



Community science survey updates

Dear <<First Name>>, as the summer comes to a close, it is time to say a huge thanks to our volunteers who are wrapping up Community Science vegetation surveys for the year. We'd also like to update you on progress with some of our other surveys in 2018 so far...



Volunteers have very nearly finished recording detailed information about the plant life growing in 270 quadrats (like the one pictured above) across our eight environmental monitoring sites. The newest and final site to be added to the project is on Crompton Moor near Oldham. By surveying each year, we will be able to track changes to the vegetation over time.



Ring ouzels update

So far this year our recorders have submitted records of 85 ring ouzels. As in previous years, most sightings of this red-listed bird came from their local stronghold on the Eastern Moors of the Peak District, although some outlying records came from as far away as Cumbria and Norfolk.



Butterflies in 2018

After a cold and slow start to the spring, the hot weather this summer meant that many species of butterfly were around in large numbers. We received sightings of over 500 individuals in our project area; 115 green hairstreaks, 62 orange tips and 333 peacocks.



Mountain hares

Lots of mountain hare records continue to come in, with almost 200 individual sightings so far this year. The transition from white winter camouflage to a mottled brown and white coat was observed by many recorders during March and April.



Scales and warts

Our earliest common lizard record of the year was April 5th on Stanage Edge in the Peak District. This was 11 days later than the first sighting of 2017 which was made on Bleaklow on March 25th. This was perhaps due to the extended cold weather we experienced during the 'Beast from the East' parts 1, 2 and 3!

To find out more about these surveys and to submit your own sightings to them please visit our website:

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