



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bolderwood Walk

Date: 14th May 2024
 Weather: Cloudy but warm
 Walk Leaders: Liz and Mike Read
 Attendees: 18

We met at the Canadian War Memorial car park on Bolderwood Drive. The Canadian Memorial, is a simple wooden roadside cross overlooking sloping ground. The Memorial commemorates the Canadian forces stationed in the New Forest before the D-Day invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944. Before the invasion, Canadians would gather here for church services. Bolderwood is situated in the heart of the New Forest along the Ornamental Drive, west of Lyndhurst on the minor road leading from the A35 to Linwood, it is an important part of the New Forest history. Over the centuries it has been the site of several hunting lodges visited by kings, nothing of them exists today, the area was planted with Douglas Firs. The two remaining properties there today, Bolderwood Farm and Bolderwood Cottage behind the picnic area is thought to be built from parts of the old hunting lodge. Our walk took us from the War Memorial across the road and open forest heathland to Bolderwood Farm and its Deer Sanctuary. We were very fortunate to see 20 plus Fallow Deer in the fields along with a Stoat racing across the field with prey in its mouth. We returned via Bolderwood Hill and the deer viewing platform where the deer were still in view.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants	Birds	Mammals
Common Gorse	Bugle	Cuckoo (heard)	Fallow Deer 20+
Rowan	Horse Chestnut	Spotted Flycatcher	Stoat
Daisy	Hornbeam	Wren	Vole
Heath Milkwort	Creeping Buttercup	Marsh Tit	
Foxglove	Common Storksbill	Chaffinch	Fungi
Holly	Germander Speedwell	Blackbird	Dog's Vomit Slime Mould
Oak	Ground Ivy	Green Woodpecker	Common Jellyspot
Tormentil	Common Vetch	Mistle Thrush	
Sheep's Sorrel	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Goldcrest	Slugs and Snails
Crab Apple	Eyebright	Raven	Leopard Slug
Dandelion		Song Thrush	
Wavy Bittercress		Redstart	Butterflies
Lords and Ladies		Meadow Pipit	Peacock
Wood Dog Violet		Dunnock	
Bluebell		Willow Warbler	
Rhododendron		Firecrest (heard)	
Wood Spurge		Blackcap	
Lady's Smock		Robin	



Fallow Deer at Bolderwood Farm Deer Sanctuary by Lyn Traves