



Ringwood Natural History Society Colehill Walk

Date: 21st November 2017
 Walk Leaders: Will & Maz Russell
 Weather: Overcast
 Temperature: 14 degrees
 Attendees: 12

Colehill lying between Wimborne and Ferndown in East Dorset, is a parish formed in 1896, the council met in Glyn's Coffee Tavern in Colehill Lane. Emerging from a small hamlet where little had changed since medieval times, Colehill saw significant expansion in the Victorian era. Largely due to the arrival of the railway Wimborne became prosperous and the rich of South East Dorset sought to make their homes on large estates on the slopes of Colehill. The name Colehill originated in 1431 as Colhulle, becoming Colhill in 1518 and Collehill in 1547, but the origins of Colehill as a settlement predate this by a long way. Six round barrows, which can still be seen, show that people lived here as early as 2000 BC.

The circular walk started from the Barley Mow public house. Oliver Cromwell passed this way with his army to do battle at Corfe Castle. The nearby Gods Blessing Lane is said to be where his troops were blessed before the battle. In later times part of the pub was a little village school. Our walk took us through some very attractive countryside, passing through Pilford Farm and Whitemoor Fishing Lakes along sometime muddy paths. Along the way we saw some unseasonal wild flowers along with some interesting fungi.

Birds	Fungi	Flowering Plants	Fruits
Starling	Pleated Inkcap	Prickly Sow-thistle	Honeysuckle
Carrion Crow	Fiery Milkcap	Dandelion	Rosehip
House Sparrow	Amethyst Deceiver	Hogweed	Holly Berries
Magpie	Common Stump Brittlestem	Red Clover	Stinking Iris
Green Woodpecker	The Deceiver	Meadow Buttercup	
Pheasant	Candlesnuff fungus	Musk Thistle	
Redwing	Willow Bracket	Nipplewort	
Blackbird	Hairy Curtain Crust	Herb Robert	
Fieldfare	Blushing Bracket	Shepard's Purse	
Wren	Turkeytail	Lesser Stitchwort	
Robin	Scaly Webcap	Common Ragwort	
Pied Wagtail	Trooping Funnel	Daisy	
Mallard		Reedmace	
Wood Pigeon		Red Campion	
Goldfinch		Winter Cress	



Colehill Walk -Trooping Funnel by Gerry Traves