

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 12 OCTOBER 2017

The weather was mostly cloudy with some sunny spells, the breeze did get up at lunchtime but did not affect the catch significantly.

The catch was dominated by the numbers of Blue Tits and Great Tits, with 28 Blue Tits and 30 Great Tits. This year we have caught as many new Blue Tits as in the whole of 2016 and about 30% more new Great Tits than last year. This would suggest that the building activity on the golf course area is having a significant effect on these species and probably others.

As well as these we caught a juvenile Chiffchaff and two Bullfinches, we saw but did not catch a Coal Tit and several Goldcrests, a Green Woodpecker and at least one Great Spotted Woodpecker.

A Dunnock was caught and not ringed as it had pustules on its feet and by its bill, they had a tendency to bleed.

There were number of Red Admirals around.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	1	1		1	3
Dunnock		2	3	3	8
Chiffchaff		1			1
Robin		1		1	2
Blackbird		1	2		3
Blue Tit	1	18	1	8	28
Great Tit	1	9	4	16	30
Chaffinch		1		1	2
Bullfinch	2				2
Total	5	34	10	30	79



Dunnock with pustules



Bullfinch

