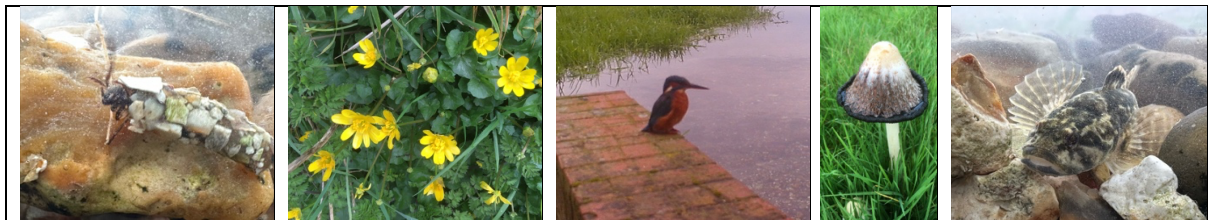




**Have fun and learn about wildlife in our village.  
Join our community day to discover as many kinds of plants  
and animals as we can!**



### **What is a BioBlitz?**

People all over the world take part in BioBlitzes. A BioBlitz is a survey of wildlife to create a snapshot of the variety of life found in a specific location. Wildlife experts and the local community work together, at a specific time, to find and identify as many species as possible in their area.

BioBlitzes can be carried out anywhere there is wildlife, including gardens, parks, churchyards and paths. The records collected during a BioBlitz form part of a genuine scientific survey of the area. A BioBlitz is an informal and fun way for people of all ages to learn alongside experts, and share and develop enthusiasm for nature.



### **Why a Bishop's Sutton BioBlitz?**

On **Saturday 11th May 2024**, together, we will get a better idea of what wild living things we have in our village and where they are found. We'd like to hear about any living thing - animals, birds, insects, plants and anything else wild, as long as it lives in the village we want to know!

On the day, there will be experts and enthusiasts at the Village Hall. As well as having fun, there will be some serious science going on too. We'll record what everyone sees. Records will be available to everyone on our Project Page and will go to Hampshire and National databases. Our aim is to build a better picture of our local wildlife.

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## How to find us

Drop in to the Village Hall. You don't need to come along for the whole event, so if there is a particular group of species you would like to see, or you have limited time available, you can choose to join us for as few or as many sessions as you like. Just remember when booking sessions that you can't be in two places at once! Note there is free parking at the Village Hall, full accessibility, and also toilets and hand washing facilities. Free refreshments will be available.

## Activities on the day (*children must be accompanied by an adult please*).

There will be a great variety of things to get involved with on the day. Each will inform and inspire you as you get to know more about wildlife in this chalk stream village.

### [Village wildlife walks with experts](#)

Pre-book by emailing [Attention2Place@gmail.com](mailto:Attention2Place@gmail.com) or sign up at the Village Hall on the day.

#### **Aquatic Life in the River Alre**

Join river keeper Howard for a sampling session; see what lives in our chalk stream.  
Session starts at 1pm.

#### **Spring Butterflies**

Take a walk with Clive from Butterfly Conservation, Hampshire, and record low-flying Spring butterflies. Departures at 1pm and 2pm.

#### **Bee Walk**

Come with beekeeper Graham and bee surveyor Ian on a guided walk to discover our local bees and how they shape the landscape. Learn how to identify the 8 common species of Bumblebee.  
Leaving at 3pm.

#### **Moss Explorer**

Bryophyte expert Marcus will be hunting for those often-overlooked mosses in damp corners. Learn how these ancient organisms support the ecosystem by regulating the soil, water and temperature, and creating micro-habitats. Starts at 4pm.

#### **Floral Safari**

Join Pete to discover the amazing flora in the village, from plants to algae. You may also spot fungi, lichen and slime moulds. Be ready at 2pm and 3pm.

#### **Well Discovery**

Even the groundwater in the chalk aquifer beneath our feet supports life. Join the 2 Tims to find Bishop's Sutton's old wells. From 2pm (subject to availability) – **please express interest in advance by emailing [Attention2Place@gmail.com](mailto:Attention2Place@gmail.com)**. (Not suitable for very young children).

#### **Bat Walk**

Join James from the Hampshire Bat Group for a dusk walk in the churchyard. If we're lucky, we may find the rare water-skimming bat, the Daubenton's.  
Starts at 8pm – **please book in advance by emailing [Attention2Place@gmail.com](mailto:Attention2Place@gmail.com)**

*All walks subject to availability and conditions on the day).*

## Village self-guided walks

### Suggested route maps available at the Village Hall on the day

**Self-guided discovery routes** – equip yourself with a map and identification guides. Perhaps you'll record village trees? birds? insects?

**Family nature trail** - take our self-guided walk around the village, starting from the Village Hall throughout the afternoon. Follow the **map and prompts**, and record what you find. Perhaps you'll pause at our **chalk stream poetry boxes** and other **special features** ...

## Wildlife challenges at the hall

### A range of wild activities running through the afternoon

#### **FIT (Flower-Insect Timed) Counting**

Stake out a flower in the meadow for 15 minutes and count the insects that land on it. Learn about our essential pollinators – no knowledge required. Penny will be in the meadow all afternoon to help – just pick up an ID guide and a recording form from the Village Hall. Data goes to the UK POMS (Pollinator Monitoring Scheme). This is a great activity for children. Can you tell the difference between our flying insects?

#### **Bird Song Booth**

Listen to our dawn chorus made locally – how many birds can you identify?  
Best enjoyed with the Merlin app (<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download/>).

#### **Worm Charming Challenge**

Can your team get the most worms out of the ground? (no digging allowed).  
Rounds at 1.30pm, 3pm, 4.30pm – 3 families / groups per round. No worms will be harmed!

#### **Aquatic Photography Challenge**

Try your hand at making a video of chalk stream invertebrates going about their business in our live aquaria! Do you have an inner David Attenborough? Bring your phone / camera. Gallery and awards at 5pm, submit material to the Data Desk in the Village Hall.

#### **Get Wildly Creative**

It's not all about counting... Observing, through art, helps us get to know wildlife. Attend, respond, and celebrate local wildlife through wonder and creativity.  
Activities for children and artists young at heart.






## **Citizen Scientists - recording data on the day**

We will ask everyone to note the fauna and flora seen on the day. At the BioBlitz, observations can be recorded on paper (form supplied) and handed to the Data Desk in the Village Hall, or you can download the iNaturalist App to your phone (registration required) and upload your observations directly to the Project Page. A photo from your phone always helps us with identification.

We'll report back with a summary of all the observations via our Project Page. To whet your appetite, our Project Page already has some records of exciting local observations - <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bishop-s-sutton-bioblitz-11th-may-2024>

## Wildlife Apps

No pre-knowledge is required to join the BioBlitz. Identification guides will be available. And experts will be on hand to help with questions. Mobile Apps can also be very informative.

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| <p>You can record what you see as you go if you download the <b>iNaturalist App</b> (FREE, initial registration required).<br/>Find iNaturalist here - <a href="https://uk.inaturalist.org/">https://uk.inaturalist.org/</a> or on your iPhone or Android App Store.<br/>The iNaturalist app helps with ID of unfamiliar animals and plants, as well as lots of background information. Every observation contributes to an online repository of data.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Seek by iNaturalist App</b>, (FREE to download on your phone /mobile device), uses image recognition technology to identify wildlife around you. This will help you with identification but it doesn't enable you to submit observations to our Project Page. Find Seek here - <a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app">https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app</a></p>   |  |
| <p><b>Merlin Bird ID</b> FREE to download<br/>Free bird guide – identify the birds you hear or see (initial registration required).</p>  |  |



## Village Residents – beyond the BioBlitz

If you live in and around Bishop's Sutton, we'd like you to let us know about the animals and plants you see in your daily life in the village. We'll report back to the community with a summary of all the observations and the Project Page will be available after the BioBlitz day as an online hub for future observations.

Project Page link - <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bishop-s-sutton-bioblitz-11th-may-2024>

We'd like to build a community of enthusiasts who will continue to identify and follow our wildlife. Over time we will build a better picture of our local wildlife and changes over time.

Enjoy!

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| <p><b>Whispers of Chalk Stream –<br/>exploring the Bishop's Sutton headwaters of the River Alre</b></p> |   |  |   |
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