

SpouncerECOLOGY

Consultant Ecologist - David Thompspon BSc MSc

Biodiversity • Landscape Design • Management

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Position on Project

Specialist Ecologist input and advice.

Position in Company

Senior Scientist
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Qualifications

BSc Geography and Botany
University of Hull
1976-1979

Years Experience

35 years

Career History

David Thompson has worked as a Senior Field Officer and Training Officer for 3 regions of BTCV in Northern England.

Field Botanist for research project in Sri Lanka.

Expertise

David Thompson has over 35 years experience with considerable expertise and experience in the following:

- Specialist ecological survey – all habitats and species and in particular protected species
- Specialist bird survey using recognized methodologies – Brown and Shepherd, WEBS, BTO Breeding `bird Survey
- Specialist Bat Survey
- Protected mammal survey – Badgers and Otters
- Fish and Invertebrate survey
- Specialist Seal survey and informational tagging projects
- EC Habitats Impact Planning and Assessment
- Ecology, Nature and Conservation Survey
- Biodiversity Impact Assessments– which provides an assessment of all regionally ecologically significant wildlife, flora and fauna
- Ecological Impact Assessments
- Ecology restoration techniques
- River Corridor Survey
- Natura Impact Statements / Habitats Directive Assessments
- Surveys for protected species, including bats, badgers, birds, lizards and newts
- Management of invasive plant species (e.g. Japanese Knotweed)
- Upland habitat survey and footpath management guidance
- Green and Eco-Tourism Guide

Relevant Experience

David Thompson has worked as a Warden and Property Manager for the National Trust 25 years to include The Lake District, Strangford Lough, Slieve Donard and Murlough nature reserve. David has worked on a wide variety of semi-natural habitats to include terrestrial, estuarine and marine.

David has worked on a number of advisory committees of key and national/internationally important habitats recognized at national, European and International level. He has considerable experience of practical countryside management and species/habitat monitoring schemes.

David has additional skills in GIS monitoring systems, photography and recognised monitoring techniques.

David has run training courses in key countryside skills – drystone walling, hedgelaying, dune management, ancient woodland survey, woodland management, footpath construction, wetland management, river corridor survey, butterfly and moth survey, bat survey.

David has considerable experience as a wildlife guide to broadcasters – television and radio, has advised on the production of wildlife films and articles and has written extensively on wildlife issues. David has also appeared on BBC Countryfile, BBC Coast, UTV Lesser Spotted Ulster, BBC Your Place and local news magazine programmes.

David is a poet and writer.