

A close-up photograph of a bumblebee on a pink flower. The bee is positioned in the upper center, facing left. The flower is a vibrant pink color with multiple layers of petals. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The overall image has a slightly desaturated, naturalistic feel.

# Pollinator Strategy Implementation Update

October 2023

## Pardon the Weeds

- Work continues to spread the message
- Inclusion of Wellingborough verges
- Working with partners; Consortia Town Councils, other Town Councils, Highways
- Highways contractor looking to include sites within network outside of Urban areas







## Butterfly Banks

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- Partnership working with Butterfly Conservation
- Installed 3 pilot sites
- Increased sources of pollen for insects
- Provide sites for breeding, increasing habitat and overwintering sites
- Planned installation of 3 further sites for 2024







# Ise Valley Parkland Project

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- Moved away from 'blanket' grass cutting
- Creation of grassed buffer strips, softening the edges of the parkland
- Increase in grass sward species diversity
- Planting of 120+ trees
- Cuttings to be stored on site to offer overwintering opportunities for mammals and insects
- Transplantation of collected meadow seed from other sites to be used to enhance meadow creation







# Tree Planting

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- Plans for 1100 standard sized trees are in place for 2023/24 planting season
- Provisionally awarded £261k for tree planting, associated capital items and after care for 23/24 LATF scheme
- 3000 whips and feathers to be planted with community groups, schools and businesses within NNC area as we try to create woodland outside of existing woodlands
- Woodland Accelerator Officer working with partners and internal departments to achieve ambitious tree planting goals







## Weed Spraying

- Continue to reduce chemical use
- Q1 28L
- Q2 62L
- Following successful trial now using droplet delivery system having moved away from atomized delivery



## Questions and links

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- <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/environment/pollinator-strategy>
- Get involved – winter team building events within parks and open spaces. Email: [GroundsMaintenance@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:GroundsMaintenance@northnorthants.gov.uk)

