Monitoring Dimensions

This year we are very happy to be working with Chatsworth Estate to monitor the peat water table in nine of our Community Science sites.

Volunteers have installed equipment including a core of peat, which is metal rods the peat – metal rods that are known as peat-sampling or peat-core equipment. By temporarily inserting metal rods into the peat, we can collect a core sample. A core sample is a section of a peat layer.

The next stage is for the survey forms to be digitized by our data volunteers before they can then be analysed and compared to other sites.

Peak depth mapping

Last month we were delighted to reveal a new Local Nature Reserve for all of our Community Science sites.

The new Local Nature Reserve is on the Chatsworth Estate in Derbyshire. The area was created from the existing moorland site at Burbage, and was chosen because it is a high-quality habitat for wildlife.

Over 100 people attended the recent launch event for our new Local Nature Reserve. Volunteers and others interested in peatland conservation were able to see the progress made on the site.

Vegetation survey update

We're pleased to report that the 2017 annual vegetation surveys on Community Science sites have been completed.

Volunteers spent over 200 hours carrying out detailed surveys of 720 square metres of vegetation - collecting over 12,000 pieces of information about the plants present on the site. This includes notes on the type and abundance of plant species.

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Community scientist awards

We're excited to announce that Community Scientist has been shortlisted for the 2017 Campaign for National Parks ‘Park Protectors’ award. The annual awards celebrate projects which have contributed to protecting or improving National Parks in England and Wales.

We're part of a shortlist of five other projects which range from Gunston to the Lake District. The winner will be announced on 11th October.

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