



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Abbots Well Walk

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
 Weather: Sunny  
 Walk Leader: Bill Syratt  
 Attendees: 16

This weeks walk started from Abbots Well car park at Frogham, a small village in the civil parish of Hyde, it is the second largest settlement in the parish after Hyde itself. It is situated on a plateau overlooking the heathland of the New Forest to the east. The village is situated around a crossroads leading to the nearby settlements of Hyde, Blissford and Stuckton. Its nearest town is Fordingbridge, which lies approximately 1.8 miles (2.5 KM) north west of the village.

We turned right out of the car park passing by Rose Cottage, Well House and an ancient roadside well known as Abbots Well. At the bottom of the road we walked south eastwards across Latchmore Bottom and crossing the meandering Latchmore Brook. The area was quite difficult to navigate across after the recent Storm Ciaran had passed through, it had left the grassy area very wet and muddy. It is a drinking and gathering place for the New Forest Ponies and cattle. We walked towards Hasley Hill Inclosure, the terrain turns to sandy open heath, taking the sandy path which passes by Hasley Hill Inclosure a mixed plantation on the summit of Hasley Hill. From there we turned north eastwards towards Slodden Inclosure, consisting mainly of Scots Pine and Douglas Fir with Beech, Oak, Birch and Holly. Walking through the inclosure which runs into Alderhill Inclosure and passing by the memorial bench erected to naturalist Eric Ashby. The path turns left to walk up the steep hill of Hampton Ridge to return back along it, offering views of Godshill Ridge and Pitts Wood Inclosure to the north and Latchmore Bottom and its brook along with Hasley Inclosure to the south.

Attached below is Bills list regarding the amazing fungi seen on the walk, with other sightings listed below it.

### **Abbotswell, Latchmore, Hasley, Slodden & Alderhill Inclosures, Hampton Ridge. Fungus List 6/11/23** seen in:- W = woodland, G = grassland, H = Heathland

Cep	<i>Boletus edulis</i>	G, trackside
Red-cracking Bolete	<i>Boletus chrysenteron</i>	W
Ghost Bolete	<i>Leccinum holopus</i>	Wet area with Birch
Saffron Milkcap	<i>Lactaria deliciosus</i>	W under Pine
Birch Milkcap	<i>Lactarius tabidus</i>	Wet area with Birch
Curry Milkcap	<i>Lactarius camphoratus</i>	W
Ugly Milkcap	<i>Lactaria turpis</i>	G under Birch
Blackening Brittlegill	<i>Russula nigricans</i>	W
Milk White Brittlegill	<i>Russulas delica</i>	Under Birch
Ochre Brittlegill	<i>Russula ochrolueca</i>	W
Charcoal Burner	<i>Russula cyanoxantha var peltoreau</i>	W
Purple Brittlegill	<i>Russula atropurpurea</i>	W and G
Shaggy Parasol	<i>Chlorophyllum rhacodes</i>	W and G
Fly Agaric	<i>Amanita muscari</i>	W with Birch
Blusher	<i>Amanita rubescens</i>	W
False Deathcap	<i>Amanita citrina</i>	W
Blackening Waxcap	<i>Hygrocybe conica</i>	G
Goblet Waxcap	<i>Hygrocybe cantherellus</i>	H (wet)
Snowy Waxcap	<i>Hygrocybe virginea</i>	G
Ivory Woodwax	<i>Hygrophorus eburneus</i>	W
Honey Fungus	<i>Armillaria mellea</i>	W
Ivory Funnel	<i>Clitocybe dealbata</i>	G
The Deceiver	<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	W and G
Amethyst Deceiver	<i>Laccaria amethystina</i>	W
Buttercap	<i>Collybia buteracea</i>	W

Wood Blewit	<i>Lepista nuda</i>	G under trees
Common Bonnet	<i>Mycena galariculata</i>	W
Milking Bonnet	<i>Mycena ingalopus</i>	W
Brown Rollrim	<i>Paxillus involutus</i>	W with Birch
Spectacular Rustgill	<i>Gymnopilus junonius</i>	W
Funeral Bell	<i>Galerina marginata</i>	W
Sulphur Tuft	<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	W
Dung Roundhead	<i>Stropharia semiglobata</i>	G on dung
A Brittlestem (old)	<i>Psathyrella cf pron?i</i>	G in W
Miniature Wooly Inkcap	<i>Coprinopsis radiata</i>	G on dung
False Chanterelle	<i>Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca</i>	W
Hairy Curtain Crust	<i>Sterium hirsutum</i>	W
Wrinkled Club	<i>Clavulina rugosa</i>	W
Turkeytail	<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	W
Common Puffball	<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i>	G
Common Earthball	<i>Scleroderma citrina</i>	W and G
Leafy Brain	<i>Tremella foliacea</i>	W on Sterium

42 species

### Other Sightings

Birds	Flowering Plants	Others
Wood Pigeon	Bell Heather	Red Admiral Butterfly
Rook	Common Gorse	Devils Coach-horse Beetle
Buzzard	Autumn Hawkbit	Hornet
Carrion Crow	Devilsbit Scabious	
Robin	Heath Milkwort	
Pied Wagtail		
Chaffinch		
Stonechat		
Jackdaw		
Wren		
Jay		
Starling		
Meadow Pipit		
Raven		
Fieldfare		
Red Kite		



*Curry Milkcap by Lyn Traves*