



Dear Community Scientist,

Welcome to the autumn edition of Community Scientist - the newsletter for Moors for the Future's unique volunteer project. Read on for updates, events, and ways you can get involved, or [sign up today and make a difference!](#)

New surveys



This autumn has seen the launch of 2 new surveys which you can take part in. Our survey of brown hares and mountain hares and 'The Big Moss Map' *Sphagnum* survey are now ready! [Find out how to get started.](#)

Photo competition shortlist



This year's competition is now closed to entries. Thank you for all your fantastic pictures. The judges ([Kate MacRae](#) and [Paul Hobson](#)) are currently deciding on the overall winner and runners up.

In the meantime you can browse the 25 photos which made the shortlist online.

[View the competition shortlist.](#)



Europarc Award

We are delighted to have been awarded a 'highly commended' certificate for the project in the EU Europarc awards for communicating Natura 2000. [Read more...](#)



Christmas celebration event

Please join us on December 16th for our end of year celebration and get-together. Find out more and reserve your place using our [Eventbrite page.](#)



Events

- *Sphagnum* ID and survey training (free) - November 25th - [BOOK](#)
- Christmas celebration event (free) - December 16th - [RSVP](#)

Please check our [website events page](#) for updates and new events.

Mountain hare

Species of the issue is this upland mammal which turns white during the winter. We have England's only population here in the South Pennines.



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

Mapping *Sphagnum*



Our latest survey is ambitious - to make a map of where *Sphagnum* mosses are found across the Peak District and South Pennines. Find out more about why and how you can help in [this blog post.](#)



Watch...

Volunteers have now set up 4 environmental monitoring sites. Watch the video below to see how they went about it...

[Environmental monitoring video](#)

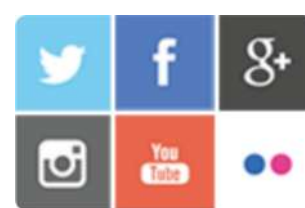
This video, shot at the launch event for our newest surveys back in September shows the amazing antiseptic properties of *Sphagnum* mosses...

[Can Sphagnum preserve salmon? Video](#)

The project also appeared on Look North - in a piece about about the mountain hare survey...

[Watch BBC Look North video](#)

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You can also keep up-to-date with the project in more depth by reading our [Blog.](#)

If you would like to contribute to the blog then please get in touch!



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.

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