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A call to action for our pollinators

Insect pollinators matter. Through pollinating wild and garden plants they contribute to biodiversity. By pollinating crops they provide variety in our diets. They are valued by YOU, the public.

At least 1,500 species of insects pollinate plants in the UK including bumble bees, the honey bee, solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths. All have complex life cycles and specific needs. Most require food in the form of pollen and nectar, and need a home for shelter and nest building. The number of insect pollinators is highest in the summer coinciding with peak plant growth and supplies of nectar and pollen.

As a result of the way the landscape has changed over the last 50 or more years, not all insect pollinators can readily find the food and shelter they need. Our Call to Action seeks to address this, and shows that by taking a few simple actions, together we can meet Bees' Needs.



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How you can help

Everyone can play their part. So whether you are a farmer, a gardener, or a manager of urban or amenity spaces, there is something you can do to help our valuable insect pollinators.

There are **five simple actions** you can take to help pollinators. [Click here to find out more](#).

A plan for Wales

The Welsh Government has devised an **Action Plan for Pollinators** to reduce, and reverse, the decline in wild and managed pollinator populations. [Find out more...](#)

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