



## ***RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY***

### **Birds at Keyhaven Walk**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Weather: Sunny, light cloud becoming overcast, 12 degrees  
Walk Leader: Pete Wellstead for Hugh Clarke  
Attendees: 7

Keyhaven Marshes lies between Hurst Spit and Lymington on the Hampshire coast. The area was bought by Hampshire County Council in 1984 and is managed by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Although there is no access into the coastal marshes themselves, gravel paths maintained by Hampshire County Council allow visitors to walk along the sea wall and admire the stunning vistas across the Solent to Hurst Castle and the Isle of Wight.

Today the area incorporates mudflats, salt marshes, shingle banks, coastal grazing marshes, and saline lagoons. The reserve supports important populations of birds and rare and specialist plants and invertebrates.

Lapwing	Pintail	Groundsel
Robin	Curlew	Daisy
Mallard	Little Grebe	Gorse
Brent Geese	Grey Heron	Red Dead-nettle
Canada Geese	Shoveller	Honesty
Wren	Cormorant	Reedmace
Meadow Pipit	Oystercatcher	Blackthorn or possibly Bullace
Rock Pipit	Mute Swan	Daffodil
Skylark	Snipe	
Reed Bunting	Ring Plover	
Herring Gull	Purple Sandpiper	
Black-headed Gull	Turnstone	
Great Black-backed Gull	Dunlin	
Wigeon	Starling	
Spoonbill	Moorhen	
Shelduck	Song Thrush	
Coot	Tufted Duck	
Redshank	Carrion Crow	
Little Egret	Bullfinch	
Black-tailed Godwit	Cetti's Warbler	
Wood Pigeon	Magpie	



*Black-headed Gull at Keyhaven by Gerry Traves*



*Avon Water at Keyhaven by Gerry Traves*