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Timberlink employee Josh Clare wins *The Guardian* 'Name a Species' Prize.....the Queen's Executioner...

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A competition to invent common names for 10 threatened UK species

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Timberlink is pleased to announce that Josh Clare, a university undergraduate reading English at Newman University College, Birmingham who has worked for Timberlink for the past four years in his vacations and is currently still working for us has won The Guardian 'Name a Species' contest for naming *Megapenthes lugens* as the Queen's Executioner. The contest was run in conjunction with Oxford University Museum of Natural History and Natural England.

“Therewere 10 winners in the contest to give common names to species that – until now – were known only by their official Latin titles. The overall winner met all the judges' criteria by reflecting its location, character and appearance: the queen's executioner beetle. "I've gone for this for the link to Windsor [the only place in the UK that *Megapenthes lugens* lives] and the royals," said the winner, [greenhitman](#), via the blog. "The executioner is to represent that it kills and eats the larvae of others, and also links to its black colour – the hood of an executioner is traditionally black." Runners-up in the same category echoed a similar theme, coming up with the Windsor witch beetle and black prince beetle.”

Hugh Baily, managing director, commented “Timberlink has had a policy for a number of years of employing university students during the vacations and currently has two working here for the summer. We are obviously very pleased Josh has done so well to win this national competition.”

Josh was unable to get to London in time for an interview on BBC 1 last Saturday at 08:45 – the runner up was interviewed instead! The story has been reported on BBC news, Radio 5 Live, in the Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Yorkshire Post, Channel 4 as well as in Australia....

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