

Action Plan for Pollinators in Wales: Celebrating our Successes



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Work done by the AAP Task Force to-date...

Positive Action / Taking Action

The Welsh Government is committed to reversing the decline of biodiversity and to promote the resilience of ecosystems through Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act, which introduced an enhanced Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty (the Section 6 duty) for public authorities in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales.

Healthy Bees

The Welsh Government continues to work in partnership with the other UK devolved administrations in supporting the National Bee Unit to deliver the Bee Health Programme in Wales to achieve a sustainable and healthy population of honey bees for pollination and honey production in the UK.

Creating Pollinator Habitats

Craig y Nos Country Park, in the Brecon Beacons National Park, has introduced two hives, which are occupied by more than 30,000 bees and there are now plans underway to establish more hives on other sites owned by the National Park Authority.

Buglife Cymru have developed Urban Buzz Cardiff – part of an 8 city UK-wide pollinator project has enhanced over 100 sites for pollinators across Cardiff, engaging with statutory authorities, school, local groups and communities.

Evidence for Decision Making

COBWEB Project: A project to recruit citizen scientists in the Penparcau ward in Aberystwyth to record observations of butterflies and their food resources using innovative mobile phone and web technologies. Co-designed with Penparcau Community Forum, butterfly species were recorded in the area to inform local management plans and increase interest and understanding of the importance of butterflies (and other pollinators) to the health of Wales' natural environment.

Data collected in the course of this project will be shared with biological record organisations (National Biodiversity Network, Local Records Centres) to support dissemination and use for a variety of purposes from planning to environmental research and decision making.

Raising Awareness

Caru Gwenyn / Bee Friendly was the first co-ordinated national scheme of its kind and has making Wales a Pollinator-Friendly country at its heart. A total of 45 organisations across Wales have attained Bee Friendly status and are undertaking positive activities for pollinators.

Administered by Keep Wales Tidy, the Eco Schools programme is an internationally important initiative, which provides an ideal framework to support sustainable development and global citizenship in schools. Eco Schools extends learning beyond the classroom and develops responsible citizenship attitudes both at home and in the wider community.