

Nomination form for BIG Biodiversity Champion 2023

Nominee Name	Brian Beck
Award category	Established professional (more than 5 years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort)
How many years working on biodiversity-related projects/effort?	Approximately 15 years
Project(s) person is nominated for	Infrastructure and Assets Projects and Maintenance
Nominee Organisation	Network Rail
Nominator name (can be same as above), organisation & email for contact	Christopher Davis Dancingeel57@gmail.com
Describe how the nominee best meets the following criteria (no more than 50 words each):	
Engaging	Brian reaches out to colleagues and external partners in a personable manner and is an easy to engage person. He always looks to identify the correct people to involve and tailors his language and style to be appropriate to the level of audience that he deals with.
Inspiring	Brian leads by example, taking time to mentor both his direct staff and the wider groups of stakeholders who look to him as the technical lead in Environmental matters. His lead encouraged adoption of many best practices by project teams.
Enthusiastic	Brian is a great advocator of 'conscious incompetence' seeking to develop his own knowledge continuously. E.g. Recognising a gap in his expertise, Brian volunteered with Clyde Amphibian and Reptile Group (CARG), attained a Great Crested Newt Accredited Agent Licence successfully serving as Chair of the group for 6 years.
Creative	Brian produced materials for attending Bio-Blitzes and open days at Local Nature reserves and leading netting activities for all age groups with CARG and ecology charity, Froglife. He learned how to make an origami hopping frog, later teaching visitors, which was loved by young and old alike.
Knowledgeable	Brian has spent 15 years in the field and office, contributing the knowledge amassed to national initiatives internally and with partners from other sectors, in areas such as the Linear Infrastructure Environment Managers Group, to help promote best practice
Outcomes driven	Brian has been the railway industry lead producer and contributor to the Transport Scotland Biodiversity Duty Report for the past 3

publication cycles. That report (published every 3 years) highlights some of the improvements and systems put in place to minimise impacts and enhance aspects of the company activities.

In 100 words provide a summary of how this nominee has gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity on this project

Brian fought to include bespoke, meaningful biodiversity questions in company procurement process stages. He uses local knowledge to include specific enhancements in project and maintenance activities, engaging internal and external stakeholders from front line staff and directors helping with that cultural step change.

That knowledge is then applied to encourage replanting regimes (Hedgerows at East Linton / Reston) and species-specific improvements (Rock Rose at Dunbar) and to link those habitats where geographical opportunities arise.

Brian has the ability to address biodiversity issues in such a way as to obtain and retain peoples interest in improvements through their own efforts.

Please attach a photo



Volunteering amphibian survey at Cleddans Ponds, Glasgow