

# Matthew Philpott

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## Professional profile

I am an undergraduate student in my final year at the University of Plymouth studying Biological Sciences, with particular interest in biodiversity and environmental sustainability. Diligent, reliable, and adaptable, I am keen to expand my learning and research experience. With work experience from placements and holiday jobs in industrial R&D; logistics and consumer goods; and education, I am a team-player, who can work both independently and collaboratively, to solve problems and identify solutions to achieve common goals.

## Skills and Experiences

Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word); R; R Studio; MEGA-X; Python; Science; Biology; Ecological Sustainability; Green Infrastructure; Climate Mitigation; Research; Data Analysis; Report Writing; Organisational skills; Time and Self-Management; Logistics; Royal Society of Biology; Competitive Swimming (6 years); Violin Grade 6 (Merit); Member of a Chamber Orchestra (7 years); Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

## Education

Huish Episcopi Secondary School. 12 GCSEs including Mathematics and English.

Huish Episcopi Sixth Form. A levels in Biology, Geography, and Psychology.

BSc (Hons) University of Plymouth. Biological Sciences. Working at an upper second (2:1). Expected Graduation: 2022

## Work experience

### 2016: Laboratory technician, Syngenta

Syngenta is a leading global science-based agriculture company, assisting millions of farmers to grow food safely, whilst looking after the planet.

I work shadowed 15 leading scientists and interacted with their respective work environments in the Syngenta Bioscience Department at Jealott's Hill International Research Centre. This ranged from lab work on earthworm biomarking and proper usage of growth chambers, to field work with double-haploid breeding and abiotic resistance in different wheat varieties. I executed experiments in green houses and laboratories using standard procedures and collected and input data into databases.

### 2019: Voluntary Supervisor, Hallr Wood Forest School

Hallr Wood is a freelance Forest School that aims to manage the surrounding woodland, improve local biodiversity, and gives people opportunities to teach and learn a variety of outdoor skills. Volunteering at Hallr Wood allowed me to build upon my communication skills and ecological knowledge, whilst helping with the development of children and adults in a protective outdoor environment. I applied risk management principles and ensured the safety of participants.

### 2019-2020: Warehouse Operative, Clarks

Clarks is a renowned British footwear brand that has been making shoes since 1825, delivering more than 50 million pairs of shoes annually. It employs around 13,000 people and has a turnover rate of approximately £775 million. My role as a warehouse operative was to work in a fast-paced collaborative environment to efficiently unload, stock, pick and pack orders, manage return orders, and to accurately record all necessary information.

I fulfilled all warehouse labourer responsibilities including picking, packing, inventory management, recording correct information, and effective communication with co-workers. I picked all order requests with 100% accuracy and upheld a clean and efficient working environment.