



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Hosted Woodland Walk

Date: 23rd July 2024
 Weather: Sunny Spells
 Walk Leader: Hosted by Barry Deakin, arranged by Mike and Liz Read
 Attendees: 13

Mike and Liz kindly arranged a hosted walk with Barry Deakin. A few years ago Barry purchased 6 acres of mixed woodland and has been carrying out management work including coppicing to encourage wildlife there ever since. He invited us on a tour of his woodland beginning with a talk about his work over a cup of coffee at his shelter, built by himself using his own wood. Afterwards he gave us a guided walk around his lovely woodland to the lower damper side where there were restored ponds to aid drainage. He has deer and foxes visiting and badger sets on site who have produced youngsters in previous years, the badgers had found a Buff-tailed Bumblebee nest in the ground which they had recently dug out to obtain food. Around the site there are several corrugated steel sheets with lots of reptiles in residence underneath. After lunch we went on a second walk to the higher side of the wood where Barry also showed us his charcoal burner and explained how it worked, he had just carried out a burn which was cooling down ready for the charcoal to be bagged up and sold on.

Many thanks to Barry for inviting us and for a very interesting and informative day.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants	Butterflies	Reptiles
Herb Robert	Hedge Woundwort	Meadow Brown	Slow Worms
Self-heal	Tutsan	Gatekeeper	Grass Snakes
Enchanter's Nightshade	Meadowsweet	Silver-washed Fritillary	Common Lizard
Common Figwort	Marsh Thistle(white form)	Ringlet	
Herb Bennet	Perforate St John's Wort	Peacock	Beetles
White Clover	Common Stinging Nettle	Large White	Soldier Beetle
Common Fleabane	Golden Melilot	Brimstone	Dung Beetle
Guilder Rose (fruits)	Musk Mallow	Speckled Wood	Six-spotted Longhorn Beetle
Wood Dock	Lesser Hawkbit		
Wood Spurge	Knotgrass	Dragonflies etc.	Birds
Lesser Burdock		Small Blue Damselfly	Long-tailed Tit
Honeysuckle	Grasses etc	Golden-ringed Dragonfly	Robin
Wood Violet	Giant Fescue		
Yellow Pimpernel	Tufted Hair-grass	Fungi	Others
Yellow Water-lily	Soft Rush	Oyster Mushroom	Bank Vole
Ragged Robin	False Wood Brome	King Arthur's Cakes	Roesel's Bush-cricket
Cleavers	Remote Sedge	Turkeytail	Buff-tailed Bumblebee nest
Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil	False Fox Sedge		Harvestman
Water Mint	Sharp-flowered Rush		
Redcurrant (fruits)	Wood Medick		
Common Ragwort	Yorkshire Fog		



Grass Snake and Slow Worms at Barry's Woodland



Buff-tailed Bumblebee nest excavated by Badgers by Lyn Traves