

Carlton Creepy Crawlies

Carltonians may have noticed that one old pollard willow by the Stony Brook was re-pollarded in January, while another was coppiced because the trunk was too split and rotten to support the boll. By kind permission of the landowner, members of the Market Bosworth Natural History Society were invited to look for invertebrates in these rotten stumps at SK387044 on 25th Jan 2016.

18 species of beetle were found, including a single specimen of *Isochnus sequensi*, a very small weevil that was only added to the county list last year. This is about the fourth record of this species from Leicestershire. Also worthy of note were *Anotylus rugosus*, *Lathrobium geminum*, *Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata* (22-spot ladybird), *Oulema rufocyanea* (Chrysomelidae) and over 100 of the “looking nothing like a weevil” *Euophryum confine*.

Also recorded were the snails *Cepaea nemoralis nemoralis*, *Discus rotundatus rotundatus*, and *Cornu aspersum*; the springtail *Tomocerus vulgaris*; the tree bumblebee *Bombus hypnorum*; the centipedes *Lithobius forficatus*, and *F. melanops*, and the common pill woodlouse, common shiny woodlouse, and common rough woodlouse (*Armadillidium vulgare*, *Oniscus asellus* and *Porcellio scaber*, respectively).



I thank Graham Finch and Steve Woodward for providing these records; a report of this visit also appears in Heritage for Jan-Mar 2016 (Quart Bull Loughborough Naturalists' Club No.221). An ambitious project is in progress to survey the wildlife of every churchyard in Leicestershire. The interim results for Saint Andrew's churchyard, Carlton have been uploaded to the Parish Council's website.

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