



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Whitefield Moor Walk

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell  
 Attendees: 10

Our walk started at Whitefield Moor car park, situated off Rhinefield Road which runs from the A35 and leads into the north eastern side of Brockenhurst. During World War 2 this site was part of several thousand acres ploughed up to grow crops under the New Forest Pastoral Developments Scheme. Once the war was over it was ploughed again and sown with clover and grasses and became pasture superior to that of natural forest lawn. We followed the path which leads from the car park close to the road to reach Puttles Bridge which crosses over Ober Water and walked alongside the stream crossing back over it to return walking over Whitefield Moor to enjoy a picnic lunch. Ober Water originates in the bog land around Burley and joins Highland Water to eventually become the Lymington River. The walk passes a variety of habitats around Ober Water, including heathland with gorse and bog, grassland, natural and formerly enclosed woodland.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Fungi</b>
Water Purslane	Water Mint	Swallow	Birch Polypore
Autumn Hawkbit	Common Centaury	Chaffinch	Common Earthball
Bell Heather	Field Gentian	Blackbird	Fenugreek Milkcap
Ling		Blue Tit	Turf Mottlegill
Cross-leaved Heath	<b>Grasses etc.</b>	Robin	Meadow Mushroom spp <i>Anaricus porphyrocephalus</i>
Daisy	Wavy Bent Grass	Long-tailed Tit	
Tormentil	Creeping Bent	Goldcrest	<b>Butterflies</b>
Dwarf Gorse	Purple Moor-grass	Carrion Crow	Large White
Gorse	White-beaked Sedge	Jackdaw	Peacock
Bramble	Annual Meadow-grass	Rook	
Lesser Spearwort		Wood Pigeon	<b>Dragonflies</b>
Bog Myrtle	<b>Ferns etc.</b>	Black-footed Wader	Common Darter
Water Pepper	Bracken	House Martin	Hawker spp.
Marsh Ragwort	Hard Fern		
Marsh St. John's wort	Toad Rush		<b>Others</b>
Devils bit Scabious			Frog
Lesser Skullcap	<b>Mosses</b>		Dor Beetle
Marsh Willowherb	Bank Haircap Moss		Hornet