



ORIN'S BIOBLITZ

“ I love surveying wildlife. Seeing the animals gives me such joy and I love watching the ecosystems around me. I really wanted to organise my own BioBlitz event to help local people find out what wildlife lives in the area.

I applied to the Youth Environmental Action Fund for a grant of £1000. I aimed the event at young people and families by buying survey equipment to use such as a pond dip kit and binoculars, but also clay and paper for craft activities so everyone could take part.

The National Trust agreed to host the event, I contacted local experts who agreed to help, and we planned the timetable for 24 hours to make sure everyone could learn and get involved. We made soup and flapjack for people to have lunch and sent out invitation flyers to all year 6's in local schools.

The day itself was brilliant. One hundred and sixty two people came and we were really excited to record 468 species. I loved seeing so many people come to look for wildlife, there were many more people than we thought.

My hope is that lots of people and especially young people were inspired to love the natural world around us. I believe that if people know and understand what lives alongside them, they will be more passionate about protecting it.



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Orin gained funding and support for his BioBlitz through the Youth Environmental Action Fund, which helps young people to run their own small scale environmental projects. A panel of young people decide which projects should get funding. The survey equipment that was funded is now available for schools to borrow and Orin was short-listed for the National Biodiversity Network Young Person of the Year!