

BRIXTON BEE WILD GROUP

2021 / 2022



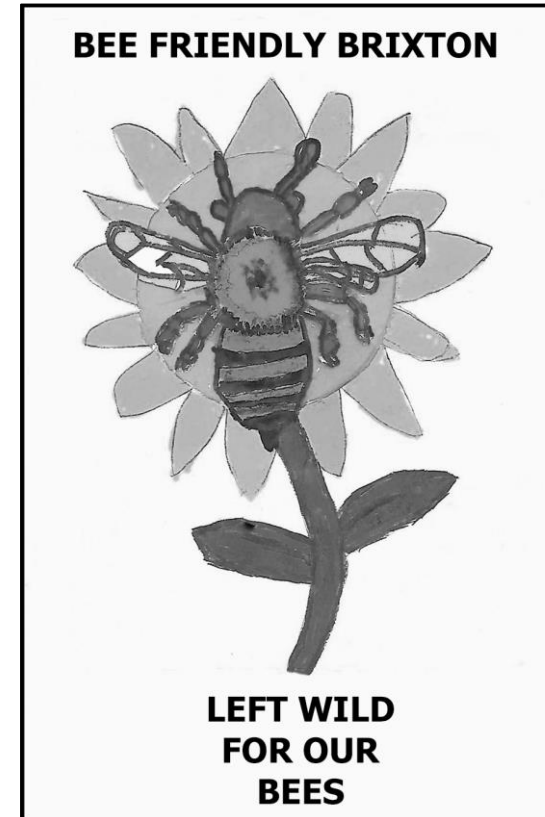
1. What difference has a YCE grant made to your group/organisation?

- To summarise:- Brixton Bee Wild Group have met monthly and developed our Bee Wild Action Plan. The plan has recorded our journey over our first year – copy attached.
- We have carried out monthly Wild Flower Surveys along the A379 and Winstone Lane.
- We have redesigned and replanted the wild flower bed at Chittleburn Hill to provide additional pollen for our insects and colour and interest for members of our community.
- We held a Bee Friendly Picnic Event in the school grounds where children built bug hotels and bird boxes. They took part in quizzes and other bee friendly activities – 40 people attended.
- We have organised a Tree Recognition Walk around the village.



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- We have worked with the school to organise a logo competition and have adopted the winning design – 21 entries.
- We have carried out winter planting of spring flowering bulbs.
- We have liaised with grounds maintenance contractors to help improve the environment for our bees and insects by reducing mowing.
- We have planted 11 bee friendly trees with the help of 15 volunteers.
- We have publicised the work of the group in Brixton Parish Magazine and via Brixton Environmental Working Group.
- We have learned a lot about wild flowers, bees, our community and about connecting, communicating and working with other people and organisations.



2. How many people have been involved with the project (as volunteers, perhaps) or have benefitted from a YCE grant and were they all in your local parish/community?

- Our Action Plan records the people and numbers involved for each area of our Action Plan. To-date the majority of people who have benefitted from the YCE grant live in the parish as set out in our original application form. As the group has become more established we are beginning to extend our involvement further afield.



3. Please state what environmental impacts you consider to have been delivered by using a YCE grant?

- The group has focused on its organisational aims to improve the habitat and environment for bees, other insects and birds on land accessible by the public in Brixton Parish. Members of the group are also members of and have reported back to the Brixton Environmental Working Group on our activities.



4. Do you envisage your project continuing after the life of this grant?

- Yes, we do envisage the project continuing after the life of this grant. We have for some time included a section on Forward Planning in our Action Plan. It sets out the framework for how, subject to funding, we would like the work of the group to move forward to continue improving the environment for the bees, insects and birds in our parish.

Brixton Bee Wild Group invites you to a Bee Friendly Event

**Saturday 14th August 2021
2.00 – 4.00 p.m.
on the playing field at
St Mary's C of E School, Brixton**

Bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of children's bee friendly activities:-

- Make a bug hotel – please bring an empty tin can
- Build a bird box
- Learn about the bees and bugs in our community
- Find out about plants as pollinators
- Join in a wildflower quiz

Children under 12 years of age, to be accompanied by an adult please.



**Weather
permitting**

5. **Nothing makes a project come alive better than case studies and photos/films.
What evidence can you provide to YCE that can be used for promotion of your project?**

- ▶ Throughout the year we recorded notes of our meetings on our Action Plan. We have maintained records of our events and taken photographs. Some of the photographs are included within this document.



6. **Is there anything else you would like to tell YCE on what impact receiving a grant has meant for your group/organisation? We would also like to hear about any other impact the project has had, in your own words and in your own way.**

- ▶ Throughout the year we have learned a lot about wild flowers, bees, our community and about connecting, communicating and working with other people. Our small but active and friendly group have been committed to progress our Action Plan. We have enjoyed meeting the people who attended our events and are grateful to the volunteers who helped us to plant the trees for the benefit of everyone including the bees.

