## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Edmondsham Walk

Date:13th April 2023Weather:Rain 21 DegreesWalk Leaders:Sonia Wilkinson and Judy ThomasAttendees:20

Following our walk at Edmondsham House on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the owner Mrs Smith offered to give the Society a personal guided walk followed by afternoon tea. Her walk led us to Castle Hill through bluebell woods to the Norman type of Motte and Bailey Castle, the motte being the hillock or mound with a wooden or stone keep, accompanied by a walled courtyard or bailey and surrounded by a protective ditch and palisade. It has fairly recently been revealed as a much earlier earthworks constructed in Neolithic time around 4,500n years ago (late Stone Age). Our thanks to Mrs Smith for her hospitality and our guided walk along with tea and cake and to Sonia Wilkinson for organizing.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Insects
Barren Strawberry	Wood Pigeon	Dark-edged Bee-fly
Primrose	Buzzard	Oil Beetle
Lesser Celandine	Jackdaw	
Violet sp.	Rook	
Wood Spurge	Nuthatch	
Wood Anemone	Wren	
Greater Stitchwort	Robin	
Dog's Mercury	Blackbird	
Wood Sorrel	Blackcap	
Dandelion	Chiffchaff	
Small-leaved Lime	Pheasant	
Meadow Saxifrage	Great Spotted Woodpecker	
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Song Thrush	
Water Avens	Coal Tit	
Common Storksbill	Carrion Crow	
Bluebell		