



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Whitefield Moor Walk

Date: 7th October 2025
 Weather: Sunny spells
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
 Attendees: 18

Our walk started 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 a picnic lunch. Ober Water originates in the bog land around Burley and joins 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. We saw some unusual looking Rooks with white patches on their wings probably due to leucism or partial albinism, they stand out among their black-feathered counterparts.

Fungi	Fungi cont.	Flowering Plants	Others
Honey Fungus	Birch Polypore	Daisy	Pale Tussock Moth Caterpillar
Purple Brittlegill	Pleated Inkcap	Autumn Hawkbit	Speckled Wood Butterfly
False Saffron Milkcap	Slippery Jack	Bell Heather	Red Admiral Butterfly
Peppery Bolete	Sickener	Cross-leaved Heath	Pond Skaters
Sulphur Tuft	Common Puffball	Heath Milkwort	Dor Beetle
Bovine Bolete	The Deceiver	Tormentil	House Fly sp
Porcelain Fungus	False Deathcap	Trailing Tormentil	
Peeling Oysterling	Tawny Grisette	Common Gorse	
Cep or Penny Bun	Spectacular Rustgill	Catsear	Birds
Fly Agaric	Blushing Bracket	Devilsbit Scabious	Rook
Egghead Mottlegill	Charcoal Burner	Lesser Spearwort	Meadow Pipit
Brown Rollrim	Cauliflower Fungus	Wavy Bittercress	Robin
Beefsteak Fungus	Bay Bolete	Lousewort	Goldcrest
Clustered Bonnet	Whitelaced Shank	Ling	Wren
Blusher		Marsh Ragwort	
		Bog Asphodel	



Brown Rollrim by Gerry Traves



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Pocelain Fungus by Gerry Traves



Fly Agaric by Gerry Traves



Cauliflower Fungus by Gerry Traves



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