



### **Mr Matt Postles, Programmes Manager, Bristol Natural History Consortium**

Matt is a Programmes Manager with the small and dynamic team at Bristol Natural History Consortium (BNHC), a Bristol-based but nationally active UK charity engaging people with the natural world through collaborative action.

BNHC ran its first BioBlitz in 2009 at Ashton Court in Bristol and have since been working with partners across the UK to promote and develop the concept, coordinating the National BioBlitz Network. Matt took over the lead of the BioBlitz strand at BNHC in 2011 and has been involved in running and supporting several events as well as raising the public profile of BioBlitz nationally.

As a bit of a science geek, wildlife enthusiast and citizen scientist you can often find Matt getting his hands dirty at a BioBlitz event or deep in conversation about bioacoustic communication in bushcrickets. After completing his degree in Zoology at Cardiff University and a couple of years working in research, Matt joined BNHC in 2011 running the volunteer programme whilst studying for an MSc in environmental management. He then joined the team full time as a Project Manager delivering the Meet the Species project for the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and coordinating the *National BioBlitz Network*. Having worked across the Festival of Nature, *Communicate Conference* and BioBlitz programmes, Matt has recently

taken on the role as Programmes Manager, overseeing the delivery of the suite of BNHC projects.

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