



## **Public Engagement Coordinator Report, October 2020-January 2021 – Julia Grosse**

Covid has severely affected opportunities for public engagement this year. However, we have continued with online opportunities where we can.

### **Earth Optimism**

The Earth Optimism event planned for April 2020 was cancelled. However, plans are progressing for an on-line event in collaboration with the University of Cambridge's new festival at the end of March 2021. There will be a full programme of talks, Q&A sessions and discussions with conservationists from across the CCI and CCF networks and beyond. The feature event will be a Q&A interview with David Attenborough, with Liz Bonnin asking the questions which will be submitted in advance by the public. We will also be holding a virtual 'Solutions Fair' to which many CCF members have contributed.

### **Website**

Members continue to send in their contributions to the events, job vacancies and news sections. We would welcome any blog pieces to add to the variety of content.

### **Symposia**

We are planning several symposia this year (on-line unless the situation changes)

- Lessons from lockdown: working together to put nature at the heart of Cambridgeshire's post-Covid recovery. I will be organising this symposium, to be held in March, along with Olivia Norfolk
- Lawton +10 was originally scheduled for 2020 and has now become Lawton +11. We plan to hold this symposium towards the autumn
- Cambridgeshire – One world: *Applying the CCI global organisations targets, strategies and tools in Cambridgeshire*. Edward Darling will be coordinating this seminar and we aim to hold it in the summer

### **Proposal to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

CCI, Cambridge City Council and the University are in the early stages of a proposal for a locally-focused conservation project which will link all those stakeholders as well as the local communities and conservation groups within Cambridge City. As a CCI partner, CCF will be involved in this project.