

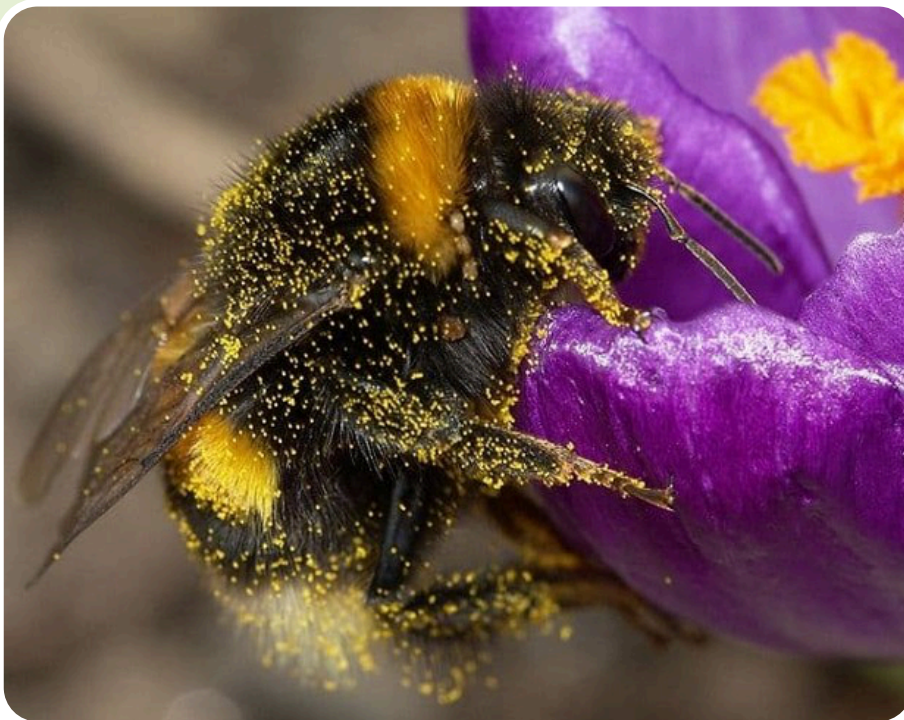
WILD YOUR SPACE

Wild your school
Rewild your children

Bees and other pollinators

The importance of pollinators is no secret, as is news of their drastic decline in numbers. We firmly believe that any nature restoration project can, and should aim to assist our pollinators in any way possible – whilst simultaneously highlighting their importance to future generations.

Top pollinators in Scotland include - Bumblebees, Solitary Bees, Honeybees, Hoverflies, Wasps, Butterflies, Moths, Beetles and other types of flies.



There are two key ways to give these pollinators a helping hand

- Grow more nectar sources (flowering plants)
- Create more pollinator friendly habitats wherever possible.

The good news is that both of these objectives go hand in hand with rewilding **AND** with outdoor education. It's also worth noting that even small scale projects on seemingly tiny plots of land, can make a big difference.

The importance of teaching children about the vital work that pollinators carry out, and how we can all easily play a part in helping them is something that we must all be made aware of. And it's not an exaggeration to claim that their own futures may even depend on it – although we need to watch how we put this message across to our younger pupils.

When it comes to growing more flowering plants, this will most likely be a natural part of any rewilding work that you are doing already, or plan to do in the future. But it's a timely reminder that every plant counts (and choosing what ones to plant matters) and that, once again, we have no space for any pesticides whatsoever.



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Pollinator-friendly Plants

One of the best ways that we can support our pollinators, is to ensure that our garden area has a wide range of nectar sources (flowering plants) for as many months of the year as possible – ideally from March all the way through till October.

nature.scot/doc/planting-pollinators

This page on the **Nature Scot** website has lots of great advice with regards to plants, and suggests the best plants for Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Note, however, that not every plant listed in the above link is actually a true native

plant to Scotland. Bright Green Nature currently only recommend native plants, and will certainly only provide funding for native species (if you apply for funding through our micro-grant scheme mentioned below).

Please follow the link below to see our very own comprehensive list of true native plants (many of which make ideal pollinators at different times of the year).

brightgreennature.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/BGN-Native-Plant-List_V4-1.pdf

Funding

Also, don't forget our Wild Your Space Microgrant, which is unique to the Scottish Borders and which has already helped numerous local schools to make their playgrounds more wildlife (and child) friendly.

So, if you need some funding to help you to turn your vision into reality, have a look on the **Bright Green Nature** website

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