Dave Goulson
GARDEN JUNGLE: Gardening To Save The Planet
Les Beaucamps High School
Sunday 19 May 2019
11.15am - 12.15pm

Chances are that there are bees, butterflies, hoverflies, moths, woodlice, centipedes, beetles, flies, wasps, spiders, and much more, quietly living within just a few paces of you. But for all their abundance, **INSECTS ARE IN TROUBLE**. Global data suggests that while we humans have doubled our population in the past 40 years, the number of insects has been reduced by almost half.

After a childhood chasing butterflies, **PROF DAVE GOULSON** has dedicated his career to exploring the ecology and conservation of bees and other insects. Dave is an award winning conservationist and best selling author, issuing a call to arms for nature lovers everywhere, to cherish and protect life on earth in all its forms. Dave will give us an insight into the fascinating and sometimes weird lives of the wildlife that lives right under our noses - in our gardens, schools and parks, between the gaps in the pavement and the soil beneath our feet.

A third of Guernsey is designated as gardens and within the control of ordinary citizens. Dave believes that our gardens are spaces where we can reconnect with nature and that with a few small changes they could become a crucial **NETWORK OF TINY NATURE RESERVES** where humans and wildlife can thrive together in harmony rather than conflict.

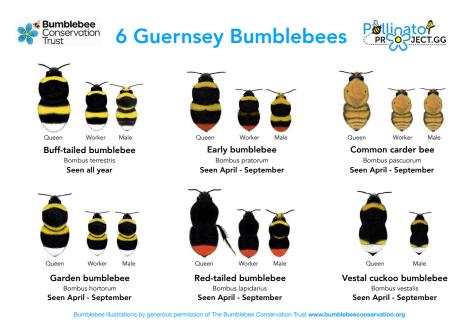




FREE EVENT - Gardening is for everyone, so bring the kids, family and friends.
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The Pollinator Project Guernsey aims to raise awareness across the island of the small but invaluable actions we can all take as individuals to support butterflies, bees, hoverflies and other pollinators. Private gardens make up a third of land in Guernsey and together with school, community and business sites we could transform our island environment for wildlife. We partner with individuals, businesses, schools, community groups and other charities to protect, create and maintain beautiful and wildlife friendly 'Pollinator Patches' across our island.



Our main campaign for 2019 (and in tribute to Dave who founded the Bumblebee Conservation Trust in the UK) has been a project to raise awareness of **Guernsey's Six Bumblebee Species** and how we can create habitats that support them. We have worked with students in over 17 local primary, secondary and pre-schools to create Pollinator Patches in school grounds. The students are involved in digging and preparing the ground, sowing seed and/or planting pollinator friendly plants and then maintaining their School Pollinator Patches. From the summer term, all participating schools will be taking part in citizen science surveys, recording what insects visit their Pollinator Patches. The results of these surveys will be fed into our local Biological Records Centre as well as the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme.

Together with the Guernsey Arts Commission and Redwood Group (sponsor), we also recently ran a **Create A Guernsey Bumblebee** primary school competition and received almost 1000 wonderfully creative entries. These can be seen in all their glory from 18-24 May at Le Friquet Garden Centre.

The Pollinator Project's Bumblebee Campaign and Dave Goulson's visit to Guernsey have been supported by numerous colleagues and partners. We hope that you can join us on Sunday 19 May to hear Dave's thoughts on how we can make a positive difference for Guernsey's wildlife and environment from our own home patches.

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