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**Working for wild Birds of Prey and their Habitats**

## **Press Release**

### **Meet the experts! - Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve 'Big Birthday BioBlitz'**

**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2013 10am-4pm**

**Dozens of experts will be descending on Sculthorpe Moor Reserve to conduct a huge species count and they want the public to come along and help and have fun!**

Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve was opened to the public in 2003 and is celebrating its 10th birthday this year. To assess how well the habitat management programme is doing they have organized a huge species count called a BioBlitz.

Everyone is invited to come and join in and help The Birthday BioBlitz count. It is a FREE event where visitors are invited to explore the reserve with experts and enthusiasts to find as many different plants, birds and animals as possible over the weekend.

There will be activities for all the family including pond dipping and minibeast safaris for children and a free bug pot for each family whilst our stocks last. Experts and enthusiasts will be leading walks to look for everything from birds to fungi, dragonflies to wildflowers and other conservation groups will be on hand to share their knowledge with visitors. Hushwing cafe will be selling great coffee and cakes and there will be a barbeque too.

Visitors can drop in at any time during the two days to join in with walks and activities and there will be special 'out of hours' evening walks on the Saturday to listen for bats and owls and to look for moths as well as early morning small mammal surveying on the Sunday morning. Visitors are asked to book for the 'out of hours' walks by contacting the reserve in advance or signing up during the day.

The BioBlitz is being supported by a grant from the British Ecological Society and is a FREE event. So make some time this weekend to join in the BioBlitz!

For more information call **01328 856 788** or email [sculthorpe@hawkandowl.org](mailto:sculthorpe@hawkandowl.org).

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**Contact the reserve on 01328 856788 [www.hawkandowl.org/sculthorpe/about-sculthorpe/](http://www.hawkandowl.org/sculthorpe/about-sculthorpe/)**

**Ends**

**Notes to Editors**

Picture credit needed for:

Barn Owl – Andy Thompson

Field Vole – Ed Deane

For more information, interviews and more images please **call Leanne Thomas 01328 856 788 or 0771 224 1920. [leanne.thomas@hawkandowl.org](mailto:leanne.thomas@hawkandowl.org)** We have lots of images of the wildlife of Sculthorpe Moor.

**For more information on the 'Bioblitz', a new concept that has taken off in Britain over the last five years see the link below. This is very much a product of the 'citizen science' movement, which seeks to include the wider community in scientific studies.**

**<http://www.bnhc.org.uk/home/bioblitz/national-bioblitz.html>**

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