



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### A walk around Poulner

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Weather: Overcast  
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell  
 Attendees: 15

We started from Linford Road, Poulner in the civil Parish of Ringwood. At one time Poulner was a separate settlement from Ringwood, however 20th century development mainly through the 50's and 60's of housing in the fields and small-holdings that once lay between Poulner and Ringwood have made Poulner effectively a suburb of Ringwood. The main road through Ringwood at that time was Southampton Road then part of the A31, which runs west to Bere Regis in Dorset and east towards Cadnam, though the New Forest. Then came the big split when Ringwood and Poulner were virtually cut in half by the completion of a bypass becoming the new A31 which was completed in 1977.

After leaving Maz and Will's house we walked uphill to Poulner Common, walking across it to reach Highwood Lane and Lin Brook, then Gorley Road walking over the bridge at the ford. From there we walked along the footpath which runs between Linbrook (East) Lake a Carp fishery and Northfield Lake primarily a fishing lake run by Ringwood & District Anglers Association. Both lakes are disused gravel pits. We followed the path through to North Poulner Road, returning back along it reaching Gorley Road then Linford Road and Maz and Will's house where hot soup and a roll was awaiting us.

We thank Maz and Will for their hospitality.

<b>Birds</b>	<b>Flowering plants</b>
Dunnock	Snowdrops
Song Thrush	Hazel Catkins
House Sparrow	Lesser Celandine
Goldcrest	Daffodils
Starlings	Daisy
Long-tailed Tit	Groundsel
Blue Tit	Sweet Violet
Robin	Red Dead-nettle
Carrion Crow	Common Gorse
Wood Pigeon	Periwinkle
Wren	
Great Tit	<b>Others</b>
	Grey Squirrel
	Common Puffball Fungi



*Daffodils at Poulner by Lyn Traves*