

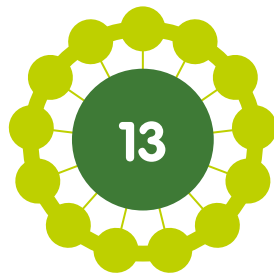


Area Wide Grants

Bristol Natural History Consortium (BNHC) – AREA WIDE GRANT CASE STUDY

The Bristol Natural History Consortium

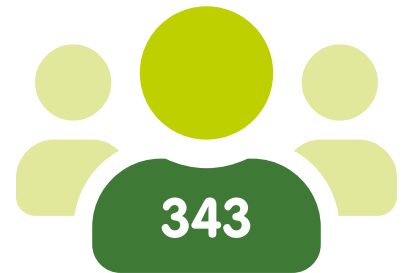
(BNHC) is a partnership of 13 organisations who work collaboratively within a charitable structure. Members include **Avon Wildlife Trust**, the **BBC**, **University of Bath**, **University of Bristol** and the **University of the West of England**. BNHC aims to deliver entertaining and informative events and activities that inspire greater public interest, volunteering and action for nature.



In March 2018 Bristol Natural History Consortium (BNHC) was awarded an Area Wide Grant of **£2,990** as a **35%** contribution towards costs to participate in the West of England City Nature Challenge 2018 (WECNC18). The challenge was located in Bristol and Bath and BNHC competed against 65 cities on five continents to show the world how amazing our region is for people and nature. The aim of the contest was to discover and record as much wildlife as possible from 27 to 30 April 2018.



As part of the challenge, events at 6 pop-up Nature Hubs introduced South Gloucestershire residents to the wildlife that shares their local spaces. **343** people attended events led by local wildlife experts at **Three Brook's Nature Reserve**, **Emerson's Green**, **Willsbridge Mill**, **Grimsbury Farm**, **Wild Place** and **University of the West of England**. **70** Cubs and Scouts took part and **6** survey team leaders learnt new skills in event organisation and biological recording.



Enthusiastic participants downloaded the free iNaturalist App to upload their wildlife sightings. Some amazing wildlife encounters were reported, such as a Sparrow hawk swooping after starlings at Severn Beach. Observations counted towards local, national and international efforts to learn about and protect our region's amazing wildlife.





Area Wide Grants


Bristol Natural History Consortium (BNHC) – AREA WIDE GRANT CASE STUDY

After a series of inspiring events BNHC racked up an impressive **9,536** observations.



The result placed BNHC in 13th place in the world and also contributed towards Bristol and Bath reaching **1st place** as the **number 1** region in Europe for recording and engaging with nature. The project helped to highlight how people can act as citizen scientists to help local nature across the region through biological recording. Links between local wildlife experts and youth groups, and between wildlife reserves in South Gloucestershire and BNHC partner organisations have been formed through the challenge.



 In total, **over 16 thousand** people took part in the City Nature Challenge and contributed to an astonishing **425,000** wildlife observations to local and global datasets to help record, protect and manage our urban wildlife and green spaces.

FESTIVAL OF NATURE
CITY NATURE CHALLENGE



The next City Nature Challenge will be held on **26th-29th April 2019** to make our region first in the world for engaging people with nature.

