

BOLLIN BIOBLITZ

12TH AUGUST 2023

RIVER BOLLIN "BIOBLITZ" FAMILY EDUCATION EVENT

On Saturday the 12th of August local families and individuals joined us for a day of nature discovery at Riverside Park, in Macclesfield.

We worked in partnership with the Bollin Valley Partnership to provide a range of fun and educational nature themed activities to engage the community with the river Bollin and the wildlife and ecosystems that rely on it. The Bioblitz activities on offer included an expert led guided nature walk, wildlife discovery sessions and self-led activities!



ACTIVITIES



- Nature guided walk
- Moth trapping
- River safari
- Pond dipping
- Nature based arts and crafts



- Self guided nature trail
- Nature bingo
- Nature scavenger hunt
- Face painting



A GRAND TOTAL OF 160 SPECIES WERE RECORDED DURING THE **BIOBLITZ!**

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The Bioblitz was a huge success, and we recorded more visitors and species this year, compared to last year, despite some less than ideal weather. Many attendees told us that they had been to our 2022 Bioblitz and were thrilled to see it continue, and have been spreading the word to friends and family.



We advertised the event with local businesses, schools and scout groups, and via social media. This allowed us to achieve our goal of educating local people about river health, ecology, water quality, citizen science and invasive species. We are thrilled to report lots of inspired children and adults alike expanding their nature knowledge, as a result of our activities and expert led nature guided walk.



We have received excellent feedback from the public and hope to run the event again next year. Thank you to Macclesfield Town Council for funding the Bioblitz and helping us to reach so many people.



