



The Amphill Buzz: Be a Bee Friendly Gardener Resource List

Dear Teachers, Carers and Parents,

The Amphill Buzz is a project arising from the Amphill Climate Change Group. It is working to set up “Bee Friendly Zones” by planting wildflower haven areas across our town. We would like to involve all our school students and their families in the project by supporting wildflower and wildlife gardening in your school and in your own garden spaces. We would also like to encourage students to notice and follow the development of our Bee Friendly Zones around town. This Resource List accompanies our Ideas Sheet which we hope can be used with younger students to spark ideas for wildlife gardening and an interest in looking for wildflowers and wildlife when out and about.

There is lots of information on The Amphill Buzz at

<https://amphillclimatechange.co.uk/projects/the-amphill-buzz/>

If you have questions about the project, or would like to help, please email

hello@amphillclimatechange.co.uk

For Teachers, Carers and Parents - Websites with great ideas for wildflower and wildlife gardening

Making space for nature is a big theme across all our conservation charities. There is a great wealth of resources for classroom and home activities and we hope this summary helps you find ideas that work for your students and children.

From **Plantlife**, the wild plant conservation charity:

https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/wildflower_garden

And especially for parents of younger children:

<https://plantlife.love->

[wildflowers.org.uk/wildflower_garden/growing_wild_flowers_with_children/](https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/wildflower_garden/growing_wild_flowers_with_children/)

Plant Spotter Sheets:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/spotter-sheets>

You might also like to sign up for their Wildflower Hunts:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflowerhunt/>

From **Buglife**, which campaigns to protect the insect population:

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/gardening-for-bugs/>

https://cdn.buglife.org.uk/2019/07/Gardening-for-bugs-children1_1.pdf

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/children-and-schools/activities-to-do-withchildren/>

The Ampthill Buzz is also part of the Buglife national B-Lines project, and there is a full set of teaching resources for this project here:

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/children-and-schools/b-lines-school-pack/>

From our local **Wildlife Trust:**

<https://www.wildlifebcn.org/blog/rebecca-neal/wildlife-gardening-beginners-basics>

This year's campaign "Wild about Gardens" has great printable Beetle Spotter and How to make a Beetle Bank sheets

<https://www.wildlifebcn.org/wild-about-gardens>

From the **RSPB:**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/>

This year's campaign has ideas for all outdoor spaces, however small.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/>

From the **National Trust:**

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/nine-ways-to-build-a-wildlife-friendly-garden>

From the **Royal Horticultural Society:**

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources>

With extra information here about Plants for Pollinators:

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/info-sheet/plants-for-pollinators-guide-to-plants>

Whatever your young people get up to helping nature, we would like to hear about and celebrate it. Email us at hello@amphillclimatechange.co.uk with and send us some writing, photographs or pictures of the ways your form group, club or family are helping wildflowers and wildlife.

You can also post contributions to:

The Ampthill Buzz, Ampthill Town Council, Park Lodge, Ampthill Great Park, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX.

We would like to add your contributions to a gallery* on our website.

We will reply with a link to a poster you can download for your noticeboard or window.

**Note to teachers/carers/parents: we will only display first name and age on any contributions to our gallery.*