



Saturday 20th April 10.30 am till 12 noon The Lawns Orchard and Wild Meadow, Bishopsteignton

A Bio-blitz is a snap-shot count of plant, animal and fungi species within a designated area at a designated time. This is an event to create enthusiasm for our natural world, enjoy being outdoors and contributing to a nationwide survey. Although, some expert help is welcome, this is a family friendly event where no skills are needed.

National BioBlitz Network

We are using the National BioBlitz Network (Natural History Consortium) to help guide us in organising the event and recording species. We recommend you take a look at their information to get an idea of what is expected: <https://www.bnhc.org.uk/bioblitz/national-bioblitz-network>

Identifying and recording species - Download the iNaturalist App iNaturalistUK

If you enjoy using your mobile phone, we have set up a project within the iNaturalist App: <https://uk.inaturalist.org> which means you can identify, record and upload your findings directly. Practice under your own login and join our Project "Bishopsteignton Bioblitz at The Lawns" so you are ready on the day. iNaturalist is world-wide so there is a huge variety of species being recorded.

Identifying and record species - on paper

We shall have a table with all sorts of species guides to help identify what we find and we can record our findings on paper. For more guidance, take a look at this link: <https://www.bnhc.org.uk/bioblitz/identifying-species>. If we are unable to identify species on the day, we have some experts on hand to check out our findings.

On the day - Cake is provided !

Weather permitting, we shall be setting up a small station in amongst the apple trees at Lawns End. We shall go through a short risk assessment and brief on what to do, how to identify and record species found. All species shall be handled sensitively and with respect, no plants dug up and insects/mammals returned to the location where found.

The Lawns is a public area and we are there with permission of the landowner, Bishopsteignton Parish Council. Please respect all other users of the Lawns and don't be surprised if the occasional dog or their owner is interested in what you are doing. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We ask that you wear sensible clothing, footwear and sun-cream as appropriate to the conditions on the day.

Please bear with us for our first Bio-Blitz It is a bit of a trial run as a fun way for people to engage with nature and each other. We hope that we will use this event as a guide for future wildlife monitoring.

This is an event organised by Sustainable Bishop in liaison with Bishopsteignton Parish Council. Contact email: sustainablebishop@gmail.com or clerk@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk

