

HONITON u3a

Nature Appreciation Group 

MOVING INTO AUTUMN

Butterflies, Bugs, Bees

Berries, Lichen & Fungi.

Photographs taken by Group Members

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022

Honiton u3a – Nature Appreciation Group

October – November including visit to Knappe Copse

In October the Group enjoyed a field trip to Knappe Copse Nature Reserve where they were given a very informative guided tour by Wild East Devon Ranger – Jonathan Gardiner and his colleague Ben. They learnt that until the 1980's the site was a Refuse Tip. It is owned by Devon County Council but when it had come to the end of its use it was covered and 'Regenerated for Nature' and is now managed for nature and for people under the stewardship of East Devon District Council. It is a very diverse habitat and is home to a very large number of species including butterflies, moths, bees, birds, fungi and small mammals such as dormice. For those who were not able to join us on this trip, you can visit [Knapp Copse Local Nature Reserve – East Devon](#) for more information.

We visited the site in autumn, but this would be well worth another visit at a different time of year, say spring, as it is an ever changing picture!

In November we welcomed fellow Honiton u3a member Howard Lyne to our meeting. Howard has a passion about rivers and the wildlife therein and during the summer months he was engaged in monitoring water quality as part of the [Westcountry CSI](#) initiative and also monitoring bug life as part of the [Riverfly Partnership](#). He came to our meeting to tell us about this experience and his findings. He also played a video which demonstrated how anyone with enthusiasm can become a Citizen Scientist for the Westcountry CSI.





Jenny Roberts - Blue tit



Gill Spoerry
Little leaf beetle -
Chrysolina banjo



Jenny Roberts - Red Admiral



Gill Spoerry - Oregano
still flowering in October!



Jenny Roberts - Rook



Jenny Roberts - Red Admiral



Jenny Roberts
Juvenile Chaffinch



Jenny Roberts
Purple edged Copper - Female



Val Frood - King Alfred's Cake -
Daldinia concentrica



Val Frood

Hypotrachyna revoluta



Parmelia
isulcata



Ramalina
farinacea



Jenny Roberts - Turkey Tail Fungi taken at Otterhead



Val Frood - *Auricularia auricula-judae* Jelly ear or Jew's Ear



Val Frood - Lichen *Caloplaca*



Val Frood: *Mycena* - Bonnets



Val Frood - Snow fungus



Val Frood - *Cladonia chlorophaea* or Pore Cup



Val Frood
Sulphur tuft - *Hypholoma*



Val Frood - Oyster Mushroom

November 2022



The group welcome Howard Lyne to their meeting to talk about 'Riverlife'

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