

Troopers Hill, 9 November 2019

Our biennial Foray / Survey in association with The Friends of Troopers Hill was carried out under very extreme weather conditions, 3°C and driving rain. As a result recording was difficult and photography impossible. We were thus extremely grateful to Susan who had visited the site the day before and was thus able to lead us around the more productive areas.

As on previous occasions there was a good representation of grassland species, especially waxcaps - most notably large numbers of *Hygrocybe laeta*, a species restricted to acidic (sandstone) terrain. The hard work by the Friends aimed at maintaining the grassland fungi, by reducing the spread of various shrubs and trees, including gorse, heather and birch, was clearly paying dividends.

In contrast to previous years, we were also able to examine the wooded areas on the edge of the grassland. Here we were pleased to see an array of mycorrhizal fungi, including species of *Amanita*, *Lactarius* and *Tricholoma*. Many of these were associated with scattered oak and birch.

Although photographs of fungi *in situ* was not possible, an image of a selection of species collected for formal identification is shown below.



Species found on grassland

Atheniella (Mycena) flavoalba

Clavaria acuta

Clavaria tenuipes

Clavulinopsis corniculata

Clavulinopsis luteoalba

Clitocybe fragrans

Cordyceps militaris

Cuphophyllus (Hygrocybe) pratensis

Cuphophyllus (Hygrocybe) virgineus

Galerina pumila

Gliophorus (Hygrocybe) laetus

Gliophorus (Hygrocybe) psittacinus

Hygrocybe chlorophana

Hygrocybe coccinea

Hygrocybe conica

Hygrocybe helobia

Hygrocybe russocoriacea

Hygrophorus eburneus

Lycoperdon excipuliforme

Lycoperdon pyriforme

Rickenella fibula

Trichoglossum hirsutum

Species associated with trees (Beech, Birch and Oak)

Amanita muscaria

Amanita rubescens

Armillaria mellea

Chlorophyllum rhacodes

Clitocybe geotropa

Clitocybe nebularis

Clitocybe rivulosa

Clitocybe vibecina

Gymnopus confluens

Hebeloma pusillum

Laccaria amethystina

Laccaria laccata

Lactarius turpis

Lepista nuda

Lepista saeva

Mycena epipterygia var.

pelliculosa

Mycena galericulata

Mycena leptcephala

Mycena pseudocorticola

Mycena rosea

Paxillus involutus

Rhodocollybia butyracea

Scleroderma verrucosum

Tricholoma fulvum

Tricholoma scalpturatum

Tricholoma sulphureum