



Cardiff Urban Buzz E Newsletter

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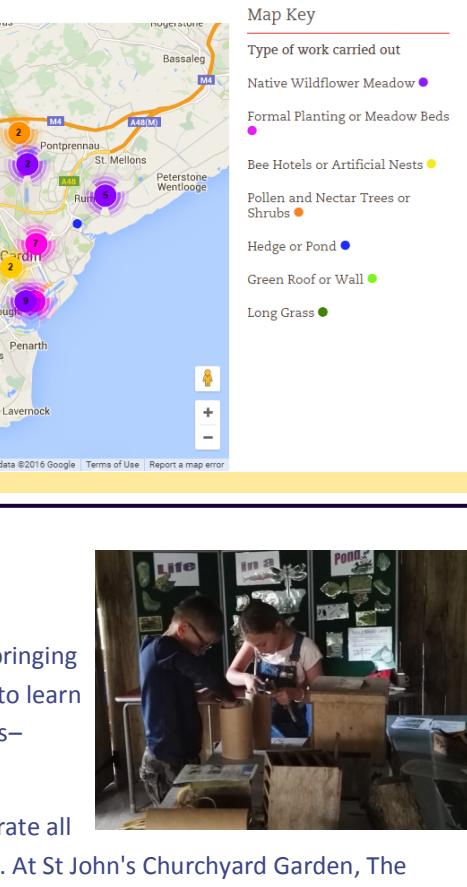
Project Update

Hello and welcome to our very first Urban Buzz e newsletter – keeping you up to date with all that's happened and all that's happening through Urban Buzz across Cardiff!

Spring has been a very busy period for Urban Buzz Cardiff! Over 20 new sites have been improved for pollinators and we've worked with lots of fantastic landowners including Cardiff Council, community centres, schools, churches, libraries, Cardiff University and even Cardiff Castle!

With support from our partners, landowners and volunteers we have created meadows, herb gardens and bee banks, and planted hedges and trees. This equates to over 7 hectares of enhanced habitat for pollinators across the city.

We're keen to create more pollinator friendly habitat in Cardiff, so if you know a publicly accessible area that you would like to give the Urban Buzz treatment to, then [get in touch!](#)



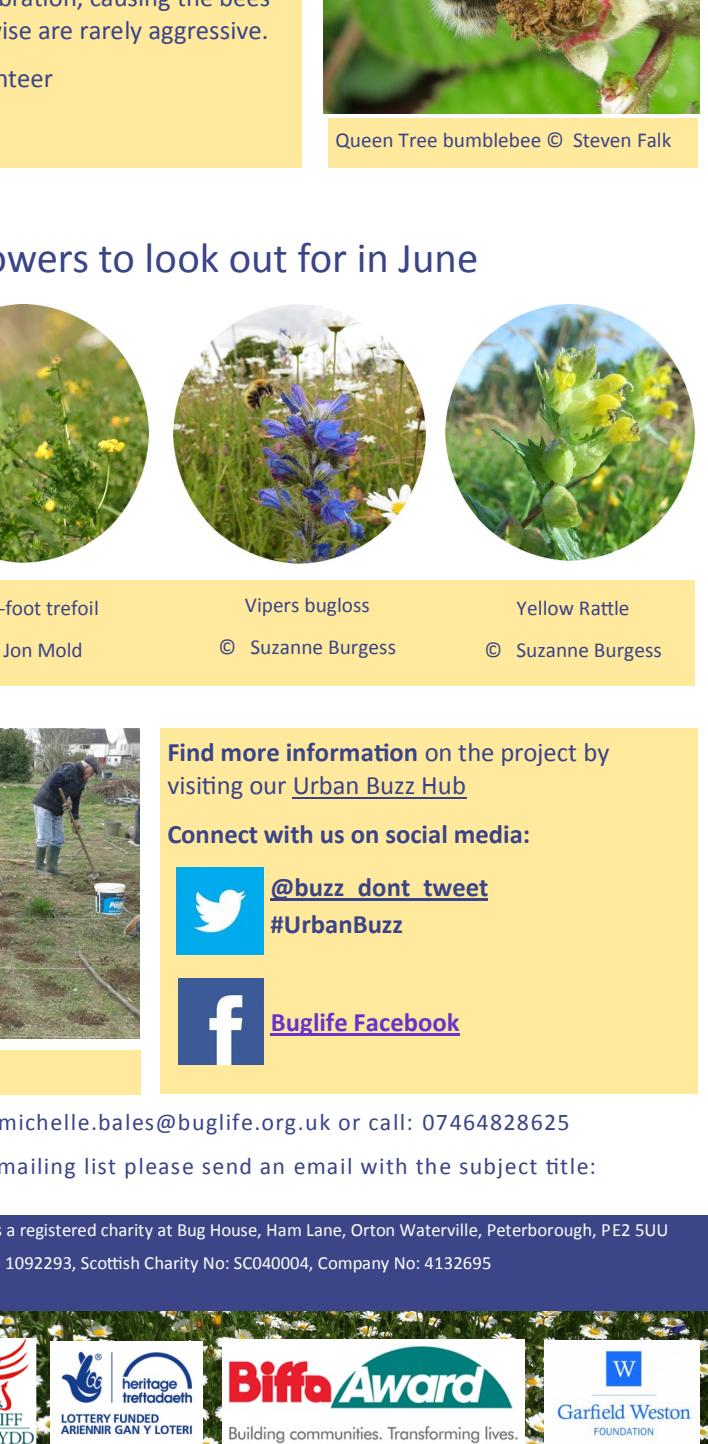
Above: Planting with Allensbank Primary and Cardiff council at Cathays cemetery



Staff from Cardiff University and students planting around the Redwood building

Sites for inclusion in Urban Buzz

To keep up to date with sites we have already worked on, and to see what places people have suggested we investigate, please visit our [Urban Buzz Hub](#) and check out our interactive map.



Urban Buzz upcoming events

Wednesday 6th July at 10am-3.30pm— Going Native: bringing wild flowers into your patch— Event run with Plantlife to learn about plants and why they are important for pollinators— Booking required



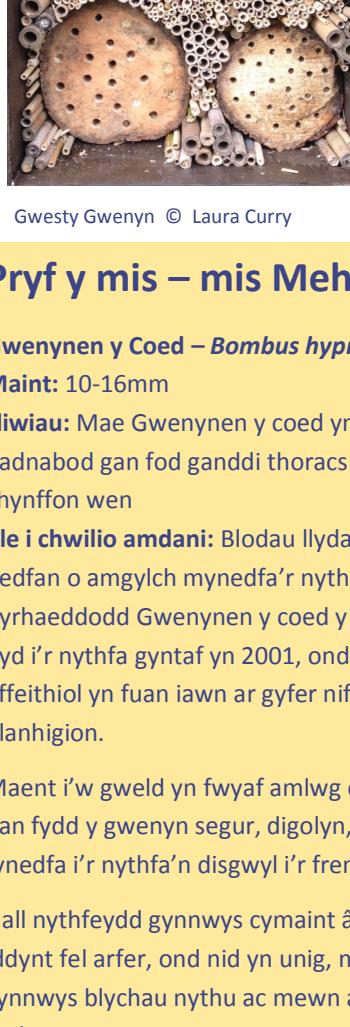
Saturday 23rd July, 10am-3pm - [Wild in the city](#)— Celebrate all things wild in the city at this fun event for all the family. At St John's Churchyard Garden, The Hayes with Cardiff Story museum and RSPB

Wednesday 3rd August, 10am-3pm- [Bumblebee follow up Workshop](#)- with Bumblebee Conservation Trust brush up on your bumblebee identification skills have the opportunity to survey a site for rare species with an expert—Booking required

Saturday 20th August 10.30am-4.30pm- Out of the woods Festival- Led by the Community Park Rangers a day of entertainment and fun for all the family! Buglife will be attending building bug houses and talking about pollinators!

If you would like any further information on any of these events, please contact [Michelle Bales](#)

More events including workshops, training, and guided walks are in the pipeline. We will keep you posted!



Bee Hotel © Laura Curry

What's next?

We have now finished seed sowing for the spring and are looking forward to seeing those we've already planted, growing and flowering this summer.

We'll start again with seed sowing in the autumn but for the summer will be focussing on creating some new nesting habitat for solitary bees in the form of bee banks and bee hotels.

If you know of a site that may benefit from either, then please do get in touch.

For more information about Solitary bees [check out this fantastic video](#) by the wonderful people at Team Candiru.

June's Bug of the month...

Tree Bumblebee - *Bombus hypnorum*

Size: 10-16mm

Colours: The Tree bumblebee is very distinctive and had a reddish brown thorax, black abdomen and white tail

Where to look: Wide flowers and in flying groups around colony entrances

The Tree bumblebee has only arrived recently in the UK, the first colony was found in 2001, but has quickly become an effective pollinator for many plant species.

They're most visible from May to July when stingless drones fly around the entrance to the colony waiting for a queen to emerge.

Colonies can be as large as 400 bees and are generally, but not exclusively, in high places including bird boxes and tumble dryer vents.

These nests can be sensitive to vibration, causing the bees to defend themselves but otherwise are rarely aggressive.

- John Williams, Urban Buzz Volunteer



Male Tree bumblebee © Steven Falk



Queen Tree bumblebee © Steven Falk

...And some good flowers to look out for in June



Oxeye Daisy

© Jo Cartmell

Birds-foot trefoil

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Vipers bugloss

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Yellow Rattle

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