



Ringwood Natural History Society Woodgreen Walk

Date: 6th December 2017

Walk Leader: John Gurney

Weather: Overcast

Temperature: 12 degrees

Attendees: 11

Woodgreen village is a civil parish with a population of 540, covering an area of 47 acres, created in 1858. In 1932 it was enlarged with the addition of 166 acres from Breamore parish and 175 acres from Hale parish. Situated in the valley of the River Avon on the north-western edge of the New Forest, it is signposted at Breamore from the A338 Salisbury to Fordingbridge road. The whole parish of Woodgreen is within the western escarpment conservation area, set up in 2008 and Woodgreen Common has been designated as a site of special scientific interest. Two thirds of the parish is an area of woodland, heathland, acid grassland, scrub and valley bog, supporting a richness and diversity of wildlife. The village was originally an extra-parochial area of the New Forest, reckoned as part of Godshill. The settlement has been known as Woodgreen since the mid 17th century. The "Wood" is Godshill Inclosure which separates the village from the rest of the New Forest; "Green" is a common name in southern England for a secondary settlement. One mile to the south of the village are the earthwork remains of Castle Hill, comprising an oval ring motte with an outer bailey.

Our walk took us from the Horse and Groom pub car park passing by Woodgreen Common, crossing a stream into Godshill Inclosure, first enclosed in 1810 and planted with oak and beech some of which still exist, to the hill top escarpment of Castle Hill where we enjoyed the view over the Avon river valley. Circling round to Godshill Wood and retuning back through Godshill Inclosure to Woodgreen where we had lunch at the pub.

Birds	Fungi	Flowering Plants
Kestrel	Hairy Curtain Crust	Herb Robert
Robin	Turkeytail	Hogweed
Sparrow	Burgundy Drop Bonnet	Daisy
Wood Pigeon	Trooping Funnel	Groundsel
Great spotted Woodpecker	Common Puffball	Lesser Celandine
Black-headed Gull		Creeping Buttercup
Collard Dove		
Nuthatch		Others
Treecreeper		Mistletoe berries
Mute Swan	Lichen	Holly berries
Little Egret	<i>Peltigera canina</i> -	Wild Bee honeycomb
Long-tailed Tit	Dog Lichen	



Breamore Mill & Bridge over River Avon from Castle Hill by Lyn Traves