

Walton Common 7 July 2018

On 5 July, many members of the Group attended Roy Betts' funeral in Walton in Gordano Church.. Two days later a smaller number continued with the Group's programme that Roy had arranged and spent a couple of hours meandering and reminiscing over Walton Common, one of Roy's favourite places. This coincided with the hottest June that any of us could remember, along with a month without any significant rainfall. As a consequence we found very few fungi, and notably there were no gilled fungi – Roy's special area of expertise.

One interesting find was Black Spot disease (*Diplocarpon rosea*) on a wild Rose.

The only opportunity for photography were examples of *Inonotus hispidus* on Ash trees growing on one of the steep sea-facing cliffs – not the best location for good photographs.

Phragmidium violaceum

Amylostereum laevigatum

Daldinia concentrica

Inonotus hispidus

Erysiphe alphitoides

Golovinomyces depressus on Lesser Burdock

Diplocarpon rosae

Inonotus hispidus on Ash. On the left is an example of last year's growth still attached to the tree. This stage is more often seen on the ground below Ash trees. On the right is a young bracket formed this year.

