



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Godshill, Evening Grasses Walk

Date: 28th June 2023
 Weather: Sunny spells
 Walk Leader: Bill Syratt
 Attendees: 24

Godshill is a village and civil parish and in New Forest National Park in Hampshire. It is about 1.5 miles east of the town of Fordingbridge. It is a small village, scattered on either side of the B3078 named the Roger Penny Way. The village is generally 18th and 19th century in date, with a number of cob and thatched cottages intermixed with brick with slate roof buildings. The village pub is known as The Fighting Cocks because there was once a cockpit there. The village cricket pitch of Godshill Cricket Club is half a mile east of Godshill village, surrounded by the gorse and heather of the New Forest. People have lived in the this area since prehistoric times and both Bronze Age and Iron Age remains have been found. We met at the Fighting Cocks car park and took the lane opposite the pub towards Hart Hill, now almost covered with bracken. Walking over the hill, we then crossed the heathland towards the cricket clubhouse where we saw a group of donkeys. Due to the recent hot and dry weather, there were not many grasses to be seen. We returned back to the pub where refreshments were taken.

Grasses	Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds
Rough Meadow-grass	Bramble	Tormentil	Song Thrush
Yorkshire Fog	Marsh Mallow	Tutsan	House Sparrow
Brown Bent	Common Ragwort	Slender Marsh Bedstraw	Swallow
Heath Wood-rush	Hairy Buttercup	Marsh Speedwell	Pied Wagtail
Soft Rush	Daisy	Wood Dock	Blackbird
Wavy Hair Grass	Yarrow	Marsh Pennywort	Robin
Bristle Bent	Foxglove	Wavy Bittercress	
Early Hair-grass	Petty Spurge	Common Mouse-ear	
Heath Grass	Self-heal	Sheep's Sorrel	
	Wood Sage	Bell Heather	
	Wild Strawberry	Dandelion	
	Herb Robert	Honeysuckle	
	Common Figwort	Hoary Plantain	
	Heath Bedstraw	Greater Plantain	
	White Clover	Buckshorn Plantain	
	Meadow Buttercup	Autumn Hawkbit	
	Cinquefoil	Smooth Hawksbeard	
	Sticky Ragwort/Groundsel	Marsh Cudweed	
	Lesser Spearwort		
	Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil		
	Birdsfoot Trefoil		



Donkey foal at Godshill by Lyn Traves