

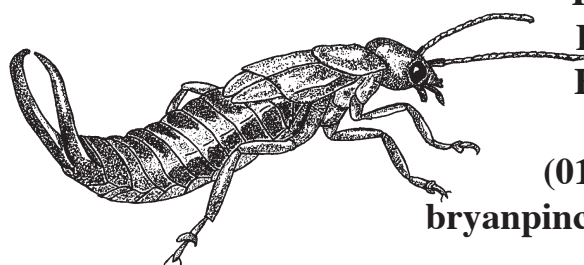
Ballard Meadow

Insect Survey

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1.1 Summary

This report summarises the results of survey work to record the terrestrial insect species present in Ballard Water Meadow and adjacent woodland in New Milton, Hampshire.

Six visits were made, one each in April to September 2022 to record terrestrial insects in a number of orders.

Survey involved sweep-netting the available vegetation and some direct searching for species at flowers across the whole site. Insect groups covered by the survey are presented in Section 1.3.

Tables showing the species recorded are presented in Section 1.4.

Twenty-one species which hadn't previously been recorded here were added to the insect species database during this survey, this included one Nationally Scarce species.

Species were identified in the field wherever possible, but due to identification difficulties with some species, some were retained and identified with the aid of a microscope. Reference material has been retained in the collection of the surveyor, surplus material has been donated to the collections of the National Biodiversity Data Centre, Waterford, Eire and/or Portsmouth City Museum Service.

Two Nationally Scarce species (both woodland-associated beetles) were recorded, information about these species is presented in Section 1.5.

An overview of the results is presented in Section 1.6.

Appendices show all species recorded at Ballard Water Meadow and adjacent woodland over the course of surveys in 2020, 2021 and 2022 as combined lists.

This survey was commissioned and funded by the Friends of Ballard Water Meadow and New Milton Town Council.

1.2 Introduction

Ballard Water Meadow and Woodland is a 2.73 hectare grassland and 1.52 hectare woodland located in New Milton, Hampshire. Grid Reference SZ241956.

Both the meadow and woodland are afforded SINC status and are leased by New Milton Town Council for nature conservation and public recreation. The meadow is an example of relic unimproved New Forest grassland, while the woodland is considered to be ancient semi-natural woodland (Lord, 2020).

The major habitats available are the unimproved grassland of meadow, which in places is dry and others wet at certain times of the year. A seasonal stream runs along the eastern border of the site and seasonal ditches divide the site. The woodland strip on the west of the site comprises mainly Oak (*Quercus rober*) with deciduous and evergreen scrub understory. A limited amount of ground flora is present in the woodland. On the whole, the meadow and woodland are on gently sloping ground running from north-west to south-east.

Survey of the terrestrial insects was first undertaken in 2020 (Pinchen) and repeated in 2021, a regular butterfly transect is also walked. This current survey repeats those two earlier surveys.

Six visits were made to record the terrestrial insects during 2022. The data collected forms the basis of this report. Survey visits were undertaken on 14th April, 13th May, 14th June, 13th July, 15th August and 12th September 2022.

Survey involved sweep-netting the available vegetation and some direct searching at flowers with a standard sweep/insect net.

Two Nationally Scarce species were recorded during this survey.

Twenty-one species which hadn't previously been recorded here were added to the insect database for the site.

Weather conditions throughout the survey period were rather mixed. July saw higher than average temperatures which continued into August and September leading to much of the site becoming dry and parched by late summer this would have impacted insect species and numbers recorded.

1.3 Survey Groups and Methodology

Survey was largely undertaken by means of sweep-netting the vegetation with the aim of dislodging species resting on foliage or feeding at flowers. Occasionally direct searching (where species with known plant hosts may be present) was employed as the main survey technique. Some species, such as the lepidoptera (butterflies) and odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) were primarily recorded flying through/around the survey area. Without thorough searches for their larval stages many species in these groups, it is often difficult to determine which are breeding on site and those which are casual users of the site for feeding, roosting or hibernating.

The following insect groups were surveyed/recorded and their reason for attention in this survey highlighted:

Mecoptera: Scorpion flies

Only three species are recorded in Britain all can be found in most habitats, adults are often recorded in abundance. Larvae feed on decaying matter.

Neuroptera: Lacewings and allies

The majority of species are aphid feeders in their larval stage, adults can usually be found resting on vegetation during the day.

Odonata: Dragonflies and Damselflies

All species develop in watercourses where they are predatory on other invertebrates. Adult males fly long distances, often away from water to feed, females stay close to water courses and pools. While adults are easy to record in any habitat, breeding on a site can only be proven if searches are made for the larval stages or exuviae.

Orthoptera: Bush Crickets and Grasshoppers and allies

Many species are specific to grassland habitats with some scrub element.

Heteroptera: True Bugs (terrestrial species)

Many species in this group are host plant specific where they feed on plant sap, a number of species are predatory on other insects, they are best surveyed by sweep-netting vegetation.

Trichoptera: Caddisflies

All species are aquatic in their larval stage with adults flying in suitable terrestrial habitat nearby.

Lepidoptera: Butterflies

A number of species are specific to grassland habitat but are usually reliant on established and relatively undisturbed habitats, all species were recorded on a casual basis.

Diptera: Hoverflies

A number of species are specific to wetland, grassland and scrub habitats but the majority are generalist in their habitats.

Diptera: Larger Brachycera (Snipeflies, Horseflies, Soldierflies, Robberflies and Beeflies)

A number of species are specific to wetland habitats. In the larval stages they live either as parasites in and on other insects, within decaying plant matter or in mud.

Diptera: Snail-killing Flies

All of the species feed within the shells of specific snail species and occasionally slugs, usually in

wetland habitats, only a few species live in drier habitats where they develop in terrestrial snails.

Diptera: Picture-winged Flies

All of the species are plant host specific developing as maggots within plant stems, flowerheads or seed heads.

Diptera: Conopid Flies(Beegrabbers)

All of the species in this family parasitise solitary and social bees and wasps, either at their nest sites or by searching for adults foraging at flowers.

Diptera: Tachinid Flies

All of the species are parasites that spend their larval stages feeding within or on other insects e.g. lepidoptera caterpillars and shieldbugs.

Hymenoptera: Aculeates

Many bee, ant and wasp species nest in bare soils in warm sunny locations, each female bee or wasp excavates a series of burrows to provision them with nectar and/or pollen or live prey for their growing larvae to feed on. All species feed at flowers for nectar or pollen, while many species also feed on terrestrial invertebrates which are captured at flowers. Ants often nest in warm, highly thermophilic sites in grassland or bare and sparsely vegetated substrates.

Coleoptera: Only a limited number of coleoptera groups were surveyed for, these were Ladybirds. Soldier Beetles, Malachite Beetles, Click Beetles and Longhorn Beetles, no other beetle groups were encountered during the survey.

Ladybirds

Ladybirds occur in a range of habitats with few species being specific to this habitat. Due to the ease of recording and identifying the group they were recorded on a casual basis.

Soldier Beetles

This group of mainly predatory species contain a number of brightly-coloured adults which can be found often in numbers at flowers and are often encountered in sweep-net samples.

Malachite Beetles

A small group of attractively coloured beetles that are predatory as larvae but feed on pollen as adults, they are often common in sweep-net samples.

Longhorn Beetles

A large group of often brightly coloured beetles that in most species develop as larvae inside dead timber or plant stems. Adults are often encountered nectaring at flowers.

1.4. Species Recorded

The following tables show all insects recorded during the survey. The species lists and nomenclature follow the most recently available checklists for each group. As a prelude to the species lists notes on the habitat and plants flowering in each survey area are provided. The hoverfly checklist is currently in the process of being reorganised so for ease, species are presented here in alphabetical order. Species marked with an asterisk (*) are Red Data Book or Nationally Scarce and details of these can be found in Section 1.5.

The Meadow

Major forage resources (nectar and pollen) available across the meadow as a whole during the first two months of the survey period and comprised Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*), Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Hawthorn (*Crateagus monogyna*), Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale* agg.), Hemlock Water-dropwort (*Oenanthe crocata*), Buttercup (*Ranunculus* sp). During the middle two months, Bird's Foot Trefoil (*Lotus* sp), Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*), Hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*), Hemlock Water-dropwort, White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Creeping Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) were dominant. In the final two months of the survey forage resources had diminished markedly, leaving just a few small areas of Greater Bird's Foot Trefoil (*Lotus pedunculatus*), Hogweed, Water Mint (*Mentha aquatica*), Black Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) and Meadowsweet. By the time of the August visit much of the grassland was dry and parched except for the south-east corner of the South meadow. Two small sections of the South Meadow were cut in June and a section of the Middle meadow was cut in late August cattle were grazing the whole meadow area at the time of the September visit.

1.4.1 South Meadow

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Neuroptera: Lacewings						
<i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>				*		
Orthoptera: Bush Crickets						
<i>Metrioptera roeselii</i>				*	*	
<i>Conocephalus discolor</i>			*	*		*
<i>Leptophyes punctatissima</i>				*		
Grasshoppers						
<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>				*	*	*
<i>Pseudochorthippus parallelus</i>		*	*	*	*	
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Gerris lacustris</i> (in ditch)	*		*			
<i>Closterotomus norwegicus</i>			*	*		
<i>Capsus ater</i>			*			
<i>Apolygus lucorum</i>			*			
<i>Lygocoris pabulinus</i>			*	*		
<i>Orthops basalis</i>				*		
<i>Orthops campestris</i>		*		*		
<i>Stenotus binotatus</i>			*	*		
<i>Leptopterna dolobrata</i>			*			
<i>Notostira elongata</i>		*	*	*		*

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Stenodema calcarata</i>		*				
<i>Stenodema laevigata</i>		*		*	*	*
<i>Trignotylus ruficornis</i>				*		
<i>Lopus decolor</i>				*		
<i>Macrotylus solitarius</i>					*	
<i>Plagiognathus arbustorum</i>				*		
<i>Plagiognathus chrysanthem</i>				*		
<i>Coreus marginatus</i>		*	*		*	*
<i>Eurygaster testudinaria</i>			*		*	
<i>Palomena prasina</i>				*		
<i>Piezodoros lituratus</i>		*				
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>				*		
<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>				*		
<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	*					
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		*		*		
<i>Pieris napi</i>		*				
<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	*					
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					*	
<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	*			*		
<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>				*		
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			*	*		
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Cheilosia albitarsus</i>		*				
<i>Cheilosia illustrata</i>			*	*		
<i>Cheilosia pagana</i>		*	*			
<i>Chrysotoxum bicinctum</i>					*	
<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>			*	*		
<i>Eristalis pertinax</i>	*			*		
<i>Eumerus funeralis</i>					*	
<i>Eumerus strigatus</i>		*				
<i>Helophilus pendulus</i>			*			
<i>Melanostoma mellinum</i>	*					
<i>Melanostoma scalare</i>		*	*			
<i>Pipiza noctiluca</i>			*			
<i>Platycheirus albimanus</i>	*		*	*		
<i>Platycheirus clypeatus</i>	*	*				
<i>Platycheirus rosarum</i>			*			
<i>Scaeva selentica</i>					*	
<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>		*	*	*		
<i>Syritta pipiens</i>				*		
<i>Syrphus ribesii</i>	*		*		*	
Larger Brachycera						
<i>Chrysopilus cristatus</i>				*		
<i>Rhagio scolopaceus</i>		*				
<i>Rhagio tringarius</i>			*			
<i>Tabanus sudeticus</i>				*		
<i>Beris vallata</i>		*	*	*		
<i>Chloromyia formosa</i>			*	*		
<i>Leptogaster cylindrica</i>			*	*		
Snail-killing Flies						

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Hydromya dorsalis</i>			*			
<i>Ilione albiseta</i>						*
<i>Tetanocera arrogans</i>			*			
Picture-winged Flies						
<i>Euleia heraclei</i>		*				
<i>Terellia ruficauda</i>				*		
Conopid Flies						
<i>Conops flavipes</i>					*	
Tachinid Flies						
<i>Eriothrix rufomaculata</i>				*	*	
<i>Thelaira nigripes</i>				*		
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Ants						
<i>Lasius flavus</i>				*	*	*
<i>Lasius niger</i>		*	*			
<i>Myrmica rubra</i>		*			*	
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>			*	*	*	*
Solitary Wasps						
<i>Ectemnius continuus</i>		*				
Solitary Bees						
<i>Hylaeus communis</i>				*		
<i>Andrena haemorrhoea</i>		*				
<i>Andrena semilaevis</i>		*				
<i>Andrena subopaca</i>			*		*	
<i>Andrena wilkella</i>		*				
<i>Lasioglossum calceatum</i>					*	
<i>Lasioglossum pauxillum</i>		*				
<i>Lasioglossum morio</i>	*					
<i>Nomada goodeniana</i>	*					
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus hortorum</i>				*		
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Bombus pratorum</i>		*				
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	*	*	*			
<i>Apis mellifera</i>		*	*	*		
Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles						
<i>Cantharis flavilabris</i>			*			
<i>Cantharis pallida</i>			*			
<i>Cantharis rustica</i>		*				
<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>				*		
Malachite Beetles						
<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>		*	*			
Ladybirds						
<i>Propylea 14-punctata</i>			*	*		
<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>				*		*
Longhorn Beetles						
<i>Rutpela maculata</i>				*		

1.4.2 Middle Meadow

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Orthoptera: Grasshoppers						
<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>				*	*	*
<i>Pseudochorthippus parallelus</i>				*	*	
Dermaptera: Earwigs						
<i>Forficula auricularia</i>					*	
Trichoptera: Caddisflies						
<i>Limnephilus affinis</i>						*
<i>Limnephilus auricula</i>	*					
<i>Limnephilus centralis</i>	*					
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Closterotomus norwegicus</i>			*	*		
<i>Capsus ater</i>				*		
<i>Apolygus lucorum</i>			*			
<i>Lygocoris pabulinus</i>			*			
<i>Orthops campestris</i>				*		
<i>Stenotus binotatus</i>			*	*		
<i>Leptopterna dolabrata</i>			*			
<i>Notostira elongata</i>			*		*	*
<i>Pithanus maerkelii</i>			*	*		
<i>Stenodema calcarata</i>		*				
<i>Stenodema laevigata</i>		*	*	*	*	*
<i>Trignotylus ruficornis</i>				*		
<i>Macrotylus solitarius</i>					*	
<i>Plagiognathus arbustorum</i>				*		
<i>Drymus sylvaticus</i>			*			
<i>Coreus marginatus</i>		*	*	*		
<i>Eurygaster testudinaria</i>				*	*	
<i>Aelia acuminata</i>					*	*
<i>Dolycoris baccarum</i>				*	*	
<i>Palomena prasina</i>					*	
Trichoptera: Caddisflies						
<i>Limnephilus affinis</i>						*
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Thymelicus slyvestris</i>				*		
<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>				*		
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		*		*		
<i>Pieris rapae</i>				*		
<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		*				
<i>Lycaena phlaeus</i>		*				
<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				*		
<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		*				
<i>Aglais urticae</i>	*					
<i>Pararge aegeria</i>					*	

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			*	*	*	
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Chrysotoxum bicinctum</i>				*		
<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>			*			
<i>Eumerus funeralis</i>		*				
<i>Melanostoma scalare</i>			*			
<i>Merodon equestris</i>			*			
<i>Pipiza noctiluca</i>					*	
<i>Platycheirus albimanus</i>	*					
<i>Platycheirus clypeatus</i>	*	*	*			
<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>	*	*	*			
<i>Syrirta pipiens</i>		*		*		
<i>Syrphus ribesii</i>				*		
Larger Brachycera						
<i>Rhagio tringarius</i>			*			
<i>Pachygaster leachii</i>				*		
<i>Chloromyia formosa</i>			*			
<i>Sargus bipunctatus</i>						*
<i>Leptogaster cylindrica</i>			*			
Snail-killing Flies						
<i>Pherbellia ventralis</i>	*					
<i>Limnia unguicornis</i>		*				
Picture-winged Flies						
<i>Urophora jaceana</i>				*		
<i>Sphenella marginata</i>				*	*	*
Conopid Flies						
<i>Conops quadrifasciatus</i>				*		
<i>Physocephala rufipes</i>					*	
<i>Sicus ferrugineus</i>				*		
Tachinid Flies						
<i>Eriothrix rufomaculata</i>				*		
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Ants						
<i>Lasius niger</i>					*	
<i>Myrmica rubra</i>					*	
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>				*		*
Solitary Wasps						
<i>Cerceris rybyensis</i>				*		
Solitary Bees						
<i>Hylaeus communis</i>				*		
<i>Andrena subopaca</i>		*	*		*	
<i>Andrena wilkella</i>		*				
<i>Halictus tumulorum</i>		*			*	
<i>Lasioglossum albipes</i>		*				
<i>Lasioglossum calceatum</i>		*				
<i>Lasioglossum morio</i>	*					
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>		*				
<i>Nomada striata</i>		*				
<i>Nomada fabriciana</i>			*			

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus lucorum/terrestris</i> [^]			*	*		
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>		*		*	*	
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	*					
<i>Bombus vestalis</i>	*					
<i>Apis mellifera</i>		*	*			
Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles						
<i>Cantharis flavilabris</i>			*	*		
<i>Cantharis rusticus</i>			*			
<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>				*		
<i>Rhagonycha testacea</i>		*				
Malachite Beetles						
<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>		*				
Click Beetles						
<i>Agriotes acuminatus</i>		*				
<i>Ampedus quercicola</i> *		*				
Ladybirds						
<i>Calvia 14-guttata</i>	*					
<i>Propylea 14-punctata</i>				*		
<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>			*			
<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>			*	*		
Longhorn Beetles						
<i>Grammoptera ruficornis</i>		*				

1.4.3 North Meadow

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Mecoptera: Scorpion flies						
<i>Panorpa communis</i>					*	
Neuroptera: Lacewings						
<i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>				*		
Odonata: Dragonflies						
<i>Aeshna mixta</i>						*
Orthoptera: Bush Crickets						
<i>Pholidoptera griseoptera</i>				*		
<i>Metrioptera roeselii</i>				*		
<i>Conocephalus discolor</i>				*	*	*
<i>Leptophyes punctatissima</i>				*		
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Closterotomus norwegicus</i>			*	*		
<i>Capsus ater</i>				*		
<i>Lygocoris pabulinus</i>			*	*		
<i>Lygus rugulipennis</i>				*		*
<i>Orthops basalıs</i>					*	
<i>Stenotus binotatus</i>			*	*		
<i>Leptopterna dolobrata</i>			*	*		

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Notostira elongata</i>			*	*	*	*
<i>Stenodema calcarata</i>	*	*				
<i>Stenodema laevigata</i>				*	*	
<i>Heterotoma planicornis</i>				*		
<i>Plagiognathus arbustorum</i>				*	*	
<i>Anthocoris nemorum</i>				*		
<i>Coreus marginatus</i>			*		*	*
<i>Eurygaster testudinaria</i>				*	*	
Tricoptera: Caddisflies						
<i>Limnephilus hirsutus</i>			*			
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>				*		
<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>				*		
<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>				*		
<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	*					
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		*		*		
<i>Pieris napi</i>		*				
<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	*					
<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				*	*	
<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		*				
<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				*		
<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>				*		
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			*	*	*	
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Baccha elongata</i>			*			
<i>Cheilosia albitarsus</i>		*				
<i>Cheilosia proxima</i>		*				
<i>Eristalis pertinax</i>		*				
<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>					*	
<i>Eumerus strigatus</i>			*		*	
<i>Helophilus pendulus</i>					*	
<i>Melanostoma scalare</i>				*	*	
<i>Myathropa florea</i>				*		
<i>Platycheirus albimanus</i>	*		*			*
<i>Platycheirus clypeatus</i>	*					
<i>Platycheirus rosarum</i>			*	*		
<i>Syritta pipiens</i>					*	
<i>Syrphus ribesii</i>			*			
Larger Brachycera						
<i>Chrysopilus cristatus</i>				*		
<i>Rhagio scolopaceus</i>						
<i>Beris vallata</i>				*		
<i>Oxycera rara</i>				*		
<i>Chloromyia formosa</i>				*		
Snail-killing Flies						
<i>Ilione albiseta</i>						*
Picture-winged Flies						
<i>Chaetostomella cylindrica</i>					*	
Conopid Flies						
<i>Conops flavipes</i>				*		
<i>Conops quadrifasciatus</i>					*	

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Physocephala rufipes</i>				*		
Tachinid Flies						
<i>Eriothrix rufomaculata</i>				*	*	
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Ants						
<i>Myrmica ruginodis</i>					*	
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>	*			*	*	*
Solitary Bees						
<i>Hylaeus communis</i>				*		
<i>Andrena subopaca</i>					*	
<i>Halictus tumulorum</i>						*
Mecoptera: Scorpion flies						
<i>Chelostoma florissomne</i>			*			
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>		*				
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus lucorum/terrestris</i> [^]				*	*	
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	*		*	*	*	*
<i>Bombus pratorum</i>					*	
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>				*		
<i>Bombus vestalis</i>			*	*		
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	*		*	*		
Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles						
<i>Cantharis flavilabris</i>			*			
<i>Cantharis pallida</i>			*			
<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>				*	*	
Malachite Beetles						
<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>		*	*			
<i>Malthodes marginatus</i>						
Ladybirds						
<i>Propylea 14-punctata</i>		*	*	*		
Longhorn Beetles						
<i>Stictoleptura scutellata</i> *				*		

Bombus lucorum/terrestris[^] = workers only seen, these two species can only be separated when queens or males are seen.

The Woodland

Major forage resources (nectar and pollen) were limited throughout the survey period, during the first two months of the survey period Bluebell (*Endymion non-scriptus*), Green Alkanet (*Pentaglossis sempervirens*) and Foxglove were the dominant sources. Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and Foxglove dominated during the middle two months and by the end of the survey there were no major forage resources available save for a single Buddleia (*Buddleia davidii*).

1.4.4 North Woodland

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Anthocoris nemorum</i>	*					
<i>Kleidocerys resedae</i>		*				
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		*				
<i>Polygonia c-album</i>				*		
<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			*			*
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Eristalis arbustorum</i>				*		
<i>Eupeodes corollae</i>			*			
<i>Platycheirus albimanus</i>		*	*			
<i>Myathropa florea</i>			*			
<i>Syrphus ribesii</i>	*				*	
<i>Syrphus torvus</i>			*			
<i>Volucella pellucens</i>			*			
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>	*					*
Solitary Wasps						
<i>Rhopalum inornata</i>			*			
Solitary Bees						
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>	*	*				
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>				*		
<i>Bombus vestalis</i>			*			
<i>Apis mellifera</i>			*			
Coleoptera: Click Beetles						
<i>Agriotes pallidulus</i>			*			

1.4.5 Middle Woodland

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Liocoris tripustulatus</i>				*		
<i>Apolygus lucorum</i>			*	*	*	
<i>Stenotus binotatus</i>				*		
<i>Stenodema laevigata</i>					*	
<i>Plagiognathus arbustorum</i>				*		
<i>Anthocoris nemorum</i>				*		
<i>Palomena prasina</i>					*	
<i>Pentatoma rufipes</i>		*		*		
Trichoptera: Caddisflies						
<i>Limnephilus centralis</i>				*		
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				*		
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Eristalis nemorum</i>			*			
<i>Xylota sylvarum</i>			*			
Larger Brachycera						
<i>Chrysopilus cristatus</i>					*	

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
<i>Microchrysa flavicornis</i>		*				
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>						*
Solitary Wasps						
<i>Rhopalum inornata</i>			*			
Solitary Bees						
<i>Halictus tumulorum</i>					*	
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus lucorum/terrestris</i> [^]			*			
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>			*			
Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles						
<i>Rhagonycha fulva</i>				*		

1.4.6 South Woodland

Group/ Visit Date	14 Apr	13 May	14 Jun	13 Jul	15 Aug	12 Sept
Heteroptera: True Bugs						
<i>Apolygus lucorum</i>				*		
<i>Plagiognathus arbustorum</i>				*		
Lepidoptera: Butterflies						
<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				*		
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>						*
<i>Aglais io</i>		*				
<i>Argynnis paphia</i>				*		
<i>Parage aegeria</i>						*
Diptera: Hoverflies						
<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>			*	*		
<i>Myathropa florea</i>			*	*		
<i>Platycheirus albimanus</i>		*	*			
Larger Brachycera						
<i>Chorisops tibialis</i>				*		
Hymenoptera: Aculeates						
Social Wasps						
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>						*
Social Bees						
<i>Bombus hortorum</i>		*				
<i>Bombus lucorum/terrestris</i> [^]		*		*		
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	*	*	*	*		
<i>Bombus pratorum</i>		*				
<i>Bombus vestalis</i>		*				
<i>Apis mellifera</i>		*	*	*		

Note: *Bombus lucorum/terrestris*[^] = workers only seen, these two species can only be separated when queens or males are seen.

1.5 Nationally Scarce Species Recorded

Two Nationally Scarce species were recorded during the survey period. Details of their national statuses are taken from the national reviews listed in the references in Section 1.8. A description of these ratings is given at the end of this text in Section 1.5.1.

Coleoptera: Longhorn Beetles

Large Black Longhorn *Stictoleptura scutellata* **(Nationally Scarce A)**

Widely distributed in southern England this is typically a species of ancient broad-leaved woodland and wood pasture. Larvae develop in sun-exposed dead wood and there is a strong association with Beech (*Fagus sylvaticus*), but other deciduous species are also used. Adults occasionally visit flowers. A single male was recorded at Creeping Thistle flowers in the North Meadow on 16th July. It is interesting to note that I also recorded this species in the North Meadow during the 2021 survey.

Click Beetles

A Click Beetle *Ampedus quercicola* **(Nationally Scarce B)**

This species is widely distributed in southern and south-eastern England where it is typically found in ancient broad-leaved woodland and occasionally in Birch (*Betula* sp.) woodland or fenland. It is thought to be associated with broad-leaved woodland but has been reared from spruce (*Picea* sp.). Larvae are thought to develop in dead wood. A single specimen flew from the middle woodland area and landed on me when I was in the Middle Meadow on 13th July.

1.5.1 Explanation of rarity ratings

Red Data Book 1 Endangered; currently known from five or fewer 10km squares in Britain and in danger of extinction.

Red Data Book 2 Vulnerable; currently known from between six and ten 10km squares in Britain. Populations declining and considered likely to become endangered.

Red Data Book 3 Rare; currently known from between 11 and 15 10km squares in Britain. Small, thinly scattered local populations, but not at present considered to be vulnerable or endangered.

Nationally Scarce A; Very restricted national distribution, recorded from 16 - 30 10km squares in Britain since 1980.

Nationally Scarce B; Restricted national distribution, recorded from 31 - 100 10km squares in Britain since 1980.

Nationally Scarce; Restricted national distribution, recorded from 16 - 100 10km squares in Britain since 1980.

1.6 Discussion

One consideration that must be taken into account when comparing survey data is the weather, both during the survey period and between surveys. The weather experienced during the survey period in 2022 was largely favourable with dry and warm conditions. April had seen above average temperatures while June and July saw temperatures regularly exceed higher than average values with a temperature of 39°C being recorded on one occasion and above 30°C on a number of days in this period which led to an early summer drought leaving most vegetation dry and parched, this would have undoubtedly had an impact on the range of insect species recorded, not just here but elsewhere (*pers obs*). Despite this, twenty-one new species were recorded for the reserve during 2022. This total includes a single Nationally Scarce species the Click Beetle *Ampedus quercicola* a broad-leaved woodland specialist.

The majority of species recorded in this survey can be classified as being common, widespread and generalist in their habitat requirements and most have been recorded here in previous surveys. Many of the species involved are also highly mobile, enabling them to colonise habitats quickly. The majority of these species will remain in stabilised habitats and it is likely that only a very few of these might be lost through natural dispersal unless the current management regimes are radically altered or entirely neglected. However, any such losses should be countered by the retention of the more specialist species and perhaps the colonisation of other more specialist species from sites nearby.

Table 1 below presents the total number of species recorded from each survey group from each of the surveys in 2020, 2021 and 2022 compared against the total number of species currently recognised as resident in Britain and shows that in each survey group there is still scope for more species to be found/recorded here especially amongst some of the larger insect groups (terrestrial bugs, hoverflies, solitary bees and wasps). Further survey may discover new species.

Table 1 All species recorded by habitat in 2020, 2021 and 2022 against the number of British species.

Survey Group	Meadow	Woodland	Total No. combined	No. of British sp
Mecoptera; Scorpion Flies	1	1	1	3
Neuroptera; Lacewings	2	1	2	46
Odonata; Damselflies	1	0	1	20
Odonata; Dragonflies	4	0	4	23
Orthoptera; Bush Crickets	4	1	6	11
Grasshoppers	3	0	3	11
Dermoptera; Earwigs	1	0	1	4
Dictyoptera; Cockroaches	1	0	1	3
Heteroptera; True Bugs	39	9	48	488*
Trichoptera; Caddisflies	4	1	5	199
Lepidoptera; Butterflies	19	8	20	59
Diptera; Hoverflies	35	19	40	265
Larger Brachycera	15	4	16	159
Snail-killing Flies	6	0	6	67
Picture-winged Flies	7	0	7	73
Conopid Flies	7	0	6	24
Tachinid Flies	3	0	3	247
Hymenoptera; Ants	4	0	4	53
Spider Wasps	1	0	1	41
Social Wasps	5	3	5	9
Solitary Wasps	3	2	5	126
Solitary Bees	22	9	31	224
Social Bees	8	10	11	23
Coleoptera; Soldier Beetles	6	0	6	25
Click Beetles	3	2	3	73
Malachite Beetles	2	0	2	2
Ladybirds	6	0	6	46
Longhorn Beetles	6	1	6	67

*Heteroptera; True Bugs, this total is for terrestrial species only.

1.6.1 Notes on the Insect Groups Recorded

Mecoptera and Neuroptera

There was no change in the number, or species in these two groups recorded.

Odonata

There were no new species in this group recorded.

Orthoptera

All bush cricket species previously recorded were still present. All could have been expected to still occur the cutting/grazing regime of the grassland and retention of scrub edge should ensure all these species persist on site. It is interesting to note that the Lesser Marsh Grasshopper (*Chorthippus albomarginatus*), first recorded in 2020 and not since was still absent in 2022, the grassland in the meadow is certainly suitable for the species and I cannot offer a reason for its disappearance, other than the possibility of increasingly dry summers is having a negative impact on it.

Dictyoptera

The absence of the Nationally Scarce Dusky Cockroach (*Ectobius lapponicus*), first recorded in 2021 was perhaps not surprising given scarcity of this species, but the preferred habitat of rough grassland with scrub and bramble still remains and should still support the species.

Trichoptera

Five new species of Caddisfly were recorded during this survey and these include two species (*Limnephilus centralis* and *L. hirsutus*) that develop in shallow/temporary water bodies (like the on-site ditches), all five new species are relatively common and widespread species which can be found as adults in almost any habitat. The absence of permanent open water on site will probably always limit the number of species likely to be recorded here, some of the species that have been recorded here may have originated from the nearby Ballard Lake or any nearby garden ponds.

Heteroptera

The Heteroptera saw an increase of three species, one is an aquatic pond-skater (*Gerris lacustris*) which was recorded in the ditch in the South Meadow before it dried in early summer one new species is the small and easily overlooked sap-feeding mirid/grass bug (*Orthops basalis*) which is remarkably similar in appearance and behaviour to the previously recorded *O. campestris*. *Orthops basalis* was recorded in the North and South Meadows during this survey and may have been overlooked previously due to its similarity to the other mentioned species, the other new species is the groundbug *Drymus sylvaticus* ground bugs are rarely found in sweep-net samples because of their habit of crawling on the ground and not generally ascending vegetation. Almost all remaining species have been recorded in both previous surveys.

Lepidoptera

One new butterfly species was recorded, the Silver-washed Fritillary (*Argynnis paphia*) in the Southern Woodland on 13th July this was a perhaps not unexpected addition given that this is a strong-flier which is relatively common and widespread in most Hampshire and east Dorset woodlands, with strong and large populations in the New Forest, it is likely this species has colonised, or at least dispersed here from one such nearby population.

Hoverflies

Another good selection of hoverflies was recorded and included four new species, *Platycheirus clypeatus* is a common and widespread species of wet grassland that is not easy to identify in the field so a sample of look-alikes only have been taken during each successive survey, this year one of the specimens could be confirmed as this species. One of the other new species *Scaeva selentica* is a migrant to this country from the continent each year in varying numbers and as a result could turn up anywhere at any time during the summer, the individual recorded here was in the South Meadow on 15th August at a time when others were being seen in southern England (*pers obs*). The remaining two new species are also common and widespread and could have been expected to occur here and include two woodland/woodland edge species *Xylota segnis* and *X. sylvarum*, both develop as larvae in decaying timber, highlighting the importance of leaving dead wood (both standing and fallen) on site.

Diptera - Larger Brachycera

The number of larger brachycera recorded increased by two during this survey. Both of the new species can generally be regarded as common and widespread and could have been expected given the habitats present. The Soldierfly *Oxycera rara* was recorded from the ditch-side in the North Meadow on 13th July, this is fairly typical habitat for this species which develops as a maggot in mud. The soldierfly *Sargus bipunctata* recorded in the Middle Meadow on 12th September is a late-summer flying species of wet meadows that breeds in herbivore dung and would be benefitting from the presence of cattle on the meadow at this time.

Diptera - Snail-killing Flies

No new species of snail-killing fly were added to the list. There is still scope for further species to be recorded on site.

Diptera - Picture-winged Flies

No new picture-winged flies were added to the list, this may be as a result of the flora being established and stable.

Diptera - Conopid Flies

Conopid flies also saw an increase of one species *Conops flavipes*, which is easy to overlook in the field amongst other similar species, it was confirmed from a specimen during this survey. The presence of a high number of conopid flies is a good indicator of a strong presence of their host solitary and social bees and wasps and an abundance of forage resources. *Sicus ferrugineus*, which is possibly the commonest and most widespread of the conopid flies in Britain recorded here in 2020 and 2021 was present again during the current survey.

Diptera - Tachinid Flies

One new species of tachinid fly was recorded; *Thelaira nigripes*, this is a common and widespread species that parasitises Tiger moth caterpillars it was recorded in the South Meadow on 13th July all previously recorded species were again present during this survey and require no further comment. This is a large family and there is still scope for many more species to be recorded.

Hymenoptera - Ants, Bees and Wasps

The hymenoptera were again well represented and saw increases amongst the ants, solitary wasps and solitary bees.

Ants

One new species of ant recorded is the Yellow Meadow Ant (*Lasius flavus*) this species is well known for constructing large nest mounds in undisturbed grassland, a small foundation nest mound was found on the southern edge of the east-west running ditch that runs parallel to the southern boundary of the site in the Southern Meadow.

Social Wasps

No new species of social wasp were recorded, In general, social wasp numbers were low at many southern survey sites during 2022 (*pers obs*) and this may be a result of few having been seen during 2021 leading to poor hibernation rates and new nest establishment.

Solitary Wasps

Solitary wasps were again rather poorly represented considering the available habitats present and the relative abundance of nectar, pollen and potential invertebrate prey. Three new species were recorded, two are small, similar-looking and relatively easy to overlook; *Rhopalum inornata* and *Pemphredon lugubris*, both species nest in vacant beetle holes in dead wood and provision their nests with aphids, both were recorded in the woodland where there is presumably suitable prey and certainly ample nest sites, the third species *Nysson spinosus* is a common and widespread cuckoo in the nests of other solitary wasp species in the genus *Argogorytes* none of which have been recorded here. There is still scope for more solitary wasp species to be recorded with further surveys.

Solitary Bees

One new species of solitary bee was recorded; the 'Large Scissor Bee' *Chelostoma florissomne* recorded in the North Meadow on 14th June this species forages almost exclusively at buttercup flowers *Ranunculus* sp, which were abundant in the North Meadow at the time it was recorded, so the presence of this species is perhaps not unexpected. It nests holes in deadwood and hollow plant stems. Many of the solitary bees are small and dark-coloured and require microscopic examination for identification. As a result of this, only a sample of those collected in sweep-net samples are retained for identification, meaning that some species will probably be missed/overlooked each year. It is likely, as has been illustrated by the current survey that further species could be recorded in the future.

Social Bees

Unsurprisingly, no new social/bumblebee species were recorded and all previously recorded species were present again, the species recorded here during each survey are those which are currently most common and widespread in Britain, it is unlikely that any new species in this group will be recorded.

Coleoptera - Soldier Beetles

No new species of Soldier beetle were recorded and all previously recorded species were also seen again. All species now recorded are amongst our most common and widespread species and can be found in almost any habitat.

Click Beetles

One new species was recorded, the Nationally Scarce *Ampedus quercicola* and is detailed in Section 1.5.

Ladybirds

One new species of ladybird the Cream-spot (*Calvia 14-guttata*) a scrub species was swept from the lone Hawthorn in the Middle Meadow in April after having presumably hibernated either in it or in the vicinity.

Longhorn Beetles

No new species of longhorn beetle were recorded but the Nationally Scarce *Stictoleptura scutellata* was recorded again in the North Meadow after also having been recorded there in 2021, which is suggestive of a breeding population in the vicinity of the meadow/woodland.

Conclusion

These changes in species numbers and composition illustrates how important regular survey is and that single season surveys will be affected by a range of variables. Previous summer and winter weather, as well as that in the days leading up to the survey, and in some cases, even the weather on the day of the survey will all have an impact. In regards this survey, each visit was conducted using the same survey technique - sweep-netting/general searching as in previous surveys. The best available day for survey was chosen, and, where possible, followed a run of a few fine days to ensure insect numbers would be at their maximum, thus giving the best chance of recording the highest number of species.

Overall, the increase in species numbers, and the discovery of a new Nationally Scarce species illustrates how important this meadow and woodland are in both local and national context. If further survey were undertaken it is highly likely that a greater number of insect species could be recorded as has been illustrated by this survey in recording a range of species that had not been recorded in the previous two surveys.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 All species recorded in the meadow in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

Appendix 2 All species recorded in the woodland in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

Appendix 3 All species recorded in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

Appendix 1 All species recorded in the meadow in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

The following is a list of all the species recorded in the North, Middle and South Meadows in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined.

Mecoptera: Scorpion flies <i>Panorpa communis</i>	<i>Pithanus maerkelii</i> <i>Stenodema calcarata</i> <i>Stenodema laevigata</i> <i>Trignotylus ruficornis</i> <i>Lopus decolor</i> <i>Macrotylus solitarius</i> <i>Heterotoma planicornis</i> <i>Plagiongnathus arbustorum</i> <i>Plagiognathus chrysanthemi</i> <i>Nabis flavommarginatus</i> <i>Anthocoris nemorum</i> <i>Scolopostethus decoratus</i> <i>Stygnocoris rusticus</i> <i>Drymus sylvaticus</i> <i>Coreus marginatus</i> <i>Rhopalus subrufus</i> <i>Myrmus miriformis</i> <i>Eurygaster testudinaria</i> <i>Podops inuncta</i> <i>Aelia acuminata</i> <i>Dolycoris baccarum</i> <i>Palomena prasina</i> <i>Piezodorus lituratus</i> <i>Zicrona caerulea</i> <i>Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale</i>	Trichoptera; Caddisflies <i>Limnephilus affinis</i> <i>Limnephilus auricula</i> <i>Limnephilus centralis</i> <i>Limnephilus lunatus</i>
Neuroptera: Lacewings <i>Chrysopa perla</i> <i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>		Diptera: Hoverflies <i>Baccha elongata</i> <i>Cheilosia albitarsis</i> <i>Cheilosia illustrata</i> <i>Cheilosia pagana</i> <i>Episyrphus balteatus</i> <i>Eristalis arbustorum</i> <i>Eristalis intricarius</i> <i>Eristalis pertinax</i> <i>Eristalis tenax</i> <i>Eumerus funeralis</i> <i>Eumerus strigatus</i> <i>Eupeodes corollae</i> <i>Eupeodes luniger</i> <i>Helophilus pendulus</i> <i>Helophilus trivittatus</i> <i>Melanogaster hirtella</i> <i>Melanostoma mellinum</i> <i>Melanostoma scalare</i> <i>Merodon equestris</i> <i>Myathropa florea</i> <i>Paragus haemorrhous</i> <i>Pipiza noctiluca</i> <i>Platycheirus albimanus</i> <i>Platycheirus clypeatus</i> <i>Platycheirus rosarum</i> <i>Rhingia campestris</i> <i>Scaeva pyrastris</i> <i>Scaeva selentica</i> <i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i> <i>Syritta pipiens</i> <i>Syrphus ribesii</i> <i>Volucella pellucens</i> <i>Volucella zonaria*</i> <i>Xylota segnis</i> <i>Xylota sylvorum</i>
Odonata: Damselflies <i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>		
Dragonflies <i>Brachytron pratense</i> <i>Aeshna mixta</i> <i>Sympetrum striolatum</i> <i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>		
Orthoptera: Bush Crickets <i>Pholidoptera griseoptera</i> <i>Conocephalus discolor</i> <i>Conocephalus dorsalis</i> <i>Leptophyes punctatissima</i>		
Grasshoppers <i>Chorthippus albomarginatus</i> <i>Chorthippus brunneus</i> <i>Chorthippus parallelus</i>		
Dermaptera; Earwigs <i>Forficula auricularia</i>	Lepidoptera: Butterflies <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i> <i>Thymelicus lineola</i> <i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i> <i>Pieris brassicae</i> <i>Pieris rapae</i> <i>Pieris napi</i> <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i> <i>Neozephyrus quercus</i> <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i> <i>Polyommatus icarus</i> <i>Celastrina argiolus</i> <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> <i>Vanessa cardui</i> <i>Aglais io</i> <i>Aglais urticae</i> <i>Polygonia c-album</i> <i>Pararge aegeria</i> <i>Melanargia galathea</i> <i>Pyronia tithonus</i> <i>Maniola jurtina</i>	
Dictyoptera: Cockroaches <i>Ectobius lapponicus*</i>		
Heteroptera: True Bugs <i>Dicyphus epilobii</i> <i>Deraeocoris ruber</i> <i>Calocoris roseomaculatus</i> <i>Closterotomus norwegicus</i> <i>Capsus ater</i> <i>Apolygus lucorum</i> <i>Apolygus spinolae</i> <i>Lygocoris pabulinus</i> <i>Lygus rugulipennis</i> <i>Orthops baslairs</i> <i>Orthops campestris</i> <i>Stenotus binotatus</i> <i>Leptopterna dolabrata</i> <i>Notostira elongata</i>		

Rhagio tringarius
Beris vallata
Oxycera rara
Chorisops tibialis
Chloromyia formosa
Sargus bipunctata
Sargus flavipes
Machimus atricapillus
Machimus cingulatus
Leptogaster cylindrica
Dioctria linearis
Snail-killing Flies
Pherbellia ventralis
Elgiva cucularia
Hydromya dorsalis
Ilione albiseta
Limnia unguicornis
Tetanocera arrogans

Picture-winged Flies

Urophora jaceana
Tephritis bardanae
Tephritis neesii
Chaetostomella cylindrica
Terellia colon
Xyphosia miliaria
Euleia heraclei

Conopid Flies

Conops ceriaeformis
Conops flavipes
Conops quadrifasciatus
*Leopoldius signatus**
Physocephala rufipes
Sicus ferrugineus

Tachinid Flies

Eriothrix rufomaculata
Theilaria nigriceps
Phasia obesa

Hymenoptera: Aculeates

Ants

Lasius flavus
Lasius niger
Myrmica rubra
Myrmica ruginodis

Spider Wasps

Anoplius nigerrimus

Social Wasps

Vespa crabro
Dolichovespula media
Vespula rufa
Vespula germanica
Vespula vulgaris

Solitary Wasps

Ectemnius cephalotes
Pemphredon lugubris
Nyssus spinosus

Solitary Bees

Hylaeus communis
Hylaeus confusus
Andrena scotica
Andrena nigroaenea
Andrena nitida
Andrena haemorrhoa
Andrena flavipes
Andrena semilaevis
Andrena subopaca
Andrena dorsata
Andrena wilkella
Halictus tumulorum
Lasioglossum leucozonium
Lasioglossum albipes
Lasioglossum calceatum
Lasioglossum minutissimum
Lasioglossum punctatissimum
Lasioglossum villosulum
Lasioglossum morio
Sphecodes ephippius
Sphecodes geofrellus
Chelostoma florissomne
Osmia bicornis
Osmia leaiana

Osmia spinulosa
Megachile willughbiella
Nomada fabriciana
Nomada flava
Nomada flavoguttata
Nomada goodeniana

Social Bees

Bombus hortorum
Bombus lapidarius
Bombus lucorum
Bombus pascuorum
Bombus pratorum
Bombus terrestris
Bombus vestalis
Apis mellifera

Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles

Cantharis flavilabris
Cantharus nigricans
Cantharis pallida
Cantharis rusticus
Rhagonycha fulva
Rhagonycha testacea

Malachite Beetles

Malachius bipustulatus
Malthodes marginatus

Click Beetles

Agriotes acuminatus
Agriotes pallidulus
*Ampedus quercicola**

Ladybirds

Calvia 14-guttata
Propylea 14-punctata
Harmonia axyridis
Coccinella 7-punctata

Tytthaspis 16-punctata
Subcoccinella 24-punctata

Longhorn Beetles

Grammoptera ruficornis
*Paracorymbia fulva**
*Stictoleptura scutellata**
Rutpela maculata
Stenurella melanura
Clytus arietis

Appendix 2 All species recorded in the woodland in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

The following is a list of all the species recorded in the woodland in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined.

Mecoptera: Scorpion flies

Panorpa communis

Neuroptera: Lacewings

Chrysoperla carnea

Orthoptera: Bush Crickets

Leptophyes punctatissima

Heteroptera: True Bugs

Apolygus lucorum

Liocoris tripustulatus

Stenodema calcarata

Stenodema laevigata

Stenotus binotatus

Psallus quercus

Anthocoris nemorum

Palomena prasina

Pentatoma rufipes

Trichoptera: Caddisflies

Limnephilus centralis

Lepidoptera: Butterflies

Pieris brassicae

Pieris napi

Pieris rapae

Celastrina argiolus

Aglais io

Argynnis paphia

Pararge aegeria

Vanessa atalanta

Maniola jurtina

Pyronia tithonus

Diptera: Hoverflies

Baccha elongata

Dasyrphus albostrigatus

Epistrophe eligans

Episyrphus balteatus

Eristalis nemorum

Eristalis tenax

Eupeodes corollae

Helophilus pendulus

Melanostoma scalare

Merodon equestris

Myathropa florea

Platycheirus albimanus

Sphaerophoria scripta

Syrphus ribesii

Syrphus torvus

Syrphus vitrepennis

Volucella pellucens

*Volucella zonaria**

Xylota sylvarum

Larger Brachycera

Chorisops tibialis

Chrysopilus cristatus

Microchrysa flavicornis

Bombylius major

Hymenoptera: Aculeates

Solitary Wasps

Trypoxylon figulus

Rhopalum inornata

Ectemnius cephalotes

Social Wasps

Vespa crabro

Vespula germanica

Vespula vulgaris

Solitary Bees

Hylaeus communis

Hylaeus confusus

Halictus tumulorum

Andrena haemorrhoa

Andrena flavipes

Andrena subopaca

Andrena dorsata

Osmia bicornis

Nomada flava

Social Bees

Bombus hortorum

Bombus hypnorum

Bombus jonellus

Bombus lapidarius

Bombus pascuorum

Bombus pratorum

Bombus sylvestris

Bombus terrestris

Bombus vestalis

Apis mellifera

Coleoptera: Soldier Beetles

Rhagonycha fulva

Click Beetles

Agriotes pallidulus

Stenagostus rhombeus

Longhorn Beetles

Rutpela maculata

Appendix 3 All species recorded in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined

The following lists cover all species recorded across the whole site in 2020, 2021 and 2022 combined. Recent name changes amongst some of the species have been incorporated so in some instances names differ from the lists included in the 2020 and 2021 reports.

Species highlighted with an asterisk (*) are Red Data Book or Nationally Scarce species, species highlighted with an 'N' are new species recorded here for the first time in 2022.

Mecoptera:

Scorpion flies 1 species

Panorpa communis

Neuroptera:

Lacewings 2 species

Chrysopa perla

Chrysoperla carnea

Odonata:

Damselflies 1 species

Enallagma cyathigerum

Dragonflies 4 species

Brachytron pratense

Aeshna mixta

Libellula quadrimaculata

Sympetrum striolatum

Orthoptera:

Bush Crickets 6 species

Pholidoptera griseoaptera

Metrioptera roselii

Conocephalus discolor

Conocephalus dorsalis

Leptophyes punctatissima

Grasshoppers 3 species

Chorthippus albomarginatus

Chorthippus brunneus

Pseudochorthippus parallelus

Dermoptera:

Earwigs 1 species

Forficula dentata(=*auricularia*)

Dictyoptera:

Cockroaches 1 species

*Ecobius lapponicus**

Heteroptera:

True Bugs 40 species

Gerris lacustris N

Dicyphus epilobii

Deraeocoris ruber

Calocoris roseomaculatus

Closterostomus norwegicus

Capsus ater

Apolygus lucorum

Apolygus spinolae

Lygocoris pabulinus

Lygus rugulipennis

Orthops basalis N

Orthops campestris

Stenotus binotatus

Leptopterna dolabrata

Notostira elongata

Pithanus maerkelii

Stenodema calcarata

Stenodema laevigata

Trignotylus ruficornis

Heterotoma planicornis

Macrotylus solitarius

Plagiognathus arbustorum

Plagiognathus chrysanthemi

Psallus quercus

Nabis flavomarginatus

Anthocoris nemorum

Scolopostethus decoratus

Stygnocoris rusticus

Drymus sylvaticus N

Coreus marginatus

Rhopalus subrufus

Myrmus miriformis

Eurygaster testudinaria

Aelia acuminata

Podops inuncta

Dolycoris baccarum

Piezodorus lituratus

Palomena prasina

Zicrona caerulea

Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale

Lepidoptera:

Butterflies 20 species

Thymelicus sylvestris

Thymelicus lineola N

Ochlodes sylvanus

Pieris brassicae

Pieris rapae

Pieris napi

Anthocharis cardamines

Lycaena phlaeus

Neozephyrus quercus

Polyommatus icarus

Celastrina argiolus

Vanessa atalanta

Argynnis paphia N

Vanessa cardui

Aglais io

Polygonia c-album

Pararge aegeria

Melanargia galathea

Pyronia tithonus

Maniola jurtina

Trichoptera:

Caddisflies 5 species

Limnephilus auricula N

Limnephilus affinis

Limnephilus centralis N

Limnephilus hirsutus N

Limnephilus lunatus

Diptera:

Hoverflies 40 species

Baccha elongata

Cheilosia albitarsus

Cheilosia illustrata

Cheilosia pagana

Dasysyrphus albostrigatus

Epistrophe eligans

Episyrphus balteatus

Eristalis arbustorum

Eristalis intricarius

Eristalis pertinax

Eristalis tenax

Eumerus funeralis

Eumerus strigatus

Eupeodes corollae

Eupeodes luniger

Helophilus pendulus

Helophilus trivittatus

Melanogaster hirtella

Melanostoma mellinum

Melanostoma scalare

Merodon equestris

Myathropa florea

Paragus haemorrhous

Pipiza noctiluca

Platycheirus albimanus

Platycheirus clypeatus N

Platycheirus rosarum

Rhingia campestris

Scaeva pyrastris

Scaeva selentica N

Sphaerophoria scripta

Syrirta pipiens

Syrphus ribesii

Syrphus torvus

Syrphus vitrepennis

Volucella pellucens

*Volucella zonaria**

Xylota segnis N

Xylota sylvanum N

Larger Brachycera 16 species

Chrysopilus asiliformis

Chrysopilus cristatus

Rhagio lineola
Rhagio scolopaceus
Rhagio tringarius
Beris vallata
Oxycera rara N
Chorisops tibialis
Chloromyia formosa
Sargus bipunctata N
Sargus flavipes
Bombylius major
Machimus atricapillus
Machimus cingulatus
Leptogaster cylindrica
Dioctria linearis N

Snail-killing Flies 6 species

Pherbellia ventralis
Elgiva cucularia
Hydromya dorsalis
Ilione albisetata
Limnia unguicornis
Tetanocera arrogans

Picture-winged Flies 7 species

Urophora jaceana
Tephritis bardanae
Tephritis neesii
Chaetostomella cylindrica
Terellia colon
Xyphosia miliaria
Euleia heraclei

Conopid Flies 6 species

Conops ceriaeformis
Conops flavus N
Conops quadrifasciatus
*Leopoldius signatus**
Physocephala rufipes
Sicus ferrugineus

Tachinid Flies 3 species

Eriothrix rufomaculata
Theilaria nigriceps N
Phasia obesa

Hymenoptera: Aculeates

Ants 4 species

Lasius flavus N
Lasius niger
Myrmica rubra
Myrmica ruginodis

Spider Wasps 1 species

Anoplius nigerrimus

Social Wasps 5 species

Vespa crabro
Dolichovespula media
Vespula rufa
Vespula germanica
Vespula vulgaris

Solitary Wasps 5 species

Trypoxylon figulus

Ectemnius cephalotes
Pemphredon lugubris N
Rhopalum inornata N
Nysson spinosus N

Solitary Bees 31 species

Hylaeus communis
Hylaeus confusus
Andrena scotica N
Andrena nigroaenea
Andrena nitida N
Andrena haemorrhoa
Andrena flavipes
Andrena semilaevis N
Andrena subopaca
Andrena dorsata
Andrena wilkella N
Halictus tumulorum
Lasioglossum leucozonium N
Lasioglossum albipes
Lasioglossum calceatum
Lasioglossum minutissimum
Lasioglossum punctatissimum N
Lasioglossum villosulum N
Lasioglossum morio
Sphecodes ephippius N
Sphecodes geofrellus
Chelostoma florissomne N
Osmia bicornis N
Osmia leaiana
Osmia spinulosa
Megachile willughbiella
Nomada fabriciana N
Nomada goodeniana N
Nomada flava
Nomada flavoguttata
Nomada striata N

Social Bees 11 species

Bombus hortorum
Bombus hypnorum
Bombus jonellus
Bombus lapidarius
Bombus lucorum
Bombus pascuorum
Bombus pratorum
Bombus sylvestris
Bombus terrestris
Bombus vestalis
Apis mellifera

Coleoptera:

Soldier Beetles 6 species

Cantharis flavilabris (=nigra)
Cantharis nigricans
Cantharis pallida
Cantharis rustica
Rhagonycha fulva
Rhagonycha testacea N

Malachite Beetles 2 species

Malachius bipustulatus
Malthodes marginalis N

Click Beetles 3 species

Agriotes pallidulus N
*Ampedus quercicola** N
S tenagostus rhombeus N

Ladybirds 6 species

Calvia 14-guttata N
Propylea 14-punctata
Harmonia axyridis
Coccinella 7-punctata
Tytthaspis 16-punctata
Subcoccinella 24-punctata

Longhorn Beetles 6 species

Grammoptera ruficornis
*Paracorymbia fulva**
*Stictoleptura scutellata**
Rutpela maculata
Stenurella melanura
Clytus arietis