



Wildlife Friendly Addingham

What's that buzz?



What's large (for a bee) and furry (like a teddy bear), busily flying from flower to flower and making a bit of a buzzy noise as they do it?

That's right a Bumblebee.

[Click here](#) to find out more about these fascinating creatures, why they are such good pollinators and why we need to help look after them, with bee enthusiast and recorder Maurice White.

Wildflower-rich grasslands are a really important habitat for bumblebees as they contain many nectar and pollen-rich plant species such as Red clover, Yellow rattle and Bird's-foot-trefoil for queen and worker bees, and Knapweed and Scabious for nectar.

They can offer plenty of flowers to feed on at all the crucial times during the entire active phase of the bees' lifecycle (from March until October)

- ◆ When the queens are establishing nests
- ◆ When nests are growing
- ◆ When nests are producing new queens and males
- ◆ When queens are fattening up ready for hibernation.