



# Ringwood Natural History Society

## Highland Water and Holmhill Inclosures Walk

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Walk Leaders: Pat Holder & Lyn Traves  
 Weather: Overcast  
 Temperature: 17 degrees  
 Attendees: 11

Our walk started in the heart of the New Forest near Bolderwood from Highland Water Car Park. We walked on gravel cycle tracks and grassy often water-logged, boggy paths typical of the forest. Passing through Holmhill Inclosure, first planted in 1815 and features mature oak and beech trees as well as a variety of conifers, including by the ride-side a stand of larch. A little beyond Holmhill Inclosure in what is now Highland Water Inclosure, the site of an old Stag Park. One of three such parks shown on the old map of the New Forest, they were clearly associated with deer although their exact purpose remains unclear. It has been suggested, however, that they were created in the 17th century to hold red deer newly imported from France. Earthwork remains can still be seen. Returning back we crossed Highland Water which flows over gravel beds on its way to the sea. After a period of damp wet weather a vast array of fungi was seen, some of which I have been unable to identify.

Fungi	Fungi cont.	Flowering Plants	Others
Common Stump Brittlestem	The Sickener	Tormentil	Slow Worm
Green Elf Cup	Bay Bolete	Daisy	Southern Wood Ant
Hairy Curtain Crust	Fly Agaric	Cross-leaved Heather	Buff-tailed Bumble Bee
Bleeding Oak Crust	Milking Bonnet var. nigra	Ling	
Purple Brittlegill	Dung Domecap	Catsear	
Bovine Bolete	Southern Bracket	Dwarf Gorse	
Grey Spotted Amanita	Elfin Saddle	Dandelion	
The Blusher	Amethyst Deceiver	Selfheal	
Yellow Stagshorn	Golden Spindles	Devilsbit Scabious	
A Yellow Slime Mould	Common Inkcap	Creeping Buttercup	
Possible Bitter Bracket	Fairy Inkcap	Bell Heather	
The Deceiver		Lesser Spearwort	
Buttercap		Common Milkwort	
Slippery Jack		Bramble	
Tawny Grisette		Common Ragwort	
Ochre Brittlegill			
Panthercap			
Swede Bolete			
Yellow Swamp Brittlegill			
Mottled Bolete			
Chanterelle			
The Miller			



*Fly Agaric at Holmhill Inclosure by Lyn Traves*