



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Oakley Walk and Gathering

Date: 4th September 2024
 Weather: Sunny and warm
 Walk Leaders: Jean Crawford and Pat Holder
 Attendees: 16

We met at Oakley Car Park for our short morning walk, found on Lyndhurst Road 2 miles north-east of Burley. Leaving our cars we entered South Oakley Inclosure, it is an attractive area of broad-leaved woodland and associated lawns with scattered blocks of conifers, including Western Hemlock, Douglas Fir and Giant Sequoia trees introduced from the United States of America. The inclosure was created in 1853, shortly after the 1851 Deer Removal Act. It lies on what originally was mainly open heathland with scattered trees, although there were already areas of ancient, unenclosed woodland present. After our somewhat unexpected muddy walk with a surprisingly large amount of fungi seen, we returned to our cars where we had a picnic lunch on the lawn area beside the car park.

Flowering Plants	Fungi	Butterflies	Birds
Tormentil	Charcoal Burner	Speckled Wood	Marsh Tit
Daisy	Sulphur Tuft	Gatekeeper	Goldcrest
Black Nightshade	Common Earthball		Blue Tit
Marsh Ragwort	Root Rot	Others	Robin
Wavy Bittercress	Russet Toughshank	Dor Beetle	Wren
Lesser Spearwort	Southern Bracket	Spiked Shield bug	Buzzard
Herb Robert	Turkeytail	Shining Ground Beetle	Raven
Creeping Buttercup	Birch Polypore		Jay
Self Heal	Oyster Mushroom		Nuthatch
Yellow Pimpernel	Fenugreek Milkcap		Coal Tit
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Green Elfcap		
Cow Wheat	Sickener		
Marsh Thistle	Dog's Vomit Slime Mould		
Tutsan	Deer Shield		
Water Pepper	Blusher		
Hard Fern	Egg-head Mottlegill		
Wood Sorrel seed head			
Wood Spurge			
Cross-leaved Heath			
Ling			
Bell Heather			
Foxglove			
Catsear			



Oakley, Beard Lichen by Lyn Traves