

Dear colleague

Plantlife and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust would like your help for our exciting new **Bee Scene survey**, which has been developed as part of the Wild About Plants Project. To take part, all you need is a local natural space: a local park, a field, a local nature reserve or woodland, or you could complete the survey whilst out on a walk.

Bee Scene is a new survey designed to involve children and young people in finding out about and monitoring our natural spaces. By taking part in the survey, we hope children will enjoy their natural spaces more. The survey season runs between April and August.

In recent years wildflower and bumblebee numbers have been decreasing. Many of our wildflowers and bumblebees have declined so much that they are in danger of becoming extinct in some places. By taking part in the Bee Scene survey you will help us discover what wildflowers are out there. Because wildflowers are a source of food (nectar and pollen) for bumblebees, this information will also tell us about expected bee numbers in this area. We will use this information to produce a map of England that will illustrate the biodiversity hot spots and not-so-hot spots identified by children up and down the country.

We know that taking part in a survey requires many skills and we have provided you with an **education pack** in addition to the survey pack. The education pack provides resources, including worksheets and information, which you may wish to use with the children and young people you work with. We hope that this additional pack will be useful and help you get more from your survey.

So go out there, have a good time and Bee Scene!

With many thanks

The Wild About Plants Team

