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*Creating a world where honey bees and other pollinators
have the habitats they need to thrive*



One third of the UK's population has disappeared over the past decade.

The Bee Friendly Trust was founded in 2016 by two beekeeping friends who identified an opportunity to help reverse this trend. By creating wildlife havens at railway stations, the Trust is forming a nationwide pollinator corridor and network of forage pitstops and habitats for the likes of honey bees, butterflies and moths.

It all started with floral planters, made from railway sleepers and planted with pollen-rich lavenders, salvias and flowering herbs. From one planter at Putney Rail Station, London, the Trust has installed more than 50 others around the UK – with further station projects already planned for 2021.

However, realising that rail stations have much more to offer, the Trust has expanded its offering, planting linear heritage fruit tree orchards along thin strips of scrubland on railway



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platforms; transforming areas of tarmac into sensory wildlife gardens with raised beds; and commissioning artists to produce multi-dimensional unique sculptures that both educate and provide shelter for wildlife.



As well as supporting British wildlife, the Bee Friendly Trust aims to inspire individuals and communities to nurture and sustain these railway habitats for the future. This is why the Trust prides itself on collaboration:

- The Trust works with railway authorities (including Transport for London, South West Trains, Network Rail), community groups, station staff and local volunteers
- The Trust installs educational signage, to engage and educate adults and children, alike
- The Trust travels with its interactive BeeDome to schools and festivals to lead informative workshops and participatory sessions



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- The Trust partners with likeminded individuals and independent British businesses, who share the same wildlife-, sustainable- and environmentally focused ethos
- The Trust commissions artists to create unique artworks that are station specific



The Bee Friendly Trust relies heavily on public donation and volunteer support. To find out more about the Trust, its railway station projects, community projects and art installations, visit www.beefriendlytrust.org.