



Ringwood Natural History Society Upton Country Park Walk

Date: 17th January 2017
 Walk Leaders: Maz & Will Russell
 Weather: Overcast, 8 degrees.
 Attendees: 14

The house and grounds were bequeathed to the Borough of Poole in 1957 and opened to the public in 1976. There are over 130 acres of parkland, shoreline, formal estate garden and a Grade II listed Georgian Mansion House. The grounds are growing, neighbouring farmland is being converted in phases into new grassland, woodland, water meadow and a meandering stream with two bridges and stepping stones to cross it, with new pathways, picnic tables, benches and new views across the wonderful landscape. The project was identified for a major new recreational space or SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) as Poole is growing and has to accommodate 10,000 new homes by 2026.

Our walk took us on a circular route around the grounds returning via the boardwalk with views over the wetlands and Holes Bay. Finishing off with refreshments at the Tea Rooms.

Birds	Fungi	Flowering Plants
Robin	Hairy Curtain Crust	Hazel Catkin
Wood Pigeon	Yellow Brain (<i>Tremella aurantia</i> parasitic on Hairy Curtain Crust)	Daisy
Chaffinch	Turkeytail	
Blackbird	Beech Tarcrust	
Jackdaw	Bleeding Oak Crust	
Carrion Crow	Bleeding Broadleaf Crust	
Canada Geese	Chicken of the Woods (old & moulded)	
Mistle Thrush	Bracket on Oak (old & moulded)	
Redwing		
Moorhen		
Magpie		
Mallard		
Starling		
Great Tit		
Buzzard	Birds (cont)	
Shelduck	Song Trush	
Shoveler	Dunlin	
Curlew	Coal Tit	
Oystercatcher	Pintail	
Little Egret	Wigeon	
Herring Gull	Teal	
Black-headed Gull	Grey Heron	
Goldfinch	Black-tailed Godwit	



Canada Geese at Upton Country Park by Lyn Traves