Wagtail	Soldier Beetles
Sand Spurrey	Ferns	Carrion Crow	Red-legged Shieldbug
Bramble	Common Polypody	Starling	Migrant Hawker Dragonfly
Cross-leaved Heath	Hard Fern	Stock Dove	
Tormentil		Black-headed Gull	Fungi
Lesser Spearwort	Fruits	Swallow	Meadow Puffball
Yellow Loosestrife	Blackberry		Field Mushroom
Cow Wheat	Sloes		Blusher
Skullcap	Haws		Rufous Milkcap
Wavy Bittercress			Oakbug Milkcap
Marsh St. John's Wort			Panthercap
Water Forget-me-not			Dyers Mazegill
Redleg			Nail Fungus
Stemless Thistle			The Deceiver



Lesser Skullcap at Ober Water by Lyn Traves



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