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### **Chris Packham stops in at St Abb's Head on UK-wide bioblitz**

The National Trust for Scotland's St Abb's Head National Nature Reserve is hosting a public bioblitz event on Wednesday 18 July as part of a new campaign by TV naturalist Chris Packham.

Chris began his ***UK Bioblitz - nature reserves are not enough! Campaign*** at the National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve on Saturday 14 July, with the first of 48 Citizen Science events taking place in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales as part of his campaign designed to create a snapshot of the UK's wildlife.

He'll be dropping in to St Abb's Head National Nature Reserve where a special session to get the public involved in recording the wildflowers, plants, insects, birds and marine life will be taking place between 9am and 12 noon.

National Trust for Scotland's Senior Ranger Naturalist at St Abb's Head, Liza Cole said:

"We are really excited to welcome Chris to St Abb's Head and to contribute to this huge project. We'll need plenty of help on the day, so we can track down as many species as possible, so we hope that lots of families will come and get involved and help us discover more about the wonderful wildlife that all of us here help protect, for the love of Scotland."

Attendees can drop by one of five 'hot spot' locations on the reserve from 9am – 12 noon. Information on the locations will be posted at the reserve car park.

St Abb's Head is a year-round haven for birdwatchers, walkers and wildlife lovers. A veritable 'seabird city' in the summer months, the dramatic cliffs provide spectacular vantage points from which to watch thousands of nesting seabirds, including guillemots, kittiwakes and razorbills.

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