

# I garden at home or work, how can I get Bucks Buzzing?



Pollinating insects need three things: food, water and shelter. It's easy to add all of these things to a garden at home, or even at work - no matter how large or small it might be! We've gathered some resources to help you, click on the ideas below to learn more:

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## Make a mini-meadow.

If you have even a small area of lawn to dedicate to wildflowers, it can provide food and habitat for insects.

Mow less: even just letting your lawn grow a little longer can help insects.



**Kids at home? Learn about insects with Bucks Buzzing activities.**

A compost heap will both benefit insects and provide nutrient-rich food product for your garden.

Avoid using pesticides, insecticides, or peat-based compost.



Bucks Buzzing is a project by the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership. If you'd like more information, **visit the Bucks Buzzing website** or we'd love to hear from you: [nep@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:nep@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Planting a range of nectar-rich flowering plants ensures there is food available for insects year round.

## Leave out of the way areas to grow wild.

Long grass, brambles, nettles: all of these can provide habitat. A **logpile** is also great home for wildlife such as insects, birds, frogs and hedgehogs.

## Build a bug hotel:

A **hanging hotel** might work best for smaller gardens, but if you have the space, why not try a **bug mansion**?

If you want to attract more butterflies, one way is to attract more caterpillars! Different caterpillars prefer certain food sources.

## Submit your sightings!

Now that your garden is buzzing with wildlife, record what you see! Use an app like **iRecord** or submit your sightings directly to the local **Environmental Records Centre**.



A bee bath is an easy way to provide insects with water on hot summer days.

## Add a pond or other water feature.

Even a very small pond can attract wildlife and benefit passing insects.

Save water by collecting rain-water to use in your garden.

## Get involved!

Check out our **Conservation Directory** for volunteering opportunities, search national schemes on the **NBN website**, or participate in a citizen science project like the **UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme**.

**Let's Get Bucks Buzzing**

