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## Ivy Bee

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### Latin name: *Colletes hederæ*

The Ivy Bee is a relatively recent immigrant to Alderney and indeed was only recognized as a separate species in the 1990s. It is an attractive small bee, with a furry red-orange thorax and an abdomen which is brown and yellow ringed almost like a wasp. It flies later in the year than most bees (September to November) as it gathers honey only from ivy flowers, which are out then. It is a "solitary bee" but in fact lives in colonies in banks with bare patches suitable for tunnelling. On Alderney there is a big colony at Clonque and another near Fort Albert, and numerous smaller groups in banks and walls elsewhere.

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