Did you know?

There are 24 species of bumblebee which currently live in the UK and just one species of honeybee. The 'Big Seven' (see overleaf) are widespread throughout the UK, but there are many others, eight of which are a conservation priority species, because of their low numbers

Bumblebees do not make honey

Only female bumblebees (the queen and workers) have a sting. Male drones do not

Bumblebees are not aggressive and rarely sting

Bumblebee species have different-shaped tongues, which are suited to foraging from different shapes of flower. The garden bumblebee, *Bombus hortorum* has the longest tongue at around 1.5 cm and can forage nectar from flowers with long corollas, that other bees cannot reach.

Bumblebees are most active in spring, summer and autumn, but some species can even be seen in winter. Their hair helps to keep them warm, but they also use their muscles to shiver and warm up their bodies even at low temperatures

Growing a wide variety of nectar-rich flowers is vital to provide nectar across the year and for all bee species. Gardens, windowboxes, allotments and pots can all provide crucial refuelling points

Bee Friendly Ken-Leam

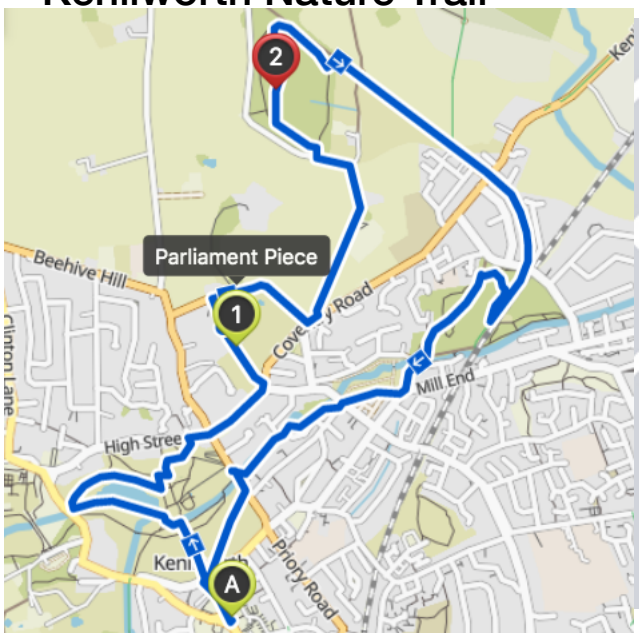
Bees Need Flowers, We Need Bees, Let Flowers Grow!

Bee Friendly Ken-Leam is a community group, working together with local people, schools, businesses and the council, to support bees and other pollinators by encouraging nectar-rich flowers to grow in public and private spaces.

A pilot initiative has begun in Park Hill, Kenilworth, to allow wildflowers to grow on several areas of amenity grass. Volunteers are asked to observe species of wildflower and bees that appear in these spaces. These data will be recorded on our database.

If you would like to become a member, to receive and/or share ideas about maximising the bee friendliness of Kenilworth and Leamington, please get in touch: email: bee.friendly.kenilworth@gmail.com
Facebook: Bee Friendly Kenilworth
Instagram: bee_friendly_ken_leam

Kenilworth Nature Trail



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Bee Identification and Record Sheet

The Big Seven Bumblebees and Honey Bee

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Buff-tailed Bumblebee

2 dark yellow bands, buff tail

Tally

Total

Garden Bumblebee

Long tongue and face; 3 yellow bands, white tail

Tally

Total

Tree Bumblebee

Ginger-brown thorax, black abdomen, white tail

Tally

Total

Red-tailed Bumblebee

Black with red tail

Tally

Total

Common Carder Bee

Gingery/ brown all over with thin brown stripes

Tally

Total

Honey Bee

Slim, sandy thorax; browny black abdomen, amber stripes

Tally

Total

Early Bumblebee

Quite small, 2 yellow bands and orange/ red tail

Tally

Total

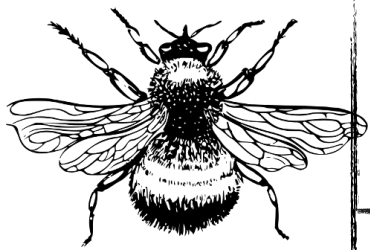
White-tailed Bumblebee

2 lemon-yellow band and white tail

Tally

Total

Other Bumblebee



Tally

Total

Total Number of Bees

Note down the number of bees you see by species and send results to us at bee.friendly.kenilworth@gmail.com