



## Dear Community Scientist,

Welcome to issue 1 of the new quarterly newsletter from **Community Science - Moors for the Future's** unique volunteer project - tracking the effects of climate change on moorlands.

Read on for updates, events, and ways you can get involved, or [sign up today and make a difference!](#)

### Sir David



We were delighted recently when Community Science received these words of encouragement from Sir David Attenborough!

### Photo competition 2015



We would like to invite you to take part in this year's photo competition, the theme of which is *'Wildlife and Moorland'*.

You could win **2 fabulous signed books worth over £40**. Judges this year include Kate MacRae ([Wildlife Kate](#)) and [Paul Hobson](#).

The deadline is **31st October 2015**. [Find out more...](#)

### 2015 - your results so far...

Thank you for all your help! So far this year you have: recorded 660 bumblebees, set up 9 new bumblebee survey transects (to add to the 19 already existing) and spotted 505 of our target birds. The earliest curlew was spotted on 27th February, whilst the first swallow was seen on 4th April near the Roaches in Staffordshire - about average for the area.



Like Butterfly Conservation's 'Big Butterfly Count', this year's sightings of peacock butterflies have been relatively low - perhaps due to the mixed weather. It will be interesting to see if arrival dates of migrants like swallows become earlier in future years due to climate change. To do this we need your help, and it's now easier than ever to submit your sightings, so [please keep them coming in!](#)



### Bees of Blacka

Sheffield Wildlife Trust have now set up a Community Science bumblebee survey on the beautiful Blacka Moor. Regular volunteer Liesel [spoke to us about setting up the survey...](#)

### Curlew

Species of the issue is this iconic moorland wading bird, with its characteristic down-curved bill.



Find out more about why we are interested in collecting your sightings, [here](#).

### Bumblebee talk



On **August 25th** we are hosting a free evening talk about bumblebees with Gill Perkins (Conservation Manager for the **Bumblebee Conservation Trust**). Find out more and [reserve your place](#).

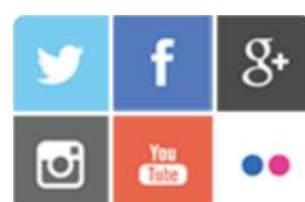


### Community Science blog

Our brand new blog contains regular updates on the project. **We'd also love to hear from you!** If you want to write about anything - from your thoughts on volunteering, to an amazing wildlife experience you had - just [get in touch](#).

[Community Science Blog](#)

### Follow us



You can also [keep up to date with Community Science](#) by following and liking us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Flickr and more. Say hello!

## Getting involved is easy

There are lots of ways you can get involved - from surveying wildlife and the moorland environment, to working with data or communicating about the project via social media. If you'd like to help, we'd like to hear from you - no matter what your previous experience or background.

[Sign up today and make a difference!](#)

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