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The Betchworth B-Line : Creating Mini Wildflower Meadows for Pollinators

There is a serious decline in insect pollinators & wildflower habitats.

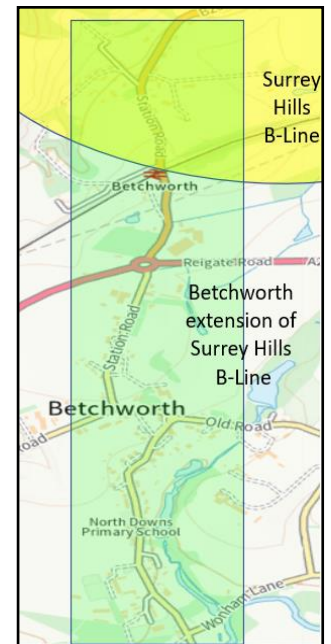
Since the 1950s we have witnessed a rapid decline in the populations of pollinating insects and wildflower meadows. This loss of biodiversity can be directly linked to the intensification of agriculture and increased use of pesticides and herbicides, and urbanisation.

B-Lines are an emerging solution to reverse pollinator decline.

They are a network of 3km wide corridors in which new wildflower habitats are being created to help pollinating insects flourish.

Betchworth is ideally placed to support this important biodiversity project.

The northern part of Betchworth (The Coombe) lies within the Surrey Hills B-Line the southern boundary of which runs through Betchworth Station. Furthermore, we already have a wildflower strip on the village green and many residents cultivate flowers, shrubs and fruit trees that nourish insect pollinators. But we can do more, with your help we aim to cultivate a patchwork of new mini wildflower meadows to attract pollinators throughout the village. A mini wildflower meadow can be as small as a single flower pot or cover several square metres of garden. Our vision is for a north-south extension of the Surrey Hills B-Line to the River Mole through Betchworth.



Our aim is to

- 1 Discover existing mini wildflower meadows, flowering shrubs and fruit trees.
- 2 Find residents willing to cultivate a mini wildflower meadow to help pollinating insects
- 3 Encourage and help residents cultivate their own mini wildflower meadows in the spring
- 4 Share our story of how we created a patchwork of mini wildflower meadows to help pollinating insects.

We invite you to join our community project by cultivating your own mini wildflower meadow. We will provide advice and seeds in February together with practical help if necessary. If you would like to become a 'B-Liner' please get in touch with RE-Betchworth members Hilary Edwards hilary@egilive.com or Norman Jackson normanjackson@btinternet.com There is more information about the project at <https://rebetchworth.weebly.com/wildflowers.html>