

Norfolk Fungus Study Group Foray Report

East Winch. Sunday 18th January 2026.

Nineteen of the group turned out for the latest foray to East Winch which lies to the southeast of King's Lynn. This impressive reserve, owned by Norfolk Wildlife Trust lies adjacent to the A47.



East Winch Common is a 64 acre biological Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is common land and was gifted to the trust in 1973 by the famous cartoonist Osbert Lancaster who lived nearby in East Winch Hall.

In 2013 a grant of £39,224 was awarded to the NWT through the Landfill Communities Fund. This enabled a programme of targeted improvement works, including tree thinning and installing the infrastructure needed to introduce cattle or ponies alongside sheep grazing the site.

The site is mainly wet acid heath on peat, and it is dominated by heather and cross-leaved heath. There are many wet hollows, which have diverse fen and mire flora, and areas of young woodland.

The reserve has a very small carpark but thanks to some help from our local members extra parking had been arranged at a nearby site.

Before our visit there were 518 records of 228 species from 34 visits on the Norfolk Mycota.

The NWT ranger Ash Murray - also a member of our group - gave us an introductory talk about the reserve pointing out the places of interest and the work that has been going on on the reserve.

The early mist had cleared and we were able to explore the woodland near the car park and along the western boundary - mainly birch and oak. With plenty of lying dead wood there were good examples of the normal wood rotters. Thus Smoky Bracket/*Bjerkandera adusta*, Turkeytail/*Trametes versicolor*, Bleeding Oak Crust/*Stereum gausapatum*, Crimped Gill/*Plicatura crispa*, Wrinkled Crust /*Phlebia radiata* and Purple

Jellydisc/*Ascocoryne sarcoides* went on the field identification list. We are recording examples of Birch Polypore/*Fomitopsis betulina* and Hoof Fungus/*Fomes fomentarius* which exist on the same log and found an example of that here today. When we strayed on to the heathland, just before lunch, there were many mounds of dung left by the ponies which are used by the trust to graze and maintain the habitat. On these there were plenty of colonies of Nail Fungus/*Poronia punctata*. There were other dung related fungi - Dung Roundhead/*Stropharia semiglobata*, *Conocybe pubescens*, *Coprinellus heterosetulosus* and *Deconica subcoprophila* - the latter three identified later.

Another interesting find before our lunch was a harvestman with a fungus completely enveloping it - later identified as *Conidiobolus coronatus*. A rare find in the county as it has only been found once before at Broadland Country Park in 2022.

The plentiful supply of lying dead wood enabled us to eat our repast perched on birch logs - another plus for the site!

After lunch we explored further the woodland which fringes the site and the wet heathland which dominates the centre.

Some nice slime moulds were recorded - *Hemitrichia calyculata*, *Stemonitis fusca* and *Craterium minutum*. Other nice finds were Cucumber Cap/*Macrocystidia cucumis*, a number of Bonnets/*Mycenas* including *Mycena pseudocorticola*, Winter Bonnet/*Mycena hiemalis* and Frosty Bonnet/*Mycena tenerrima*, Bicoloured Bracket/*Gloeoporus dichrous*, Fenugreek Stalkball/*Phleogena faginea*, and a single Earthfan/*Thelephora terrestris* on the walk back to the car park.

There were 61 field identifications and a final total of 132 species. A big thanks to those who came and helped with the finds and who took specimens home to produce this impressive total for a January foray.

When comparing the list with the current Norfolk Mycota, and the 2025 list so far, 77 are new species for the site. There are no new species for the county, however there are two which are second records ; the *Conidiobolus coronatus*, already discussed, and *Glomerella graminicola* - a leaf blight, here growing on Purple Moor Grass. There were also three third records for the county.

It was a very enjoyable and sociable visit and we were made to feel very welcome. It was also good to have increased the records and Ash is very pleased with that.

Below are some photographs to illustrate the finds, the habitat and the experience of our visit. Thanks to Jeremy, Bronwen, Anne, Paul, Sara, Sue, Gary and myself for these.

The list of finds is at the end of this report.

Steve Pinnington.

Photographs



Macrocystidia cucumis / Cucumber Cap



Bjerkandera adusta / Smoky Bracket



Lentinus brumalis / Winter Polypore



Poronia punctata / Nail Fungus



Thelephora terrestris / Earthfan



Coprinellus heterosetulosus



Stemonitis fusca



Trichia contorta





Calocera cornea / Small Stagshorn



Auricularia auricula-judae / Jelly Ear



Conidiobolus coronatus



Russula nigricans / Blackening Brittlegill



Mycena tenerrima / Frosty Bonnet



Xylaria hypoxylon / Candlesnuff



Plicatura crispa / Crimped Gill



Diaea dorsata / Crab Spider



Finds

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SUBSTRATE	ASSOCIATED ORGANISM
<i>Ascocoryne sarcoides</i>	Purple Jellydisc	Dead Stump	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Ascodichaena rugosa</i>		Trunk	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Athelia arachnoidea</i>	Cobweb Duster	Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i>	Jelly Ear	Dead Branch	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	Smoky Bracket	Dead Stump/ Deciduous	
<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	Netted Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Calloria tremelloides</i>	Nettle Pox	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Calocera cornea</i>	Small Stagshorn	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Calycina citrina</i>	Lemon Disco	Dead Log	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Cercospora violae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Viola riviniana</i>
<i>Chaetosphaerella phaeostroma</i>		Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Chlorociboria aeruginascens</i>	Green Elfcup	Dead Wood/ Deciduous	

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<i>Chondrostereum purpureum</i>	Silverleaf Fungus	Live Trunk	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i>			<i>Opiliones</i>
<i>Conocybe pubescens</i>		Dung	<i>Equus ferus</i>
<i>Coprinellus heterosetulosus</i>		Dung	<i>Equus ferus</i>
<i>Craterium minutum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
<i>Crepidotus cesatii</i>	Roundspored Oysterling	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Crepidotus variabilis</i>	Variable Oysterling	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	Dead Twig/ Deciduous	
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blushing Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>	King Alfred's Cakes	Dead Wood/ Deciduous	
<i>Deconica subcoprophila</i>		Dung	<i>Equus ferus</i>
<i>Dendrostoma leiphaemia</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Dennisiella babingtonii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>
<i>Diaporthe insignis</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
<i>Diatrype stigma</i>	Common Tarcrust	Fallen Branch	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Diatrypella favacea</i>	Birch Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Diatrypella quercina</i>	Oak Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Diplodia sapinea</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Emmia latemarginata</i>	Frothy Porecrust		
<i>Erythricium aurantiacum</i>		Thallus	<i>Physcia adscendens</i>
<i>Eutypa maura</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Salix cinerea</i>
<i>Exidia glandulosa</i>	Witch's Butter	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Exidia thuretiana</i>	White Brain	Dead Branch	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
<i>Fomes fomentarius</i>	Hoof Fungus	Dead Log	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>	Birch Polypore	Dead Log	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Flammulina velutipes</i>	Velvet Shank	Branch	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
<i>Gloeoporus dichrous</i>	Bicoloured Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Glomerella graminicola</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
<i>Gloniopsis praelonga</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
<i>Hemitrichia calyculata</i>		Dead Wood/ Deciduous	
<i>Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca</i>	False Chanterelle	Soil	
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Dead Wood	<i>Betula</i>

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<i>Hypoxylon fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodwart	Dead Branch	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Hysterium angustatum</i>		Dead Bark/ Deciduous Trees	
<i>Illosporiosis christiansenii</i>		Thallus	<i>Physcia adscendens</i>
<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>	Birch Woodwart	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Laccaria laccata</i>	Deceiver	Soil/Deciduous Trees	
<i>Lentinus brumalis</i>	Winter Polypore	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Leptopeltis litigiosa</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Leptosphaeria acuta</i>	Nettle Rash	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Leptotrochila ranunculi</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
<i>Leucostoma niveum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Populus tremula</i>
<i>Lichenopeltella alpestris</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
<i>Lophodermium apiculatum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
<i>Lophodermium pinastri</i>	Pine Needle Split	Needle Litter	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Lycoperdon nigrescens</i>	Dusky Puffball	Soil	
<i>Macrocystidia cucumis</i>	Cucumber Cap	Soil	
<i>Microthyrium ciliatum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Mollisia cinerea</i>	Common Grey Disco	Dead Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Mycena arcangeliana</i>	Angel's Bonnet	Dead Twig/ Deciduous	
<i>Mycena filopes</i>	Iodine Bonnet	Woody Litter/ Deciduous	
<i>Mycena galericulata</i>	Common Bonnet	Dead Stump	
<i>Mycena hiemalis</i>	Winter Bonnet	Dead Wood/ Deciduous	
<i>Mycena inclinata</i>	Clustered Bonnet	Dead Stump	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Mycena pseudocorticola</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Mycena tenerrima</i>	Frosty Bonnet	Dead Bark/ Coniferous	
<i>Mycena vitilis</i>	Snapping Bonnet	Woody Litter/ Deciduous	
<i>Mycosphaerella pteridis</i>		Dead Frond	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella punctiformis</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella rhododendri</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Rhododendron</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella rubi</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Mycosylva clarkii</i>		Dung	<i>Microtus agrestis</i>

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<i>Nectria cinnabarina</i>	Coral Spot	Dead Twig	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Nemania confluens</i>		Decorticated Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Nemania serpens</i>		Decorticated Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Ophiognomonia intermedia</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Paradidymella clarkii</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	Rollrim Mould	Fruitbody	<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>
<i>Peniophora quercina</i>	Oak Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Peniophora violaceolivida</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Salix cinerea</i>
<i>Periconia atra</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>
<i>Phacidium lauri</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Phellinus pomaceus</i>	Cushion Bracket	Dead Branch	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
<i>Phlebia radiata</i>	Wrinkled Crust	Dead Stump	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Phlebia tremellosa</i>	Jelly Rot	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Phleogenia faginea</i>	Fenugreek Stalkball	Trunk	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Phloeomana speirea</i>	Bark Bonnet	Dead Bark/ Coniferous	
<i>Phoma ulicis</i>		Dead Spine	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
<i>Phomopsis glandicola</i>		Fallen Acorn	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>	Violet Bramble Rust	Leaf, living	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
<i>Phyllosticta saccardoi</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>
<i>Plagiostoma inclinatum</i>		Decaying Petiole	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Plicatura crispa</i>	Crimped Gill	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Poronia punctata</i>	Nail Fungus	Dung	<i>Equus ferus</i>
<i>Propolis farinosa</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Puccinia brachypodii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>
<i>Puccinia malvacearum</i>	Mallow Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>
<i>Radulomyces molaris</i>	Oak Tooth Crust	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Ramularia glechomatis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>
<i>Ramularia urticae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Resinomyцена saccharifera</i>		Dead Stem	
<i>Resupinatus trichotis</i>	Hairy Oysterling	Dead Branch/ Deciduous	
<i>Rhopoglyphus filicinus</i>	Bracken Map	Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>

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<i>Rhytisma acerinum</i>	Sycamore Tarspot	Dead Leaf	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Russula nigricans</i>	Blackening Brittlegill	Soil/Deciduous Trees	
<i>Russula fragilis</i>	Fragile Brittlegill	Soil	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Schizopora paradoxa</i>	Split Porecrust	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Scleroderma citrinum</i>	Common Earthball	Soil/Deciduous Trees	
<i>Septocyta ruborum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
<i>Sphaerulina gei</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Geum urbanum</i>
<i>Steccherinum ochraceum</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Stemonitis fusca</i>		Dead Wood/Deciduous	
<i>Stereum gausapatum</i>	Bleeding Oak Crust	Dead Log	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Dead Log/Deciduous	
<i>Stropharia semiglobata</i>	Dung Roundhead	Dung	<i>Equus ferus</i>
<i>Thelephora terrestris</i>	Earthfan	Soil	
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	Dead Branch/Deciduous	
<i>Tremella mesenterica</i>	Yellow Brain	Dead Twig/Deciduous	
<i>Trichia contorta</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>		Dead Branch/Deciduous	
<i>Trimmatostroma betulinum</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Trochila ilicina</i>	Holly Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy Twiglet	Buried Wood	
<i>Unguiculariopsis thallophila</i>		Thallus	<i>Lecanora hybocarpa</i>
<i>Venturia ditricha</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Vialaea insculpta</i>		Drooping Twigs	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Vuilleminia comedens</i>	Waxy Crust	Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Xanthoriicola physciae</i>		Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff	Dead Stump	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Zyzygomyces physciacearum</i>		Thallus	<i>Physcia adscendens</i>