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2016 SO FAR

[Bumblebee Season](#)



A huge thanks to our volunteers: During this year's bumblebee season you recorded over 2,500 bumblebees of at least 11 different species; and walked 506 km (or 1012 km if you count the return journey).

That's the distance from Edale to Brussels and back!

[Ring Ouzels](#)



Volunteers also logged 76 sightings of the elusive ring ouzel - a bird whose numbers are in sharp decline nationally.

These sightings helped to feed into a detailed survey on Sheffield's [Eastern Moors](#)

[Summer of swallows](#)



Your first swallow sighting reported to us was on March 29th (6 days earlier than last year) and the last was seen on 30th September (11 days earlier than last year) - that's a range of 185 days.

Photo competition



We are pleased to announce this year's competition, the theme of which is **Water in the Uplands**.

[Visit our website](#) to find out how you could win an HD Bird Box Camera System worth £99 or a Nikon Coolpix waterproof digital camera worth £130.

The deadline for entries is 31st December. Good luck!

Buds, Berries and Leaves



Our latest survey is now up and running, and volunteers have already been out recording the timings of natural events such as fruiting and leaf fall in upland plants. [Find out how to get involved here.](#)

Species of the month



Thousands of autumn migrants are already arriving in the UK, and we'd like you to [send us any sightings](#) of this beautiful example - the **redwing**.

With striking cream stripes over its eyes, and red patches under its wings, this winter thrush really is a stunner.

By tracking when they arrive and what food resources they use when here you can help us to add to the picture of how climate change may be impacting the uplands.

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Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of Community Scientist - the newsletter for Moors for the Future Partnership's unique volunteer project. Read on for updates, events, and ways you can get involved.

Bleaklow timelapse



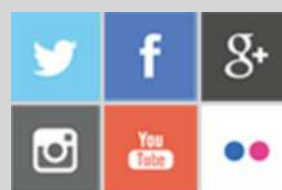
Read this post on our [Community Science blog](#) to see a video of how Bleaklow has changed over the last 13 years...

Camera trap update



One of our [favourite video clips](#) captured in 2016 was this kestrel, which dropped in for lunch on Marsden Moor right in front of our camera!

Follow us online



Did you know? There are many ways to [keep in touch with Community Science](#) online.

Volunteer

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.

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

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