



Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group News

August 2018

Still Time to Enter! - MWHG 20th Anniversary Photo Competition

Join us in celebrating our 20th year by snapping the wildlife, heritage and landscape of Manhood Peninsula.

There are 4 possible categories to enter (Wildlife, Heritage, Landscape and an Under-16 category entitled 'My Local Nature') and all photos must be taken on the Manhood Peninsula. Go to www.mwhg.org.uk for more details and how to enter.

Competition open to entries from 16th July– 12th August

Prizes to be awarded:

Overall winner: £100 cash prize

Each category winner: £50 cash prize

Winners announced on the week of the 20th August

Photos can be uploaded via the website and can also be tweeted to us on our **Twitter** page or posted onto our **Facebook** page at [mwhgpage](https://www.facebook.com/mwhgpage). Entries via social media must note the category and include the hashtag **#MWHG20** to be counted. For full terms and conditions visit www.mwhg.org.uk.

Wildlife on the Doorstep: Results of our Selsey Centre Bioblitz

On 13th June MWHG held a day of wildlife discovery at Manor Green Park next to the Selsey Centre. With help from wildlife experts we recorded a grand total of 109 species. Within this total, 8 butterfly species were recorded, 9 species of bee and a further 13 species of invertebrate, including various true-bugs, crustaceans, molluscs, crickets, grasshoppers, a beetle and a dragonfly. The highlight was an Essex Skipper butterfly, which has no previous Selsey record! In the meadows we identified 74 species of plant and FLOW Project Manager Jane was delighted to find a short-tailed field vole and a wood mouse in the Longworth traps. After showing the vole and mouse to excited volunteers, Jane released them back into the meadows.



Jane shows volunteers a short-tailed field vole.



We found lots of slow-worms under the reptile tins

We were pleased to meet some very enthusiastic locals at the event and also several parents, who stopped to take part in activities with their children, including barn owl pellet dissection. Overall it was a successful bioblitz, blessed by beautiful weather, during which we collected many valuable records to highlight the wildlife using the site, much of which is often hidden, but is all around us!

For more information on our events and volunteering please see www.mwhg.org.uk or follow us on social media at [mwhgpage](https://www.facebook.com/mwhgpage)