

Nomination form for BIG Biodiversity Champion 2023

Nominee Name	Graham Osborn
Award category	Established professional (more than 5 years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort)
How many years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort?	13 years
Project(s) person is nominated for	Great Big Nature Boost
Nominee Organisation	Severn Trent Water
Nominator name (can be same as above), organisation & email for contact	Severn Trent Water Jodie-sr.rettino@severntrent.co.uk
Describe how the nominee best meets the following criteria (no more than 50 words each):	
Engaging	Graham is keen to leave the environment in a better condition than which we inherited it. He has therefore designed the Great Big Nature Boost programme to be inclusive and far reaching, working directly with different organisations (72), landowners (80), and farmers (429) from our region.
Inspiring	Graham's team contains young ecologists, environmentalists, and biodiversity experts. By working on this project and with encouragement from Graham, it has motivated them to work towards and gain their CIEEM Qualifying Members status. The project has also allowed university students to work alongside the team and gain valuable commercial experience.
Enthusiastic	As a Company we know that when we look after nature, we look after water. Graham leads this mantra with his enthusiasm for protecting and improving the environment. His work and this project have shown that not only is it right thing to do, it's also a practical business imperative.
Creative	This project has allowed Graham's creativity to shine. With the only desired outcome of 'improved biodiversity', it has resulted in inspirational projects – beaver reintroduction, hedgehog streets and peatland restoration. Creating 74 Tiny Forests across the Midlands, bringing green spaces to the urban environment and local communities was particularly awe-inspiring.
Knowledgeable	This project heavily features in our Biodiversity strategy. This set out our approach to improving habitats and biodiversity across our region. Graham was instrumental in writing and producing these strategies, ensuring the Company set its self-long term biodiversity

	goals, going beyond what is expected of a Water Company.
Outcomes driven	Grahams drive, dedication and passion has seen the team smash our biodiversity target of 5000 hectares by over 2000 hectares, and 5 years ahead of schedule. This a colossal 2% of the whole UK's nature recovery network target and gives more time for biodiversity to recover in our region.
In 100 words provide a summary of how this nominee has gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity on this project	
<p>Grahams technical experience, passion for biodiversity, Severn Trent and beyond all else his creativity and tenacity are hugely admired by his team, colleagues, Company and more critically our external partners.</p> <p>Grahams design and development of the project has allowed restoration that might otherwise have been delayed or not happened at all, ensuring that we are leaving the environment in a better condition that which we inherited it.</p> <p>The Great Big Nature Boost has showcased Graham's commitment to linking and facilitating not only biodiversity improvement across organisations at a landscape scale but also community cohesion and learning.</p>	
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