



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Longslade Bottom Walk

Date: 12th November 2024
 Weather: Sunny
 Walk Leader: Theresa Holden
 Attendees: 13

Today's walk on a beautiful sunny day after two weeks of mirk, mist and gloom, started from Longslade Bottom car park. Located on Longslade aka Wilverley Road one mile north of the village of Sway and three miles south west of Brockenhurst. We walked onto the disused railway line now a trailway, in a westerly direction towards Burley. The trailway is part of the former Southampton and Dorchester Railway line which ran from Brockenhurst to Hamworthy Junction via Ringwood. This circuitous route was promoted in the 19th century by the Wimborne solicitor Charles Castleman and was chosen because of the need to run through populated areas at a time when Bournemouth was a small village. Many people called it "The Castleman Corkscrew" owing to the number of curves. It was closed in 1964 by Dr. Beeching. We left the trailway just before reaching the road created by the railway line called Old Railway in the 1960's which runs past Holmsley Station, now tea rooms,. We returned by walking through an area of heathland, then Set Thorns Inclosure along with its campsite. We met a very nice lady who had sadly found a newly deceased Snipe bird.

Flowering Plants	Fungi	Birds
Daisy	Snowy Waxcap	Magpie
Catsear	Golden Spindles	Robin
Dandelion	Scarlet Waxcap	Common Gorse
Herb Robert	Brown Waxcap sp.	Mistle Thrush
Rose Hips (fruits)	Turkeytail	Carrion Crow
Blackberry (fruits)		Herring Gull
	Lichen	Linnet
Butterflies	Dog Tooth Lichen	Long Tailed Tit
Red Admiral		Snipe (deceased)
Arachnida		
Red Spider Mites on Gorse		



Red spider mites webs on Gorse