



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

South Oakley Walk

Date: 3rd March 2020
 Weather: Sunny, 8 degrees
 Walk Leader: Jayne O'Reilly
 Attendees: 10

Our walk started from Oakley Forestry England car park on Lyndhurst Road which runs from Burley to the A35 and onto Lyndhurst. South Oakley Inclosure was created in 1853, it lies on what originally was mainly open heathland with scattered trees, although there were already areas of ancient, unenclosed woodland present with occasional pollarded trees, remnants of the original Oakley Wood that were spared the axe when the inclosure was created.

From the car park we started to walk down a very muddy ride, reverting to walking through the woods beside it which was much firmer, until we met the cycle track which runs from Woods Corner car park to Bolderwood. Walking along the graveled track passing an attractive area of broad-leaved woodland with scattered blocks of conifers, until we came to a tarmacked lane bordering Burley Outer Rails Inclosure. The lane leads to Old House to the north but we followed it to the south which leads to Lyndhurst Road, then walking along it we returned to Oakley car park.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Mammals
Crossbill	Wood Spurge	Roe Deer
Robin	Gorse	Grey Squirrel
Nuthatch	Pussy Willow	
Wren	Lesser Celandine	Insects
Blue Tit	Witches Broome (flowers & fruits)	Southern Wood Ants
Dunnock	Dandelion	
Goldcrest	Daisy	
Blackbird		
Raven		
Coal Tit		
Goshawk		
Buzzard		
Siskin		



Southern Wood Ants by Lyn Traves