



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bere Regis Walk

Date: 26th April 2022
 Weather: Sunny spells and warm
 Walk Leaders: Sonia Wilkinson and Judy Thomas
 Attendees: 13

Bere Regis is a village and civil parish, situated 6 miles (9.7km) north-west of Wareham, Dorset. The village has one shop, a family-owned cheese barn, a post office, and two pubs. The parish church is St. John the Baptist. The village features in the Domesday Book of 1086. Bere Regis village is sited by the side of the small Bere Stream, a tributary of the River Piddle, where the chalk of the Dorset Downs to the north dips beneath newer deposits of clay, sands and gravels. The village is situated at the western terminus of the A31 road where it joins the A35, although both roads now bypass the village. After leaving the car park and visiting the parish church, we walked downward to reach the Bere Stream, which we followed until reaching a bridge to cross over to reach the hamlet of Shitterton. We then walked up a hill passing a newly planted plantation to reach a disused camp site and the Bere Regis to Wool road. Crossing the road and walking a short way along it to turn off to Hollow Oak and then Doddings Farm to reach the watercress beds, which are fed by water from the Bere Stream. We stopped to have our picnic lunch here whilst admiring the view, then walking back alongside the watercress beds to reach the road again and crossing over the reach our cars.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Birds	Butterflies
Shining Cranesbill	Greater Periwinkle	House Sparrow	Orange Tip
Herb Robert	Greater Stitchwort	Collard Dove	Holly Blue
Dandelion	Blackthorn	Carrion Crow	Speckled Wood
Daisy	Primrose	Wood Pigeon	Gren-veined White
Lesser Celandine	Red Campion	Starling	Small White
Hedge Maple	Germander Speedwell	Rook	Brimstone
Chalk Stream Water Crowfoot	Green Field Speedwell	Wren	Peacock
Creeping Buttercup	Wood Anemone	Goldfinch	
Pendulous Sedge	Green Alkanet	Blackbird	Fish
Cuckoo Flower	Common Vetch	Blackcap	Brown Trout
Garlic Mustard	Comfrey	Nuthatch	Minnow
Marsh Marigold	Silverweed	Chiffchaff	
Lords-and-Ladies	Sheep's Sorrel	Blue Tit	Mammals
Hairy Bittercress	Lesser Stitchwort	Cetti's Warbler	Grey Squirrel
Bluebell	Bush Vetch	Song Thrush	Rabbit
Cow Parsley	Red Dead-nettle	Greenfinch	Roe Deer
Wavy Bittercress	Ground Ivy	Jackdaw	
Greater Celandine	Watercress	Robin	

Ox-eye Daisy	Water Speedwell	Duncock	
Wood Spurge	Ribwort Plantain	Magpie	
Black Medick	Hemlock Water Dropwort	Great Tit	
White Dead-nettle	Common Mouse-ear	Buzzard	
Groundsel	Cherry Laurel	Swallow	
Scarlet Pimpernel	Round-leaved Cranesbill	Pheasant	
Ivy-leaved Speedwell		Pied Wagtail	
		Mallard	
		Kestrel	
		Sedge Warbler	
		Lesser Whitethroat	
		Common Whitethroat	
		Stonechat	



Bere Stream by Lyn Traves



Marsh Marigolds at Bere Regis by Lyn Traves



Watercress Beds -Bere Regis by Lyn Traves