

Ringwood Natural History Society Walk

Abbot's Well Walk



Date: 27th March 2017
 Walk Leaders: Pat Holder and Jean Crawford
 Weather: Warm and Sunny
 Temperature: 16 degrees
 Attendees: 8

From Abbots Well car park we started our walk passing by Hyde Common and then Gorley Common which is on the plateau of Gorley Hill. This is artificial flatness as the common was quarried for its gravel in the 1950s and 60s and has only returned to open grazing land since its purchase by Hampshire County Council in the mid-1990s. On through Furzehill to Robin Hood's Clump, Ibsley Common where we had lunch. The pine trees in the clump were planted by Earl of Normanton, of Somerley House in 1931 to replace the previous trees that were destroyed by a heath fire. Beneath the trees is a Bronze Age disc barrow. After lunch we returned back to Abbots Well car park via Ogdens a small hamlet situated in the valley of Latchmore Brook and surrounded by heathland and woodland. Many thanks to Pat and Jean for organizing this rescheduled walk.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Insects
Chiffchaff	Gorse	Brimstone Butterfly
Stonechat (female)	Daisy	Bumble Bee
Robin	Willow Catkins	
Blue Tit	Lesser Celandine	
House Sparrow	Dandelion	
Blackbird	Ground Ivy	
Collard Dove	Wild Strawberry	
Chaffinch	Common Dog Violet	
Green Woodpecker (heard)	(mauve & white)	
Wood Pigeon	Blackthorn	
Pied Wagtail	Wavy winter cress	
Lapwing	Primrose	
Jackdaw		
Carrion Crow		
Dunnock		
Coal Tit		



Lunch at Robin Hood Clump by Derrick Holder