



## Ringwood Natural History Society Holmsley Inclosure Walk

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017  
 Walk Leaders: Maz & Will Russell  
 Weather: Sunny with a light wind  
 Temperature: 15 degrees  
 Attendees: 11

Holmsley Inclosure including the campsite occupies part of what used to be Holmsley South Airfield in WWII, one of 12 New Forest wartime airfields and Advanced Learning Grounds. Surrounded by ancient trees on all sides, and sitting next to a large heathland, it takes advantage of the beauty and outdoor escapes the New Forest has to offer. The airfield is located approximately 5 miles (8.0km) north east of Christchurch, Dorset and about 5 miles (8.0km) south west of Burley Hampshire on the boundary of the New Forest National Park. Opened in 1942, it was used by both the Royal Air Force and United States Army Air Forces. During the war it was used primarily as a bomber and later as a transport airfield. After the war it was closed in late 1946. Christchurch Council from December 1946 to 1961 used the old accommodation sites including WAAF Nissan Huts as temporary accommodation for families waiting for a council house.

<b>Fungi</b>	<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Birds</b>
Parasol Mushroom	Red Admiral	Common Mallow	Robin
Snowy Waxcap	Small Tortoiseshell	Daisy	Buzzard
Fly Agaric	Speckled Wood	Dandelion	Chaffinch
Bolete species	Common Blue	Common Centaury	Carrion Crow
Turf Mottlegill	Meadow Brown	Autumn Hawkbit	Jackdaw
Scarlet Waxcap		Ragwort Ragwort	Blackbird
Indigo Pinkgill	<b>Others</b>	Self-heal	
Candlesnuff Fungus	Fox Moth caterpillar	Bell Heather	
Bovine Bolete	Dor Beetle	Tormentil	
Saffron Milkcap		Ling	<b>Fruits</b>
Panthercap		Cross-leaved Heather	Rose Hip
Common Puffball		Common Milkwort	Blackberry
Turkeytail		Common Dog Violet	
Meadow Waxcap		Heath Speedwell	
Tawny Funnel		Wood Sage	
Split Fibercap		Common Vetch	
		Bramble	
		Pennyroyal	



*Parasol Mushrooms at Holmsley Inclosure by Lyn Traves*