



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Upton Country Park Walk

Date: 6th April 2022
 Weather: Mostly cloudy with a strong wind, 11 degrees
 Walk Leaders: Rosemary and Derek Roberts
 Attendees: 8

Upton Country Park in Poole has over 160 acres of beautiful award-winning gardens, open parkland, woodland and shoreline, with stunning Georgian Grade II listed Upton House as the centrepiece. The house and grounds were bequeathed to the Borough of Poole in 1957 and opened to the public in 1976. Situated on the north western shoreline of Holes Bay which is a tidal inland lake and lies to the north of Poole Harbour. The entrance to the bay is a small inlet from the main harbour, spanning the inlet are two bridges Poole Bridge and the Twin Sails Bridge. Poole Harbour is one of the largest natural harbours in the world, a very high proportion of its area comprising intertidal marshes and mudflats. These, together with the permanent channels, support large numbers of wintering wildfowl and waders, for which Poole Harbour has national and international significance.

Our walk took us on a circular route, leaving the car park we followed the shoreline path towards Holes Bay to the boardwalk and the lookout with views over the wetlands and Pergins Island (also part of the estate but with no public access), then onto Grove Lake and past Grove Wood back to the tea rooms and gallery.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds	Birds cont
Dandelion	Hairy Bittercress	Wood Pigeon	Mallard
Lesser Celandine	Scurvy Grass	Blackbird	Robin
Primrose	Greater Stitchwort	Shelduck	Carrion Crow
Bluebell	Blackthorn	Black-tailed Godwit	Rook
Greater Periwinkle	Cow Parsley	Herring Gull	Jackdaw
Daisy	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	Black-headed Gull	Dunnock
Common Field Speedwell	Herb Robert	Redshank	Pied Wagtail
Grey Field Speedwell	Green Alkanet	Teal	Great Tit
Groundsel	Round-leaved Cranesbill	Oystercatcher	Little Egret
Shepherd's Purse	Petty Spurge	Wigeon	Marsh Harrier
White Dead Nettle	Bullace	Avocet	Buzzard
Red Dead Nettle	Goat Willow/Pussy Willow	Dunlin	Great Black-backed Gull
		Magpie	