

Peatlands for People:

Community Engagement and Education



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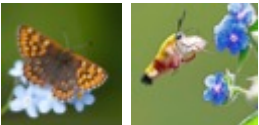
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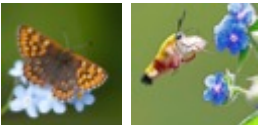
The Project

- PFP began in September 2017 as part of Bog Squad Project
- Delivered 33 Events from September 2017 – March 2018
- Project continuing until March 2019 with 50 event target



Aims:

- Engage community groups and members of the public and provide opportunities for them to learn about peatlands and their importance
- Working in partnership with other organizations to promote work of Bog Squad and Peatland Action
- Design activities aimed at raising awareness of peatlands and their butterflies and moths



What we do

- Schools
- Youth groups
- Art Centre
- Libraries
- Talks
- Arts/crafts workshops
- Family days
- Conferences



Education



Butterfly Conservation launch new boardwalk at Braehead Moss

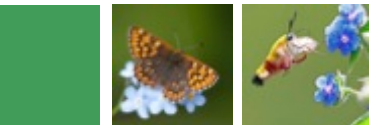
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A brand new boardwalk facility at Braehead Moss nature reserve in South Lanarkshire was officially opened on 10th March 2018 by local constituency MSP Aileen Campbell. The boardwalk has been created as part of Butterfly Conservation Scotland's [Lanarkshire's Large Heaths and Mosses – Restoring Precious Peatlands project](#).

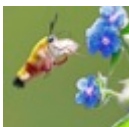


The new boardwalk will provide better access for the local community giving them a chance to enjoy and connect with the moss which lies right on the doorstep of many residents. The local primary school is also situated on the edge of the moss and the new boardwalk will enable expanded outdoor learning activities.

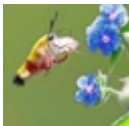
Butterfly Conservation have also been carrying out peatland wildlife education sessions with the local school in Braehead village with pupils learning about the different types of specialist animals and plants that will be visible from the new boardwalk. The pupils made some beautiful drawings inspired by peatlands which were used to decorate the village hall on the official opening day of the boardwalk.



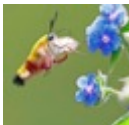
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Zine Workshop - Edinburgh



**ZINE WORKSHOP: PEATLANDS,
BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Saturday 22nd September—Botanic Cottage,
Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh 1-4pm**

**Saturday 20th October—Hidden Gardens,
Glasgow 2-5pm**

Learn about peatland restoration, sustainability and
nature conservation. Share your thoughts and make
your own zines!

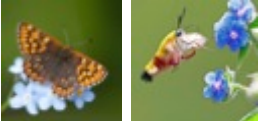
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Butterfly Conservation Scotland Facebook page.

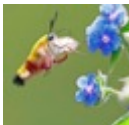
**Workshops are FREE but capacity is limited, to
book contact: Rebecca Crawford
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Bogs



Heather, or Ling (*Calluna vulgaris*) – A bushy shrub with small, needle-like leaves pressed close to the stem. Flowers are small, pink-purple bells, and line the tips of the leafy spikes. The most common upland shrub.



Cross-leaved Heath (*Erica tetralix*) – A small shrub with grey-green, needle-like leaves arranged in whorls of four up the stem. The flowerhead at the tip of the stalk is a cluster of small, rosy pink bells. It is found in the wetter parts of heaths and bogs.



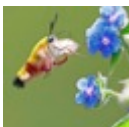
Blueberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*) – A small shrub with bright green oval leaves on smooth, twisted twigs. Flowers are small green-pink globes, but Blueberry is more easily recognised by its reddish berries, turning blue-black in summer.




Bog Myrtle (*Myrica gale*) – A bushy shrub with reddish, upright twigs and narrow, oval, grey-green leaves, looking like a small willow. Some plants may have reddish-brown catkins. The leaves have a distinctive antiseptic smell when crushed.



Sundew (*Drosera speciosa*) – A very small plant with a rosette of rounded pale green leaves fringed with sticky red hairs. The thin leafless stalk bears small white flowers with five or six petals. The sticky leaves trap and digest small insects.





No one will protect what they don't
care about, and no one will care about
what they have never experienced.

David Attenborough

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