

RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Whitefield Moor



Date: 20th September 2022
Weather: Sunny 22 Degrees
Walk Leader : Maz and Will Russell
Attendees: 17

Our walk started at Whitefield Moor car park, situated on Rhinefield Road which 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 crossed Ober Water to walk alongside it to a second bridge, crossing back to return walking over Whitefield Moor to enjoy a picnic lunch, where we were joined by five non walkers. The walk passes a variety of habitats around Ober Water, including heathland with gorse and bog, grassland, natural and formerly enclosed woodland, and Ober Water stream itself.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Mammals
Autumn Hawkbit	Raven	Grey Squirrel
Ling	Robin	Highland Cow
Bell Heather	Wood Pigeon	
Crossed-leaved Heath	Nuthatch	Insects
Dwarf Gorse	Blackbird	Small White
Tormentil	Stonechat	Red Admiral
Sheepsbit	Kestrel	
Common Ragwort	Starling	Dragonflies
Redleg	Carrion Crow	Common Dater
Lesser Skullcap	Jackdaw	Southern Hawker
Marsh St. John's Wort	Chaffinch	
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Meadow Pipit	Fungi
Autumn Ladies Tresses		Parasol
Fruits		Brown Rollrim
Sloes		
Rose Hips		
Blackberry		



Lady's Autumn Tresses by Lyn Traves