



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A walk around Poulner

Date: 22nd February 2023
Weather: Overcast
Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
Attendees: 16

We started from Linford Road, Poulner in the civil Parish of Ringwood. At one time Poulner was a separate settlement from Ringwood, however 20th century development mainly through the 50's and 60's of housing in the fields and small-holdings that once lay between Poulner and Ringwood have made Poulner effectively a suburb of Ringwood. The main road through Ringwood at that time was Southampton Road then part of the A31, which runs west to Dorchester and east to Southampton through the New Forest. Then came the big split when Ringwood and Poulner were virtually cut in half by the completion of a bypass becoming the new A31 which was completed in 1975.

After leaving Maz and Will's house we walked uphill to Poulner Common, walking across it to reach Cowpits Lane, crossing the lane to reach Lin Brook and walking over the bridge at the ford on Gorley Road. From there we walked along the footpath which runs between Linbrook Lake a Carp fishery and Northfield Lake primarily a fishing lake run by Ringwood & District Anglers Association. Both lakes are disused gravel pits. We followed the path through to North Poulner Road and returning back along Gorley Road to Linford Road and Maz and Will's house where hot soup and a roll was awaiting us. We thank Maz and Will for their hospitality.

Birds	Birds cont.	Flowering Plants
Starlings	Dunnock	Perriwinkle (blue and white)
Red Kites (2)	Great Tit	Gorse
Long-tailed Tit	Canada Geese	Hazel Catkins
Robin	Tufted Duck	Snowdrops
Blue Tit	Coot	
Blackbird	Moorhen	
Carrion Crow	Jay	
Wood Pigeon	Herring Gull	
Wren	Black-headed Gull	