



Westleton Common Annual Report 2022



Juliet Bullimore 19 March 2022

WESTLETON COMMON ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Annual Report 2022 – Review of the Year

The Covid 19 pandemic still exerted some influence on the year. Unfortunately, the New Year's Day bonfire and fireworks had to be cancelled yet again. Overall Covid was far less of a problem than it had been in the previous two years. Most working parties and nature walks were able to take place and the few that had to be cancelled were for other reasons.

Early in the year contractors cleared a lot of the gorse and other vegetation from the Noddle (compartment 6) and in a small area near Ralph's Mill (compartment 9). These areas were getting very overgrown with gorse at the expense of other plants. The value of the common is in its variety of habitats; we can offer no guarantees but would expect that that this clearance will permit the recovery of a wider variety of vegetation. This photograph was taken by Juliet Bullimore on 12th June 2012, 18 months after the Noddle clearance in the autumn of 2010.



We were unable to get any help with the management of the common from the Community Payback programme run by the Ministry of Justice. They could not say if the programme will be reinstated. Inevitably we will have to make more use of contractors to keep on top of the work. We have also doubled the frequency of the Saturday morning working parties and would welcome more people to the working parties – the average age of the present “regulars” is rising, and the average fitness level is falling. More help would be appreciated. Neil Lister arranged for a team of volunteers from Suffolk Coast and Heaths to do a lot of clearance work in compartment 9 for one day in November. They will also be helping on another day in February 2023. At this stage we do not know if this can be a regular source of help.

There has been some speculation about searchlights on the Noddle during the war of 1939 to 1945. Local historian David Sims can find no record of a permanent WW2 searchlight sight on the common. He sent lists and maps of all the permanent sites in the coastal area of Suffolk, of which there are many, but Westleton is not listed. He thinks it is possible that a temporary satellite site may have been on the Noddle but has no clear evidence of this. Perhaps this is something that could be followed up.

During the early part of the year the Advisory Group reviewed the management plan for the common. A new plan for the 10 years 2023 to 2032 was written and accepted by Westleton Parish Council on 27th June 2022. The plan can be found on the Westleton website at <http://westleton.onesuffolk.net/westleton-common/management-plan/> . The plan was written with the advice of Graham Hart of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust has been agreed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust

(SWT). Copies have been lodged with SWT, Natural England (NE), the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Rural Payments Agency (RPA).

Emma Quick from NE and Graham Hart from SWT both visited the common during the year to assess the way the common has been managed. Both offered helpful advice and were very supportive of the progress made and the plan for the next decade.

2022 was the hottest and driest summer on record and it became clear that more and better firebreaks were needed on the common, especially on the north common in compartments 1, 2 and 3. Existing firebreaks were cleared and new ones cut by contractors. Ian Haynes took the following photographs.



We intend to cut more firebreaks during the early part of 2023.

Following on from the GeoSuffolk report of 2022 Bob Markham suggests that it would be helpful to improve access to the south face of the pit in compartment 1, so people can get a closer view, by cutting back brambles and some gorse on the ascent. This suggestion has been incorporated into the management plan.

In August 2022 Cintia Oi, a researcher at UCL, contacted David Rous. She is conducting a project on solitary wasps to check their behaviour and their health. The species she is mainly interested in is a member of the *Ammophila* genus which usually occurs in the sand paths of heathlands. For that she needs to collect some individuals to check their DNA and conduct some population genetic studies. She was keen to do field sampling on Westleton Common.

In January 2023 Cintia sent this update on her progress;

You have a good area of heathland in Westleton Common. I visited the area in the week of the summer that was really dry, so not a lot of flowers were available. It was only one day.

*Even though I found some solitary sand wasps of the species *Ammophila sabulosa*. I saw some bumblebees, but I couldn't identify those. But if you want, I could collect some Hymenoptera next time to take to the Museum for identification.*

I'm still carrying out my project, so I don't have any data to present to you. But I can keep you informed.

*Cheers,
Cintia Oi*

We have replied asking her to keep us up to date with her progress and to send us a link to her report when it is published. We have also accepted her offer to take specimens to the museum for identification.

We had an interesting email from a visitor to Westleton;

Dear David

I saw your details on the Westleton Common notice board on Friday last week September 30. Whilst walking there I noticed a swarm of very active, large wasp-like insects flying around a hole in a bank. I couldn't see whether they were hornets or not. I know that an Asian hornet has been found at Felixstowe this year.

I walked beyond the pebbles sign bearing left. With the view of the red brick outbuilding close to the house to the left I had a clear view of the pebble/ sand layers up high. Slightly to the right and down a bit there was a large hole (eg. rabbit) and to the right of its base there are what appears to be dry gorse roots under which there was a hole maybe 2-3 inches diameter with a lot of very large wasp like insects flying in and out and round about. My binoculars were not sufficient to identify them but maybe you will know what to do.

I was on holiday and not local to Suffolk.

Kind regards

Maggie

David Rous visited the site and all he could find was a ground nesting wasp nest. He saw no evidence of Asian Hornets. Whilst this was not an Asian Hornet nor, indeed, a particularly unusual observation, it is an example of the interest in the common for both visitors and local people and the value of reporting observations.

The High-Level Stewardship Grant from DEFRA is due for renewal in 2023. These grants require the support of Natural England. On 26 October 2022 Nick Shearme, David Rous and John Bebbington met with Emma Quick from Natural England to discuss progress with the HLS agreement. Emma has given her support to the renewal of the grant. Ian Haynes has submitted all the required paperwork to the Rural Payments Agency on behalf of Westleton Parish Council and we are optimistic that the grant will continue, but, at the time of writing (January 2023) we have not heard from the RPA.

We are very grateful for all the help we have received over the last year;

Thanks to all the people who helped on the Saturday morning working parties and provided the much-needed refreshments.

We are grateful to the people who conducted the surveys of the common and submitted their records which form an important part of this report.

We also thank the people who took the photographs in this report and their permission to use them.

We also appreciate the help we received in writing this report and for the contributions others have made to it. Juliet Bullimore was very generous with her help and advice. Juliet also helped with much of the organisation and publicity for both the Working Parties and Nature Walks.

Our thanks to them all.

*Westleton Common Advisory Group
January 2023*

Lost Friends

During 2022 we, sadly, lost three good friends of the Common, Tony Ingram, Alan Hargreaves and Sheila Francis.

A Tribute in memory of Tony Ingram

It was with great sadness that we learnt of Tony Ingram's death on March 29th.

He was an energetic and imaginative architect with wide interests, who came to Westleton with Anne nearly 20 years ago. While his working life was mostly in London, notable in the village were his design for the Foyer as part of the refurbishment of Westleton Village Hall, and the restoration of the famous old Pullman coach on the edge of Westleton Common, with his sympathetically rebuilt barn.

When able to take time out, he joined in working parties on the Common, and was most helpful in providing electricity for the moth traps set up by the local Moth Group for their study of the rich variety of moths to be found on the Common.

We extend our condolences to Anne and their family as they come to terms with their enormous loss.



Oak Eggar moth drawn by Tony in August 2020

Juliet Bullimore and the Westleton Common Advisory Group

Alan Hargreaves

In August we were saddened to hear that Alan had died. Alan was a great supporter of the Common and his very welcome help in providing the refreshments for the Saturday morning working parties was certainly appreciated by all members of those working parties.

All of members of the Common Advisory Group and all those who spend Saturday mornings working on the Common extend our deepest sympathy to Pam and the family over their sad loss.



Pam and Alan serving refreshments on a cold Saturday morning in January 2022.

Sheila Francis

In December Sheila passed away peacefully at Foxearth Lodge Care Home where she had been very well looked after for two and a half months. She was buried without any “fuss” at the burial ground at Wenhaston church, beside her partner Ted.

Sheila had been an enthusiastic and knowledgeable supporter of the common for the whole of her time in Westleton. She carried out regular botanical surveys focussing mainly on fungi and lichens. Her findings were sent to the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service and published in the common annual reports. She also joined the Saturday morning common nature walks and led more specialist fungus walks. As can be seen in the photograph that follows, she was always willing to share her knowledge with other members the group.



Sheila with an attentive audience at a Fungus Walk on 10th November 2012



October 2010 Sheila Francis and Richard Fisk October 2011 Fungus Walk group, Sheila holding court.

Jean Wood

Lady Jean Wood died on 20th December 2021. Jean was very enthusiastic about the Common and always showed a keen interest and concern for its management and wellbeing.

On most days, almost regardless of the weather, Jean could be seen walking her dog, Toby, on the Common and would always stop for a chat. She had very wide interests and would invariably have some important and helpful comments to make about how the common was being looked after.

Dee, Jean's daughter, writes; *"He (Toby) died a few months after Mum, he was 13, and we think he was just missing her too much, they were a great team!*

We all have happy memories of walks with Toby across the common too."



Jean at a moth trapping session in July 2019:

Sheila, Alan, Tony and Jean all had considerable interest in and enthusiasm for the common. We will miss them.

Roy Jones

As we were completing this annual report, we heard the sad news that Roy Jones had died on Saturday 28th January 2023.



Roy on the Lady Florence in June 2016 (photographer unknown)

Roy chaired the Westleton Common Advisory Group from 2015 to July 2020. He continued as a member of the group until his death. He was dedicated to the common and had been associated with it for many years.

He, and his late wife Jane, organised the refreshments for the Saturday morning working parties for several years soon after those working parties were established. Indeed, there is no doubt that Jane's ginger cake was a strong motivating factor that kept many volunteers involved.

As chairman of the Advisory Group Roy was always very hard working. Much of the work that he did was unseen; it was always Roy who kept in touch with the Rural Payments Agency and was able to keep on top of the rather tricky system of grant payments which the rest of us were never able to understand.

Roy provided the group with strong leadership and kept the rest of us focussed on the issues that mattered when we showed signs of getting side-tracked onto less important topics. He would always make sure that proper procedures were followed and that we abided by the various obligations under the funding agreements and, of course, our statutory duties. He had a clear vision of what was important to the success of the common project.

If Roy had a fault, it was a tendency to do too much of the work himself. But as he invariably did it well and it meant that the rest of us on the advisory group had an easier time than would otherwise have been the case, we were quite happy with this situation.

Roy was a great asset to Westleton (he was a member of the Parish Council, had been on the Village Hall Committee and ran the local branch of the Workers' Educational Association) and, obviously, a great asset to Westleton Common.

He will be missed.

*Westleton Common Advisory Group
January 2023*

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Westleton Parish Council

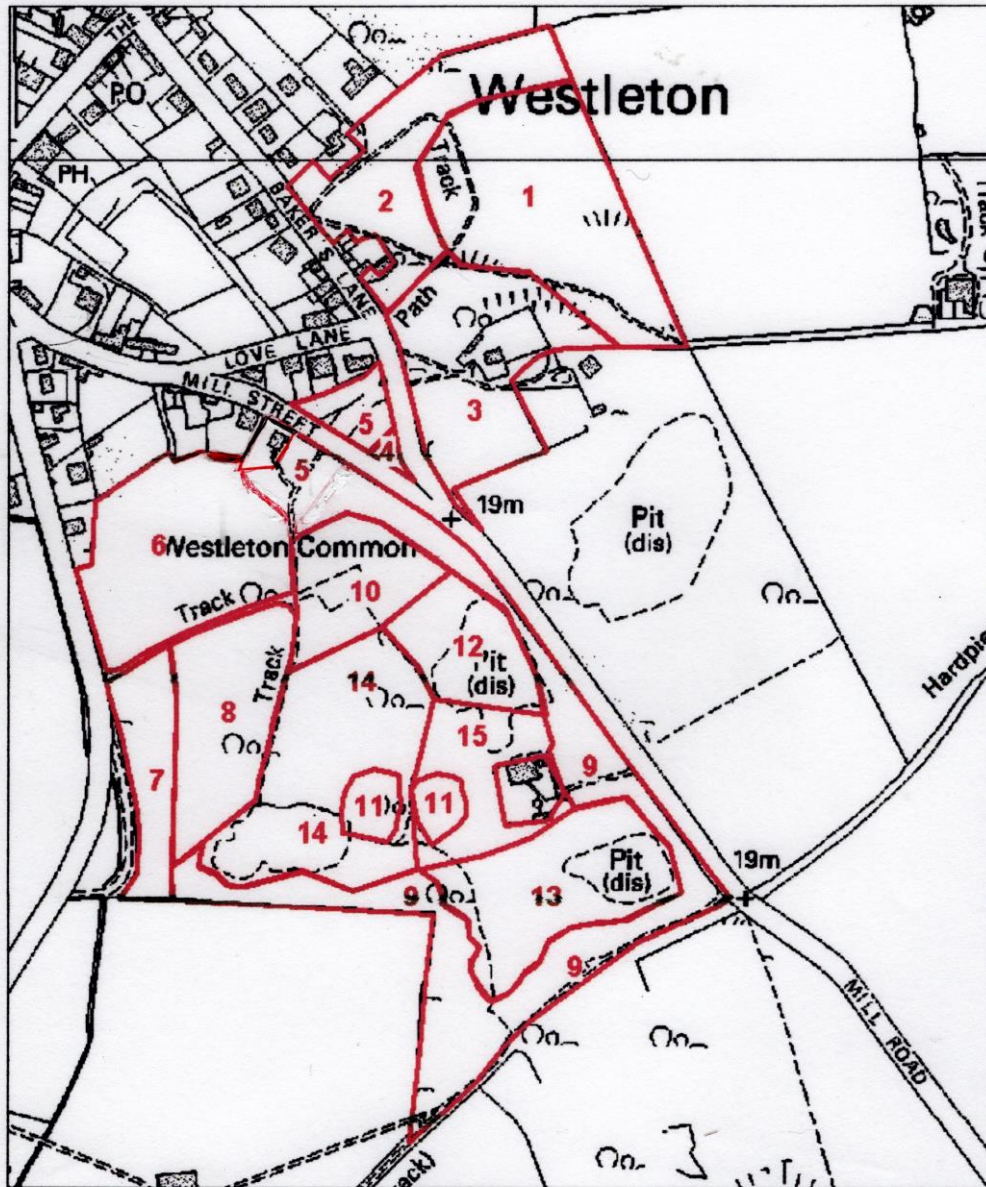
Westleton Common; Compartment Plan

Westleton Common

Compartment Map

Scale 1:4000

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Westleton Common Programme 2022

BONFIRE and FIREWORKS

New Year's Day at about 6pm

(Cancelled because of Covid-19 concerns)

WORKING PARTIES

10am - 12.30pm

Saturday January 22nd

Saturday February 19th

Saturday March 19th

Saturday September 17th

Saturday October 1st

Saturday October 15th

Saturday November 19th

Tools and Refreshments provided, please bring your own gloves.

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NATURE WALKS

10.30am - 12 noon

Saturday February 26th

Saturday April 9th

Saturday May 21st

Saturday July 2nd

Saturday September 3rd

Saturday November 5th

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For **Working Parties** and **Nature Walks**

meet at the container, which can be found along

a short track on the right at the top of Mill St,

opposite the Common Noticeboard.

Working Party Notes

David Rous led all the working parties.

January 22nd 2022. *(From notes by Juliet Bullimore)*

A group of 9 people including David Rous, worked on the north edge of the Old Football Field, (compartment 1 and 3) and cleared the gorse and silver birches that were crowding in on the 3 beehives.

Pam and Alan Hargreaves provided refreshments for the workers.

(Photographs Juliet Bullimore)



Obscured beehive



Getting started



Good progress



Well-earned break



Nearing the end



Beehives cleared

February 19th 2022.

This working party had to be cancelled because bad weather had been predicted. Storm Eunice was to blame. The proposed work area was under trees. A red warning was in place with winds with 70-80 mph gusts predicted for the 18th February. So, trees may have become unstable. Gusts of 50-60mph were forecast for 19th February making it unsafe to work.

March 19 2022 *(From notes by Juliet Bullimore)*

There were 9 members of the Working Party including the team leader, David Rous. Pam and Alan Hargreaves provided the refreshments.

The pathway along the South West edge of the Common (adjacent to the Reckford Rd lay-by) in compartment 7 leading up to the South side of the Common was cleared and is now walkable.

(Photographs Juliet Bullimore)



Thinking about starting



Hard at work



Still hard at work



Good progress



Good progress



Much clearer



Nearly finished



Time to go home

September 17 2022 *(From notes by Juliet Bullimore)*

A small group of 6 members including David Rous (team leader) and Nick Shearme (Advisory Group chairman). The group concentrated on gorse clearance in compartment 10 and achieved a reasonable amount in just over an hour; no refreshments were needed due to the shortness of the session. Nick cut back the pathways on to the Common with his strimmer.

(Photographs Juliet Bullimore)



At work



At work



At work



At work



Final review

October 1 2022 (From notes by Juliet Bullimore)

11 members of the working party including David Rous (team leader) and Nick Shearme (Advisory Group chairman) and Juliet Bullimore who also organised the refreshments. A beautiful day, weatherwise, ideal for clearing gorse in compartment 14.

(Photographs Juliet Bullimore)



At work



Coffee break



Still coffee break



Back to work



Still hard at work



Big heap of cut gorse



Completed work – photographed in the evening of Sunday 2 October

October 15 2022 *(From notes by Juliet Bullimore)*

Seven workers led by David Rous. Juliet Bullimore helped by Liz Pierce, who was also part of the working party, organized the refreshments. The work mainly involved cutting young silver birch and some gorse in compartment 14.

(Photographs Juliet Bullimore)



Before



Working



Still working



After and heap of cut material

November 19 2022

Working party cancelled due to rain.

Tuesday November 22 2022

A working party of about 12 volunteers from Suffolk Coast and Heaths led by Neil Lister cleared the bank in compartment 9 to the right of the path leading to Black Slough.

The work these friends did was invaluable, and we are very grateful for their help.



Before – Joyce Burtenshaw



Getting started - Juliet Bullimore



Getting started – Joyce Burtenshaw



After - Juliet Bullimore



After – Joyce Burtenshaw



After – Joyce Burtenshaw

Nature Walks and Other Observations

Nature Walks

Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group

In January 2022 Sally Skinner, the Secretary of the Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust got in touch. She was hoping to arrange a guided walk of the Common for members of the group in June.

Joyce Burtenshaw and Juliet Bullimore organized a walk for them on Saturday 25 June. Juliet's notes from this walk can be found below and Joyce's lists of the day's observations are included in the Appendix.

The following notes were prepared by Juliet Bullimore. See the appendices for detailed lists of observations.

Nature Walks and Observations 2022

There were 7 Nature Walks on Westleton Common in 2022, between February and November, including one in June for members of the Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

January Observations:

January 1st:



Bee Orchid leaves putting in an early appearance (despite the summer drought they did flower in June - see below)

January 12th:



Ear Fungus on Elder



Gorse mites



Polytrichum moss + female flowers

First Nature Walk of 2022 - Saturday February 26th

4 attendees, in beautiful sunny weather, with a southerly breeze. We checked out the cleared area of the Noddle, and then noted that the New Year bonfire on the concrete, postponed from January 1st had been lit - and quickly burnt down:



Some gorse was in flower, and there was a good show of snowdrops near 'The Oaks' on the north side of the Common:



We saw one Queen Bumble bee, and saw (and/or heard) Blue Tits, Wrens, Robins, Chaffinches and Goldfinches.



March observations:

March 19th



Comma butterfly (Peacock butterfly also seen)

March 21st



Daffodils and scillas

April observation



Orange Tip butterfly

Nature Walk Saturday April 9th

7 attendees - sunny weather again.

The blackthorn and gorse were in full bloom, and a slow worm was found under the piece of corrugated iron, under which reptiles like to keep warm:



A list of observations made at this Nature Walk can be found in the Appendix. It was compiled by Joyce Burtenshaw - seen here in the foreground.

More April observations:

April 16th:

Nightingale song near the path on to the Common, and Silver Birch trees coming into leaf.

April 24th:



Gorse showing off



Bird Cherry tree in flower

May observations:

May 5th:

2 Nightingales heard, accompanied by noisy Chiff Chaffs!

Nature Walk Saturday May 21st 9 attendees

We found a carpet of Climbing Corydalis on the cleared area of the Noddle.



There were plenty of bees and wildflowers (see lists in the Appendix)

There were a few butterflies seen including a Small Copper and Small Heaths, a Painted Lady and an attractive micro moth:



Small Copper



Micro-moth *Nemapogon clematella*

Chiff Chaffs and Chaffinches were heard, and there was a small chirp from a Nightingale.

Other wildflowers photographed:



Common Storks Bill and Green Alcanet - with possibly a Green Veined White butterfly

June observations

June 3rd:



Bee Orchid in flower

June 20th:



Silver Studded Blue butterfly

Saturday June 25th

Nature Walk for members of the Blythe Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



Silver Studded Blue butterflies put on a good show - we saw dozens of them!



Comma butterfly



Cinnabar moth caterpillars feasting on Ragwort.

A full list of this day's observations compiled by Joyce Burtenshaw can be found in the Appendix.

Nature Walk Saturday July 2nd.

It was a fine day and there were 9 attendees - the weather was fine and heather was in flower.



We came across a Grass snake basking beside the zigzag path up on to the Noddle:



There were several species of butterflies seen:

Small Skipper, Comma, Small Heath, Red Admiral, Meadow Brown, Small Copper, and just a few Silver Studded Blues at the end of their short season.

Also seen was an impressively large Emperor Dragonfly.

Again, a list of what was seen on this day can be found in the Appendix.



Small Skipper butterfly

.Nature Walk September 3rd

6 attendees on another hot day - after 2 months of almost no rain when even the heather was burnt brown - just the wooded areas of the Common remaining green.



Speckled Wood butterfly



Sloes



Blackberries

Birds seen and heard:
Chaffinch, Honey Buzzard, Crows

Butterflies:

Speckled Wood, Large White, Red Admiral.

Fruits:

Sloes, Blackberries, and Oaks bearing more acorns than usual.

Some Rowan trees dropping their leaves early.

Nature Walk Saturday November 5th

10 attendees - and the main focus was on fungi - for which the damp weather was perfect - after a dry summer the wet autumn weather produced a good show of attractive fungi.

Neil Mahler was not able to accompany us that day, but his report and fungi lists compiled on other days can be found in the Appendix.



Here are some photos of what was seen during our Nature Walk:



Shaggy Ink Cap



Yellow Brain Fungus



Parasol



velvety Ear Fungus



False Chanterelle



Fly Agaric



Bolete sp



Birch Polypore

Also seen on the walk several species of moss including a *Dicranum* moss and *Nostoc* cyanobacterium:



Dicranum sp



Nostoc

More November observations:

November 9th



Turkey Tail fungus

November 12th



Deadly poisonous Death Cap

December observation:

December 6th:



Candle Snuff fungus

Fungi.

Report by Neil Mahler.

Suffolk County Recorder for Fungi; Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service

See appendix for detailed lists of fungi seen.

Neil writes;

The drought of 2022 held back most fungal activity which held back other surveys I had to do, consequently I wasn't able to make my first visit of the commons until November 18. So, although I probably missed the main flush of fungi, I now had a chance to concentrate on finding fungi that prefer to fruit later in the season.

The highlight for me was finding the Flameshield fungus (*Pluteus aurantiorugosus*) - a bright orange/red colour fungus that prefers dead Elm wood, but in this case I was unable to identify the wood. Sadly, the single specimen was damaged and never made a good photograph, but hopefully, it will come up in greater numbers next season.

I made another visit on Dec 21 and again Dec 24 when I had 3 friends with me, one of whom spotted a group of quite tiny fungi belonging to the Candle Snuff (*Xylaria*) family. Vicky recognised this as being very similar to another species which was not officially described until 2011 although it was first seen in the UK in 1983 near Bristol, placed in somebodies' collection as an unknown species and forgotten about until a French mycologist was able to name and describe it as being new to science.

Since then, further finds have been made in France and the UK and now Westleton!

Further comments from Neil about the Candle Snuff (Xylaria) observation.

Westleton has produced the first Suffolk record for *Xylaria cinerea* - it is not much to look at, but it was not even known to science until a Frenchman named Fournier first described it in 2011 - although it had been found in the UK in 2007 and 'kept for a rainy day'. (Until somebody was able to say what it was!) There were about 5 or 6 sites eventually in the UK but 2 weeks ago it was discovered at a site in Norfolk, then last Sunday I was surveying the south common with some friends and one of them came across this growing on very old moss-covered stumps not too far from the concrete base. *(Head from the car park where the old rail carriage is, walk over the large concrete hard standing until you come to the bench on your left, look to your right and you will see a dead Elder tree covered in Jelly Ear fungi and about 5 metres away in a grassy/mossy area are the fungi.)*

Neil was asked *if we need to take any special measures to protect the Xylaria cinerea? If so, what?* He replied;

"It should be reasonably safe where it is, and this fungus is turning up all over England and Wales now as more and more fungi enthusiasts become aware of it - so I guess it will just have to take its chances."



Neil Mahler - *Xylaria cinerea* fungus.



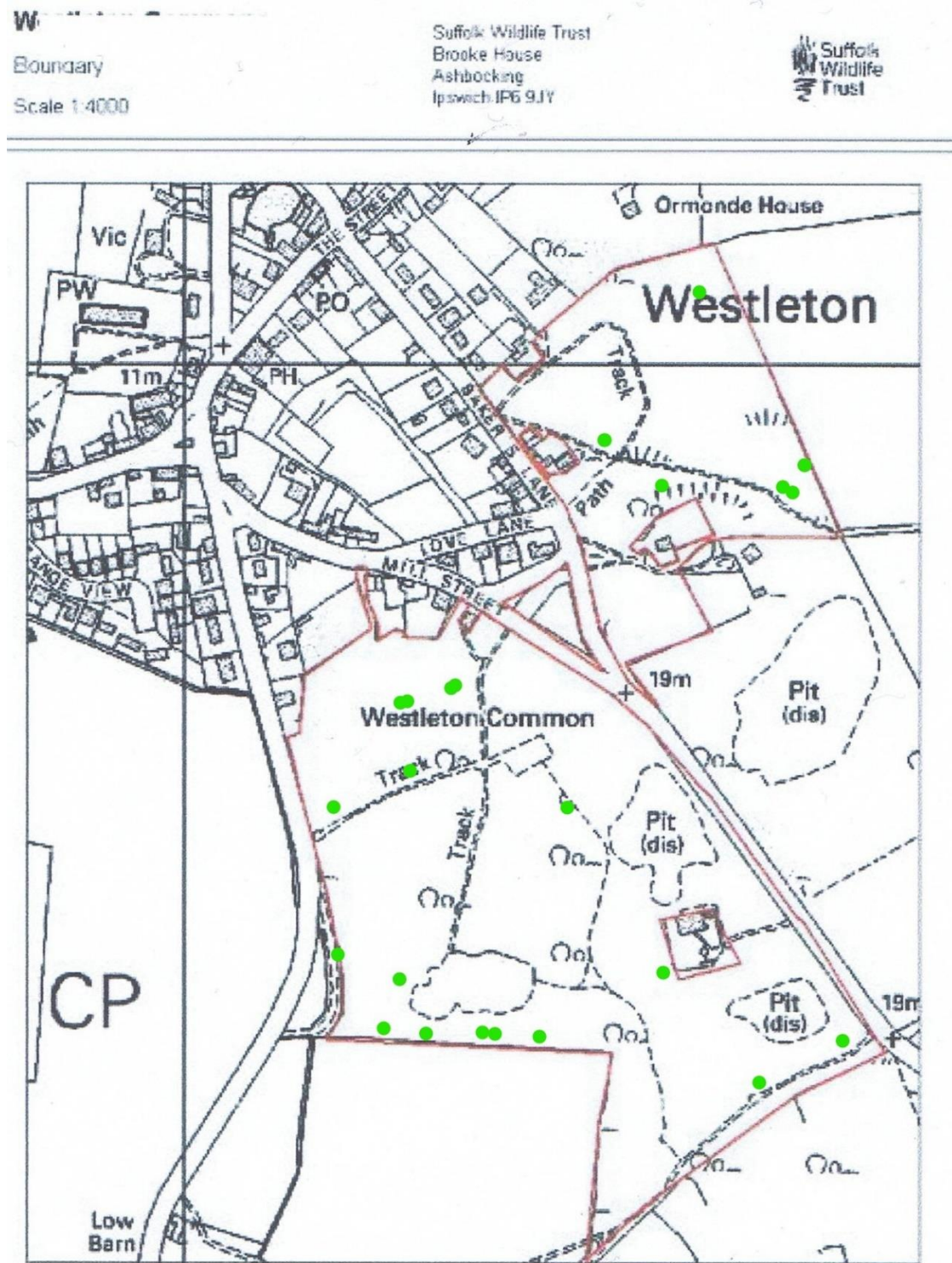
Neil Mahler - *Xylaria cinerea* fungus 2.

Moths

Clive Ireland sends his apologies; “*Sadly nothing for you this year. We were unable to conduct any moth surveying on the Common this year. We are looking to see if we can do something next year using portable battery-powered traps, but they are not as good as mains powered traps by a long way.*”

Reptiles

Map of Westleton Common showing locations where adders were seen during 2022 (David Rous).



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Safety Audit

A safety audit was conducted in April 2022. The only problems seen were;
The bench in the SE corner is rotting. Safety tape should be tied to the bench to prevent use prior to it being removed and repaired or replaced.
Holly needs to be cut back on the path from Mill Street to the Common.

Westleton Parish Council Statement

The Suffolk Association of Local Councils have advised the parish council to publish a "Mission Statement" outlining its responsibilities towards the management of common and affirming its insistence on respect for councillors, volunteers and contractors and that safe working practices are followed.

This notice is on the notice boards and website.

Westleton Common

Information

Westleton Parish Council is the owner of Westleton Common. The Common is a rich and varied habitat which is a valued community asset as it is an integral part of the landscape, and of the economic and social history of the Parish.

The Westleton Common Advisory Group (WCAG) is a sub-committee of Westleton Parish Council. WCAG is responsible for drafting and implementing the Westleton Common Management Plan which is designed to manage, maintain and protect the Common on behalf of the Parish Council. The Management Plan is endorsed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Natural England and is governed by the terms of the Stewardship Agreement with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) and the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Work on the Common to implement the Management Plan is largely funded by a High-Level Stewardship Grant from DEFRA via RPA. The Parish Council has a duty to ensure this work – whether by volunteers or contractors – is conducted in safe and secure conditions.

The Minutes of WCAG meetings, the Management Plan and the Annual Reports are published on the Westleton Parish website. The Management Plan and the Annual Reports are published on the Westleton Parish website.

Advance notice will be given when major clearance work is to be carried out.

WPC/WCAG
March 2022

APPENDIX: 2022 Records

Fungi

(Reported by Neil Mahler, Suffolk County Recorder for Fungi, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service)

November 18, North Common.

Tremella mesenterica - Yellow Brain on gorse.
Macrotrophula fistula var. contorta - Contorted Pipe Club - a nice surprise.
Crepidotus cesatii - An Oysterling
Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet
M. acicula - Orange Bonnet - a very small but bright orange bonnet.
M. haematopus - Burgundydrop Bonnet
M. pura - Lilac Bonnet
M. arcangeliana - Angel Bonnet
Macrolepiota procera - Parasol
Agaricus impudicus
Daedaliopsis confragosa - Blushing Bracket on Willow.
Tubaria furfuracea - Scurfy Twiglet
Vuilleminia comedens - Oak Waxy Crust
Conocybe filaris - a Conecapped fungus.
Pluteus aurantiorugosus - Flame shield.
Pluteus salicinus - Willow Shield - on Salix.
Xylaria hypoxylon - Candle Snuff
Paxillus involutus - Brown Roll-Rim - poisonous, grows with Birch.
Armillaria mellea - Honey Fungus
Hypoxylon fuscum - Hazel Woodward
Phlebia radiata - Wrinkled Crust
Hypholoma fasciculare - Sulphur Tuft
Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore
Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust
Leucoagaricus leucothites - White Dapperling
Amanita muscaria - Fly Agaric (probably the last man standing !)
Scleroderma citrinum - Common Earthball
Lactarius controversus - a large white Milkcap.
Clitocybe fragrans - Fragrant Funnelcap.
Russula amaeolens - under Oak.
Xerocomellus cisalpinus
Pholiota squarrosa - Shaggy Pholiota
Bjerkandera adusta- Smoky Bracket
Lycoperdon perlatum - common Puffball
Rhodocollybia butyracea - Buttercap
Tubaria dispersa - Hawthorn Twiglet - grows on rotting Hawthorn husks.

North Common, December 21 2022

Stereum hirsutum - Hairy Curtain Crust - on Oak
Stereum gausapatum - Bleeding Oak Crust

Byssomerulius corium - Netted Crust - gorse
Tremella mesenterica - yellow Brain - gorse
Auricularia auricula-judae - Jelly Ear - elder
Dacrymyces stilatus - Jelly Spot - very rotted wood
Rhodocollybia butyracea - Buttercap
Trametes versicolor - Turkeytail
Vuilleminia comedens - Oak Waxy Crust
Mycena arcangeliana - Angel Bonnets
Hapalopilus nidulans - Cinnamon Bracket - on Oak
Rhopoglyphus filicinus - Bracken Map - very common on all old Bracken
Chondrostereum purpureum - Silver Leaf disease - gorse, etc.
Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore

North Common, December 24

Myxarium nucleatum - new name for Chrystal Brain (Previously *Exidia nucleata*)
Bisporella citrina - Lemon Disco
Xylaria hypoxylon - Candel Snuff
Nectria cinnabarina - Coral Spot - very common on Sycamore
Tubaria furfuracea - Scurfy Twiglet - woody litter
Plicaturopsis crispa - Crimped Gill - seems to be spreading well.
Basidioradulum radula - Toothed Crust
Exidia glandulosum - Witches Butter - on Oak
Xylodon paradoxa - Split porecrust - on Oak (Previously called *Schizopora paradoxa*)
Flammulina velutipes - Velvet Shank - on gorse.
Tubifera ferruginosa - A Slime Mould.

South Common, December 24

Rhytisma acerinum - Sycamore Tar Spot
Rhopoglyphus filicinus - Bracken Map
Calocera cornea - small Stags Horn
Resupinatus trichotis - Hairy Oysterling - on gorse and willow
Bjerkandera adjusta - Smoky Bracket - on gorse
Mycena galericulata - Common Bonnet
Piptoporus betulinus - Birch Polypore
Calocera pallidospathulata - pale stags horn.
Pleurotus ostreatus - Oyster Fungus - on gorse
Xylaria cinerea - first record for Suffolk - seems to be growing on very old, moss-covered gorse or silver birch stump.

Reptiles 2022

Westleton Common Nature Walk 9 April 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Slow worm (*Peltigera canina*)

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Grass Snake

Insects 2022

Silver studded Blues (*Reported by David Rous*)

June 15th 2022

Males 123; Females 17.

Numbers are low as the heather is not in flower due to drought.

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Bee fly spp	
Buff Tailed Bumble Bee	
Carder Bee spp	
Clarkes Mining Bee	
Early Hover Flies spp	
Honey Bee	
Orange Tip Butterfly	(Female)
Peacock Butterfly	

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Bush or Oak Cricket
Ichneumon parasitic Wasp
Comma
Common carder bee
Small Copper Butterfly
Green eyed Flower Bee
Emperor Dragonfly
Cinnebar Moth Caterpillars
Yellow Legged Mining Bee
Large Skipper
Dark Form of Silver Studded Blue
Silver Studded Blue
Meadow Brown
Shaggy Bee
Red Admiral

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Cinnebar Caterpillar
Cinnebar Moth

Emperor Dragonfly
Green Eyed Flower Bee
Heath Grasshopper
Large Skipper
Large White Butterfly
Meadow Brown Butterfly
Meadow Grasshopper
Mottled Grasshopper
Red Admiral
Red Tailed Bee
Ruby Tailed Wasp
Sharp Tailed Sp Bee
Silver Studded Blue Butterfly
Small Copper
Small Heath Butterfly
Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly
Vestral Cuckoo Bee

Westleton Common Nature Walk 21 May 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Birch Shield Beetle
Blue Bottle
Buff Tailed Bumblebee
Bush Cricket
Clarks Nomad Bee
Common Blue Butterfly
Common carder bee
Field cuckoo bee
Flavus Nomad Bee (male)
Gorse Mite
Green bottle
Hairy-footed flower bee
Heath Bumblebee
Honey Bee
Mini minning bee
Oak Eggar moth
Oak Shield Beetle
Red Damsel fly

Scorpion fly (female)
Small Copper Butterfly
Small White Butterfly
Wasp beetle
White Tailed Bumblebee
Yellow Legged Mining Bee

Summary of other insect species seen from 2010 to 2022 (David Rous)

Bees

Heather Colletes	Colletes succinctus
Ivy Bee	Colletes hederæ
Common Yellow face Bee	Hylaeus communis
Clarke's mining Bee	Andrena clarkella
Tawny mining Bee	Andrena fulva
Blackthorn mining Bee	Andrena varians
Chocolate mining Bee	Andrena scotica
Ashy mining Bee	Andrena cineraria
Large Gorse mining Bee	Andrena bimaculata
Yellow legged mining Bee	Andrena flavipes
Sandpit mining Bee	Andrena barbilabris
Hawthorn mining Bee	Andrena chrysoseles
Common mini-miner	Andrena minutula
Box headed blood Bee	Sphecodes monilicornis
Pantaloon Bee	Dasypoda hripes
Red mason Bee	Osmia bicornis
Blue mason Bee	Osmia caerulea
Orange vented mason Bee	Osmia leaiana
Patchwork Leafcutter Bee	Megachile centuncularis
Large sharp tail Bee	Coelioxys conoidea
Goodens Nomad Bee	Nomada goodeniana
Early Nomad Bee	Nomada leucophthalma
Flavous Nomad Bee	Nomada flava
Hairy footed Flower Bee	Anthophora plumipes
Green eyed Flower Bee	Anthophora bimaculata
White tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lucorum
Buff tailed Bumblebee	Bombus terrestris
Garden Bumblebee	Bombus hortorum
Red tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lapidarius
Tree Bumblebee	Bombus hypnorum
Heath Bumblebee	Bombus jonellus
Early Bumblebee	Bombus pratorum
Common Carder Bee	Bombus pascuorum
Western Honey Bee	Apis mellifera
Field Cuckoo bumblebee	Bombus campestris
Small shaggy Bee	Panurgus calcaratus
Common Mourning Bee	Melecta albifrons

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Large Red Damselfly	Pyrrhosoma nymphula
Migrant Hawker	Aeshna mixta
Norfolk Hawker	Aeshna Isoceles
Brown Hawker	Aeshna grandis
Common Darter	Sympetrum striolatum

Other insects

Meadow Grasshopper	Pseudochorthippus parallelus
Heath Grasshopper	Chorthippus vagans
Oak Bushcricket	Meconema Thalassinum
Great Green Bushcricket	Tettigonia viridissima
Green shieldbug	Palomena prasina
Birch shieldbug	Elasmotethus Interstinctus
Hawthorn shieldbug	Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale
Gorse shieldbug	Piezodorus lituratus
Forest bug	Pentatoma rufipes
Hoverfly	Helophilus pendulus

Birds 2022

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Blackcap
Blue Tit
Chiffchaff
Goldfinch
Great Tit
Jackdaw
Long Tailed Tit
Robin

Westleton Common Nature Walk 21 May 2022 sighting (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Blackbird
Blackcap
Chaffinch
Chiffchaff
Nightingale
Wren

Westleton Common Nature Walk 25 June 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Chaffinch
Chiffchaff
Dartford Warbler (Alarm call heard)
Linnet
Long Tailed Tits
Pied Wagtail
Wren

Westleton Common Nature Walk 2 July 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Black Cap
Chiff Chaff
Magpie
Swift
Whitethroat
Wood Pigeon
Wren

Wildflowers and other plants 2022

Westleton Common Nature Walk 9 April 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Notes
Alexanders	Smyrniolum olusatrum	
Barren Strawberry	Potentilla sterilis	
Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera	Leaves showing
Bitting stonecrop	Sedum Acre	
Common Field Speedwell	Veronica persica	
Dandelion	Taraxacum agg.	
Green Alkanet	Pentaglottis sempervirens	
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	
Mossy Stonecrop	Crassula tillaea	
Storksbill Common	Erodium cicutarium	
Whitlow Grass Common	Erophila verna	

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Common Name	Botanical Name
Alchemilla mollis	Alchemilla mollis
Alexanders	Smyrnum olusatrum
Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera
Birds foot trefoil	Lotus corniculatus
Biting Stonecrop	Sedum acre
Buck's-horn Plantain	Plantago coronopus
Bulbous Buttercup	Ranunculus bulbosus
Cleavers	Galium aparine
Climbing Corydalis	Ceratocapnos claviculata
Common Fiddleneck	Amsinackia micrantha
Doves Foot Geranium	Geranium molle
Dunwich Rose	Rosa spinosissima
Dwarf Mallow	Malva neglecta
Field Rose	Rosa arvensis
Field Wood Rush	Luzula campestris
Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea
Greater Celendine	Chelidonium majus
Green Alkanet	Pentaglottis sempervirens
Hedgerow cranesbill	Geranium pyrenaicum
Hoary Cinquefoil	Potentilla argentea
Ivy leaved Speedwell	Veronica hederifolia
Lesser Trefoil	Trifolium dubium
Common Mouse-ear	Cerastium fontanum
Navelwort	Umbilicus rupestris
Periwinkle	Vinca major
Pink Sorrel	Oxalis articulata
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulum
Spotted Medic	Medicago arabica
Star of Bethlehem	Ornithogalum umbellatum

Storksbill	Erodium cicutarium
White Dead Nettle	Lamium album
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium

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Common Name	Botanical Name
Alexanders	Smyrniololus
Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera
Birds foot trefoil	Lotus corniculatus
Biting Stonecrop	Sedum acre
Black Medic	Medicago lupulina
Bramble	Rubus fruticosus agg
Cleavers	Galium aparine
Climbing Corydalis	Ceratocarpus claviculata
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea
Common Fiddleneck	Amsinckia micrantha
Common Mouse-ear	Cerastium fontanum
Common Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea
Creeping Cinquefoil	Potentilla
Dwarf Mallow	Malva neglecta
Evening Primrose	Oenothera glazioviana
Field Pansy	Viola arvensis
Field Rose	Rosa arvensis
Field Wood Rush	Luzula campestris
Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea
Germander Speedwell	Veronica
Green Alkanet	Pentaglottis sempervirens
Hedgerow cranesbill	Geranium pyrenaicum
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum
Honeysuckle	Lonicera
Marjoram	Origanum vulgare
Moth Mullein	Verbascum thapsus
Mossy Stonedrop	Crassula tiliacea
Navelwort	Umbilicus rupestris
Perforate St Johns Wort	Hypericum perforatum
Periwinkle	Vinca major
Rosebay Willowherb	Chamaenerion angustifolium
Slender thistle	Carduus tenuiflorus
Storksbill	Erodium cicutarium
Sweet Briar Rose	Rosa rubiginosa
White Campion	Silene latifolia
White Dead Nettle	Lamium album
White Stonecrop	Sedum album
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium

Westleton Common Nature Walk 2 July 2022 sightings (Joyce Burtenshaw)

Common Name	Botanical Name
Bell Heather	<i>Erica cinerea</i>
Birdsfoot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
Biting Stonecrop	<i>Sedum acre</i>
Black Horehound	<i>Ballota nigra</i>
Black Medic	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
Buckshorn Plantain	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>
Carsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Common Centaury	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>
Common Mallow	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>
Common Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium aevense</i>
Dark Mullien	<i>Verbascum nigra</i>
Dovesfoot Cranesbill	<i>Geranium molle</i>
Dwarf Mallow	<i>Malva neglecta</i>
Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera glazioviana</i>
Field Rose	<i>Rosa arvensis</i>
Field Woodrush	<i>Luzula campestris</i>
Forget-me-not	<i>Mysotis arvensis</i>
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
Germander Speedwell	<i>Luzula campestris</i>
Heath Groundsel	<i>Senecio sylvaticus</i>
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium album</i>
Hedgerow Geranium	<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
Hoarey Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla argentea</i>
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
Hop	<i>Humulus lupulus</i>
Lady's Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>
Moth Mullien	<i>Verbascum blattaria</i>
Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>
Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
Nipplewort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>
Perforate St Johns Wort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>
Procumbent Pearlwort	<i>Sagina procumbens</i>
Procumbent Yellow Sorrel	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>
Redcurrant	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>
Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>

Sheep Sorrel	Rumex acetosella
Slender Thistle	Carduus tenuiflorus
Smooth Hawksbeard	Crepsis capillaris
Storksbill	Vinca major
Sweetbriar Rose	Rosa rubiginosa
White Briony	Bryonia dioica
White Champion	Silene latifolia
White Stonecrop	Sedum album
Wild Basil	Clinopodium vulgare
Wild Oregano	Origanum vulgare

Other sightings

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Dog lichen

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Antlion pits
Robins pincushion

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Ferns and Lichen	
Common Name	Botanical Name
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum
Broad Leaved Buckler Fern	Dryopteris dilatata
Common Polypody	Polipodium vulgare
Dog Lichen	Peltigera canina
Narrow leaved Buckler Fern	Dryopteris carthusiana

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