



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **Boldre Walk**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
 Weather: Overcast, light rain showers  
 Walk Leaders: Will and Maz Russell  
 Attendees: 14

Boldre is a village and civil parish in the New Forest district of Hampshire. It is situated inside the New Forest National Park borders, near the Lymington River, about two miles north of Lymington. Boldre parish church of St John the Baptist sits on top of a hill 1 mile from the village centre. The church structure can be traced back to the late-11th century. Inside the church there is a memorial to HMS Hood, a battle cruiser sunk by the German battleship Bismarck on 24th May 1941 killing 1415, only three survived. Vice Admiral L. E. Holland CB, who had been a regular worshiper at Boldre, was among those who died. We were unable to visit the church on this occasion as there was a wedding in progress.

Our walk started at the church car park, passing by farmland around Boldre and Dilton, to Roydon Woods Nature Reserve owned and managed by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The wood contains dense blocks of ancient woodland along with grassy meadows, it is beautiful in spring with a carpet bluebells. We had our picnic lunch beside the Lymington River which flows through the wood. Numerous headwaters to the west of Lyndhurst give rise to the river, including Highland Water, Bratley Water, Fletcher's Water and Ober Water, where it becomes the Lymington River. From Brockenhurst the river runs southwards to the Solent at Lymington. We returned to our cars via Boldre Bridge which crosses back over the Lymington River.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Flowering Plants cont</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Others</b>
White Clover	Common Fleabane	Common Buzzard	Crane Fly
Red Clover	Purple Toadflax	Robin	Fallow Deer
Knotgrass	Stinging Nettle	Starling	Southern Bracket Fungi
Pineappleweed	Daisy	House Sparrow	
Autumn Hawkbit	Creeping Buttercup	Goldfinch	
Yarrow	Scented Mayweed	Cormorant	
Creeping Thistle	Perforate St. John's Wort	Pied Wagtail	
Canadian Fleabane	Tormentil	Yellow Wagtail	
Hogweed	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Carrion Crow	
Hedge Bindweed	Ladies Bedstraw	Nuthatch	
Lesser Knapweed	Mallow	Wood Pigeon	
Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil	Broad-leaved Dock	Blackbird	
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Meadow Buttercup	Blue Tit	
Honeysuckle	Mugwort		
Catsear	Nipplewort		
Hedge Woundwort	Enchanter's Nightshade		
Water Mint	Meadowsweet		
Golden Rod	Redleg		
Foxglove	Water Pepper		
Wavy Bittercress	Corn Marigold		

Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Cornflower		
Butcher's Broom	Smooth Sow-thistle		
Groundsel	Greater Stitchwort		
White Dead-nettle	Himalayan Balsam		
Herb Robert			



*Golden Rod growing on a dusty track near Boldre by Lyn Traves*