



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Wool Walk

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
 Weather: Sunny spells and breezy  
 Walk Leaders: Sonia Wilkinson and Judy Thomas  
 Attendees: 9

Wool is a large village in south Dorset, the parish includes Bovington Camp army base to the north. It lies at a historic bridging point on the River Frome, halfway between Dorchester and Wareham. Our walk started at the library car park in Collyer's Lane just off the main A352 Dorchester Road. The route took us along Collyer's Lane to Duck Street then we crossed Lulworth Road to Quarr Hill. We walked through the churchyard of the medieval parish church of Holy Rood, then crossed a field planted with Oil Seed Rape which had gone to seed, a blanket of Corn Marigolds had replaced the rape flowers. Walking further on we reached East Stoke Fen Nature Reserve, managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust. A small reserve and one where the most interesting parts are really inaccessible as it is mainly reed marsh and wet woodland. Bordering it is a field, which, when Sonia did the recce was full of wild flowers, sadly for us the field had been harvested. We had lunch there then returned to Binden Lane which we walked along to reach the remains of Binden Abbey a Cistercian monastery founded in 1149, and demolished in the Dissolution of the Monasteries of 1539, the stone was used to build castles in Portland, Lulworth and Sandsfoot. From there we returned back to Wool crossing fields and walking past the church to Spring Street with lovely old thatched cottages along it, to the car park.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants	Birds	Insects
Pineappleweed	Perforate St John's Wort	Rook	<b>Butterflies</b>
Nipplewort	Wood Sage	Carrion Crow	Small White
Field Bindweed	Herb Robert	Jackdaw	Large White
Yarrow (pink & white)	Hedge Woundwort	House Sparrow	Meadow Brown
White Clover	Wood Dock	Wood Wigeon	Common Blue
Common Mouse-ear	Creeping Buttercup	Sky Lark	Small Heath
Common Mallow	Herb Bennet	Whitethroat	Marbled White
Bramble	Enchanter's Nightshade	House Martin	Ringlet
Spear Thistle	Birdsfoot Trefoil	Swallow	Small Skipper
Common Evening Primrose	Common Ragwort	Song Thrush	Speckled Wood
Small-flowered Cranesbill	Agrimony	Chiffchaff	Gatekeeper
Daisy	Common Sorrel		
Black Medick	Silverweed		<b>Moths</b>
Greater Celandine	Bush Vetch		5 Spot Burnet
Purple Toadflax	Lesser Stitchwort		Brown China Mark
Foxglove	Meadow Vetchling		Grass-veneer sp.
Ribwort Plantain	Red Valarian		
Hogweed	Wood Spurge		<b>Dragonflies etc</b>
Corn Marigold	Cinquefoil		Golden-ringed
Broad-leaved Dock	Marsh Thistle		Common Blue Damselfly
Oil-seed Rape	Hemlock Water Dropwort		
Scentless Mayweed	Crow Garlic		<b>Flies etc</b>

Red Clover	Tutsan		Horsefly sp.
Bugloss	Betony		Bumblebee Hoverfly Mimic
Common Poppy	Common Figwort		Common Carder Bumblebee
Redleg	Field Rose		
Red Campion	Curled Leaf Dock		<b>Others</b>
Stinging Nettle	Creeping Thistle		7-spot Ladybird
Scarlet Pimpernel	Musk Mallow		Oak Apple Galls
Sun Spurge	Common Fleabane		
Wild Carrot	Comfrey		
Hedge Parsley	Rough Hawkweed		
Cornflower	White Dead-nettle		
Hedge Bedstraw	Greater Plantain		



*Golden Ringed Dragonfly by Judy Thomas*