

Bee Wild West Wales



Overview

West Wales is an important hotspot for bumblebees, with many rare and protected species. Our project area is one of the last remaining strongholds for the Shrilc carder bee, the UK's most threatened bumblebee species. Remaining populations need protection and suitable flower-rich habitats (many of which have been lost). This project will create good quality habitat and raise awareness of the need to protect and create other areas of bee habitat. The project will benefit a wide range of people living in deprived communities in west Wales. We will train 150 volunteers, and many more people will benefit from taking part in events and activities and from visiting and enjoying the improved greenspaces in their local area.

Achievements

- Working with local communities to restore and create bumblebee habitat by training volunteers in managing their greenspaces for bees.
- Distributing a [Buzzing Communities Toolkit](#) 'Making greenspace for bumblebees' to at least 100 community groups across Wales and the UK, inspiring further action to create/restore bumblebee habitat elsewhere. ([Click here](#) to read the toolkit in Welsh.)

Partners

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