Volunteer Awards Shortlist

We are delighted to announce that Community Science has been shortlisted for this year’s UK National Park Volunteer Awards in the ‘project’ category.

Visit the National Parks website to find out more about the awards and the other shortlisted nominees.

National Parks UK Director Kathryn Cook said “Volunteers are the lifeblood of our National Parks... The annual Volunteer Awards were set up to recognise the hard work of those who have gone above and beyond...”

Fingers crossed!

A Look Back

This year Community Scientists have given over 5000 hours of their time to helping monitor the long term health of moorland and blanket bogs.

Miles and miles of survey routes have been walked and thousands of bumblebees recorded - along with over 800 hares and rabbits, nearly 700 ring ouzels and redwings and 500 curlews. A great effort!

Species of the Month

This edition features a moss in seasonal colours - Red bog-moss, otherwise known as Sphagnum capillifolium.

This delicate species varies from a deep wine-red to bright green and can form dense hummocks. These sometimes look like red velvet cushions, or if you look closely, like tightly-packed cauliflower florets (or should that be sprouts?). It is an important moss for the formation of peat, and can be found on open bogs. A very handsome plant indeed! Find out how to download our free moss ID app ‘MoorMOSS’ here.

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