

BeeWalk Website use and data policy

BeeWalk Online Recording Tool Terms and Conditions of Use

By using the BeeWalk website, you agree to these Terms and Conditions of Use. If you do not agree, please do not use the site.

1. When you use this website, you create and upload content - for instance, bee and flower observations. By putting this information on the site, you are saying that:
 1. (a) the content is yours, or you have the permission of the owner to agree to this usage, and
 2. (b) you agree that the content can be used on this site, and
 3. (c) you agree that your wildlife observations can be made publicly available for wider use.
2. Wildlife observations collected through this site will be stored securely at the Biological Records Centre and at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and made available to experts for verification.
3. Verified BeeWalk records will be made publicly available via the [NBN Atlas](#), [Figshare](#) and the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility \(GBIF\)](#) by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, and to other relevant organisations and individuals as appropriate (for example national recording schemes, Local Records Centres, researchers).
4. Verified records will be made available under the terms of the Creative Commons CC-BY licence by default, with exceptions only permitted with written permission from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.
5. Recorder name is considered an essential part of a biological record so will be shared as part of the data. If you do not want your observations to be made available in this way, please do not submit them. Contact details will never be shared as part of a biological record.
6. Your contact details will be held in a database at the Biological Records Centre and by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. They will only be used to contact you regarding the BeeWalk recording scheme via email. Full details on the Bumblebee Conservation Trust Privacy policy can be found [here](#). Your contact details will not be passed on to any third parties without your permission.
7. Please do not submit records to this site that have already been submitted to a Vice County Recorder, Local Records Centre, National Recording Scheme or another online wildlife recording system, owing to the potential for duplication.
8. Having submitted a record to this site, please do not submit it to other organisations or other recording schemes. It will be made available where appropriate, to other relevant organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in the data (see point 3).
9. You may view wildlife records submitted to this website by other users, but you may not store, republish, exploit them for commercial or academic research purposes, or pass them on to any third party. If you would like to use the data, please contact the Trust and/or use and cite the published verified dataset (available via [Figshare](#) and [GBIF](#)).
10. If you submit a record of a species that could be vulnerable to disturbance or persecution if the record is made publicly available, the record will be flagged as 'sensitive' and will not be made publicly available.

We may revise these Terms and Conditions at any time by amending this page, we will always inform you of any changes via notice on the website and via email. Following notification of changes, by continuing to use the website you are agreeing to the current terms and conditions. Updated February 2026.