



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Abbots Well Walk

Date: 28th October 2021
 Weather: Overcast
 Walk Leader: Audrey Walker
 Attendees: 18

A very similar walk to that of 8th June, our walk started from Abbots Well car park where there is one of the finest views across the New Forest. From there we walked across Hyde Common, the largest of the four commons of the Western New Forest Commons near Fordingbridge, covering 149 acres (61Ha) of open grassland and heathland scrub, grazed by animals owned by the local commoners. The common doubles as a shared village green between Hyde and Frogham, the local primary school uses the common as their playing fields. Just half a mile south of Hyde Common is the slightly smaller Gorley Common (100 acres). The majority of the site is a former gravel pit which now supports a mosaic of scrub and seasonally flooded acid grassland. There are several botanically rich seepage mires around the edge of the common. These are formed where springs emerge from the hillside.

Flowering Plants	Fungi	Birds	Others
Gorse	Common Bonnet	Goldfinch	Fallow Deer
Bell Heather	Common Puffball	Pied Wagtail	
Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Red Cracking Bolete	Redwing	
Tormentil	Fly Agaric	Robin	
Common Ragwort	Amethyst Deceiver	Mistle Thrush	
Dandelion	Deceiver	House Sparrow	
Self Heal	Fleecy Milkcap	Jackdaw	
Red Campion	Honey Fungus	Jay	
Daisy	Sulphur Tuft	Starling	
Herb Robert	Purple Brittlebill	Sparrowhawk	
Nipplewort	Fairy Ring Champignon	Long-tailed Tit	
Harebell	False Chanterelle	Wren	
Cyclamen		Great-spotted Woodpecker	
Bittersweet		Green Woodpecker	
Fruits			
Holly Berries			
Haws			
Rose Hips			
Crab Apples			
Sweet Chestnuts			
Blackberries			



Amethyst Deceiver at Hyde Common by Lyn Traves