



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Upper and Lower Canterton Walk

Date: 4th October 2021
Weather: Overcast with showers
Walk Leaders: Sonia Wilkinson and Judy Thomas
Attendees: 11

The Rufus Stone is a three sided cast iron pillar which stands over the original stone, it marks the place where King William II (aka William Rufus due to his red hair and beard) was hit and killed by a stray arrow from Sir Walter Tyrrell's arrow whilst out hunting. Ever since there has been an argument as to whether it was an accident or not.

We started the walk at the Sir Walter Tyrrell pub which lies just down the lane from the Rufus Stone. We recently had some very wet weather which left conditions very wet and muddy underfoot, so it was decided to cut the planned route short and walk on firm tracks. We passed by Upper and Lower Canterton, then onto the Green Dragon pub to reach the Roger Penny Way (B3078). Walking along it a short way we returned back crossing over Brook Common and Bramshaw Golf Course, then crossing King Garn's Gutter at a ford to return back to the welcoming pub and lunch.

Flowering Plants	Birds
Water Pepper	Wood Pigeon
Wavy Bittercress	Collard Dove
Creeping Buttercup	Great Tit
Common Ragwort	Starling
Honeysuckle	Blackbird
Betony	Robin
Stinging Nettle	Wren
Herb Robert	Carrion Crow
Lesser Spearwort	Song Thrush
Agrimony	Goldfinch
Autumn Hawkbit	
Dandelion	
Daisy	
Common Mallow	
Fruits	
Haws	
Blackberry	
Rose Hip	
Holly	