

# David Attenborough

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## Personal profile

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Passionate and dedicated 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bioscience student with a keen interest in the environment, sustainability and the conservation of wildlife and natural habitats. Excellent knowledge of ecological theory and practical surveying and research skills developed through current course and relevant volunteering experience. Keen to gain further practical conservation experience at a leading wildlife charity in order to pursue my passion for protecting the environment and wildlife.

## Education

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**BSc Biological Science, Cardiff University (on track for a 2.1) 2023 – Present**

- Enhancing knowledge of the natural world, environment and natural diversity that exists in the world
- Pursuing passion in ecology and conservation by selecting optional modules in second year focused on ecology, including Ecology Part A and B, as well as Animal Diversity and Adaptation
- Developing solid understanding of animal classification, the mechanisms that shape ecological communities and ecological theory and its practical application
- Fine-tuning practical skills and tools to pursue a future career in ecology, for example collecting and analysing ecological data, understanding lab-based aspects of ecosystem function and proficiency with surveying techniques

**A-Levels, South Craven School**

History (A), Biology (B), Chemistry (B), General Studies (A\*), EPQ (A\*), A/S Physics (B), **2021-2023**

**GCSEs, South Craven School**

9 \*As including Biology, Chemistry, Physics and English, 3 As including Mathematics **2019-2021**

## Relevant Skills

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- **Ecological surveying and biological data collection:** experience of producing quality assured ecology survey reports in keeping with current legislation from degree and voluntary experience
- **IT skills:** established a command of scientific and statistical software such as R, MEGA, Populus and STAMP through applied coursework
- **Communication skills:** able to write ecological reports in a clear concise way and can communicate complex ecologist methods in a way that is accessible for all
- **Teamwork skills:** worked effectively as part of a team through degree field work and research project, as well as with peers at Flat Holm Island

## Relevant Experience

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**Week-long ecological field project, Cardiff University September 2024**

- Assessed the populations of small mammals (dormice and bats) using the mark-recapture method and studied reptile distributions on refugia in Park Slip
- Investigated carabid beetle populations using pitfall traps and assessed plant diversity by sampling with quadrats in Kenfig National Nature Reserve
- Aided during the preparation of EPSM licences and worked effectively in a small team in order to present the findings to the students and academics

**Residential Volunteer, Flat Holm Island, Cardiff****June 2023 – July 2024**

- Stayed at Flat Holm Island for 5 weeks to support the conservation of the island's natural habitat
- Conducted routine maintenance work to protect the habitats of species resident on the island (including the lesser black-backed gull), for example scrub clearance and maintaining and clearing paths
- Monitored and collected survey data on the range of birdlife on the island
- Gained in-depth understanding of biosecurity in relation to conservation work and the importance of implementing measures to protect areas from invasive predators and plants
- Engaged with visitors to the island, conducting tours and communicated ecological and conservation-related principles in an accessible way

**Other Experience**

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**Bar server (part-time), Cardiff****November 2023 – Present**

- Work part-time alongside my studies, successfully balancing other commitments while gaining financial independence
- Serve customers at a busy bar in the centre of Cardiff and deliver excellent customer service
- Keep the bar stocked and clean and support more junior staff with their orders
- Gained experience in resolving confrontational situations amiably and with respect, working efficiently under pressure as well as improving time management and prioritisation skills

**Retail Volunteer, Oxfam, Yorkshire****July 2021 – September 2021**

- Volunteered at local Oxfam store over the summer before starting A levels
- Gained confidence in using the till and communicating with customers

**Awards and Achievements**

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**Social Secretary, Cardiff University****October 2024– Present**

Responsible for co-coordinating meetings and events for the student society, the *Wildlife & Conservation Society*. Enhanced public awareness and increased membership support. As a team, increased membership by 5% and raised £2,000 funds through creative and engaging activities with the public, for example a pop-up stall in Cardiff City Centre about wildlife volunteering.

**Cardiff Award, Cardiff University****May 2024**

Achieved through successfully completing a structured employability programme, focused on enhancing career management skills and self-awareness. Participated in a wide range of employer events and informative careers sessions - for example engaged with employers working in the field of ecology and conservation at the Biosciences Meet and Greet fair in February 2024.

**References**

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Available on request