



Ringwood Natural History Society From Appleslade to Linford Bottom Walk

Date: 7th March 2017
 Walk Leaders: Pat Holder and Jean Crawford
 Weather: Mainly warm and sunny
 Temperature: 12 degrees
 Attendees: 13

We met at Appleslade car park for a woodland walk of about 3½ miles, in search of an iron age fort and wild daffodils. It was a lovely sunny morning but very wet and muddy underfoot. After leaving the car park we passed through Appleslade Inclosure, from the main track on the right is an oak wood and on the left Scots pine, roughly in equal proportions. Some of the coniferous areas are surrounded by a six-foot deer fence which we walked past, then crossing Linford Brook and onwards to Roe Inclosure. Roe Inclosure was first enclosed in 1811 and offers a mix of broadleaved and coniferous woodland. From within this inclosure we passed by the Castle Piece Iron Age Fort, the remains of a small, circular fort or enclosure probably dating from the Iron Age, being surrounded by trees it is quite difficult to identify the earth bank the ditch having been almost completely filled in. Our walk passed through the earth bank on the northern side where the rampart can be seen to the east of the path. We then passed by Greenford Bottom an attractive clear area alongside Linford Brook, crossing the bridge back over, the path led us to Red Shoot Wood which is an area of old woodland, dominated by mature oaks with the occasional yew and an understorey of holly. Unfortunately we did not make as far as Pinnick Wood where wild daffodils were seen on the following day.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Fungi
Common Buzzard	Gorse	Hairy Curtain Crust
Jackdaw	Butcher's Broom	Black Bulgar
Wren	Wood Spurge	Turkeytail
Robin	Hazel Catkins (m& f)	
Pied Wagtail	Wavy Bittercress	
Nuthatch		
Grey Heron	Ferns	Others
Blackbird	Polypody	Tadpoles
Wood Pigeon		Roe Deer Antler & part of skull



Polypody Ferns growing on an Oak Tree by Lyn Traves