

Wilder Kent

Parish Council - Spring Newsletter



What's happening nationally?

This is a big year for the environment, and all eyes are on the UK as politicians seek to show the country's leadership on the world stage. In June, the Government will lead the G7 summit in Cornwall; in November they'll host a major climate conference in Glasgow; and in between these they need to roll out new laws covering the environment, agriculture, fisheries and more.

One of these is the Environment Bill, which is expected to become law this autumn. It will set out the role of local authorities in creating a "Nature Recovery Network" – a huge network of green spaces across our landscape to support thriving wildlife and lock up carbon. But repeated delays to this Bill mean councils aren't sure what they need to do, so they're discouraged from taking much-needed action to safeguard the environment.

Find out more here at <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/blog/elliott-chapman-jones/environment-bill-returns-can-it-reverse-truly-terrifying-decline-nature>

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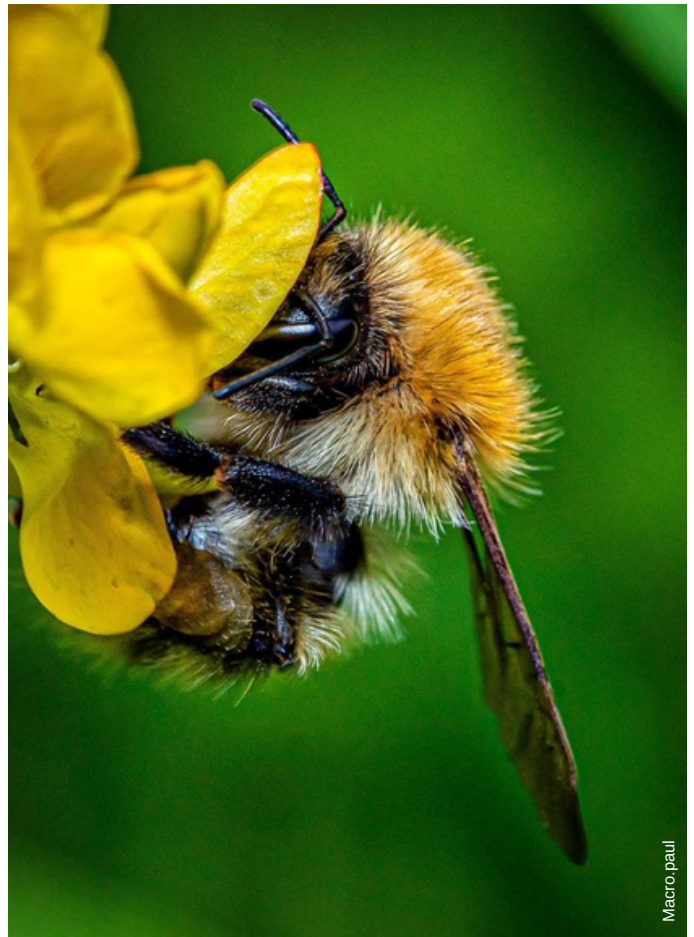
Protecting Wildlife for the Future

How is Kent Wildlife Trust helping?

Kent Wildlife Trust helps people across the county, from politicians and businesses to members of the public understand how they can make a difference in their natural world. One of our key campaigns is **Action For Insects**. Insect populations are in serious trouble, thanks to over-use of pesticides, loss of habitat and climate change. But we can all take action to help insects, and doing this also helps the entire food web so it's a great way to make an important impact.

Find out how you can help with our free action guides for schools, community groups, and members of the public at

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/action-insects>



Right now, the Government has authorised the use of a bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticide called thiamethoxam for the treatment of sugar beet seed in 2021. The Wildlife Trusts strongly oppose this and are calling on the Government to reverse its decision.

Read more here:

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/bad-news-bees-government-reverses-ban-bee-killing-neonicotinoids>

How else can you help?

From making a public commitment to support insects and managing road verges for nature, to encouraging residents to get involved, our Action For Insects poster tells you what you can do to take action for insects, and we also provide lots of helpful guidance too. Every action helps, so don't worry if you can't do them all, and it doesn't matter which order you try them in.

Sign up to take action for insects: <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/action-insects>

Link to poster: <http://bit.ly/KWTActionForInsects-Actions>

Other ways to help: <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions>



Top 3 things you can get your residents to do this Spring!

1 Take part in our Wilder Kent Awards

Our Wilder Kent Awards is a scheme to reward and acknowledge the work of schools and community groups that are helping us to create a Wilder Kent by taking positive action to restore nature and helping adults and children to reconnect with nature. Their action benefits us locally and helps tackle the global environmental threats we all face.

Sign up today!

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/wilder-kent-awards>

2 Get WILD in the garden!

Our gardens can be a welcome refuge during these difficult times. We are able to notice everyday changes and the wildlife that visits. Let's look for a positive outcome from the situation by encouraging more wild creatures and as a result creating vital stepping stones and corridors that wildlife needs to enable it to thrive. **Sign up for tips and guidance from our experts on how you can make a Wilder Garden! Also view our open garden dates this Spring/Summer:**

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilder-gardens>

3 Go pesticide free this Spring

Gardening without chemicals is a good way to ensure that the food and plants you grow are free of pesticides or chemicals, thriving without the extra expense of dangerous products that are harmful to our wildlife. If you've used chemicals in the past, this might sound like an invitation to every pest for miles around to shred your garden ... and that might well happen at first. But, with time and patience, you'll end up with a rewarding, healthier garden for ditching the chemicals.

<http://bit.ly/ChemicalFreeGardenKWT>