



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Rosemary's Garden and Broadstone Heath Local Nature Reserve

Date: 7th May 2024
Weather: Sunny
Walk Leaders: Rosemary and Derek Roberts
Attendees: 9

Rosemary said she has a few nesting birds in her garden and wood. Great Tits were nesting in a camera box with 5 chicks, all of which fledged today, we viewed on a TV and saw the last one go. In another camera box there were Blue Tits with chicks hatching today, we watched on another TV. After, we walked around the garden bathed in warm sunshine, its planted with native wild plants along with ornamental shrubs and trees which shield the garden from the traffic noise of Gravel Hill, which it backs onto.

Derek took us for a walk around Broadstone Heath Local Nature Reserve which is not far from the house. It has a mixture of heath and woodland with footpaths running through and superb views over Poole and the harbour, with distant views towards the Purbeck Hills and Corfe Castle. The reserve still has the remains of the extensive heathland that used to cover most of the Poole Basin. It's now around 40 per cent dry and wet heath and 60 per cent mixed woodland.

Many thanks for Rosemary and Derek's hospitality.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Others
Blue Tit	Bluebells	Brimstone Butterfly
Great Tit	Daisy	Peacock Butterfly
Goldcrest	Alexander's	Large Red Damselfly
Goldfinch	Ox-eye Daisy	
House Sparrow	Smooth Sow-thistle	
Robin	Rowan	
Carrion Crow	Herb Robert	
Magpie	Dandelion	
Wood Pigeon	Honeysuckle	
Buzzard	Chickweed	
	Hairy Bittercress	
	Groundsel	
	Forget me not	
	Rhododendron.	



Alexanders growing in Rosemary's Garden