

Businesses helping pollinators



About:

Belfast Zoological Gardens is set on a 55-acre site and has over 120 animal species, the majority of which are facing increasing danger in their natural habitat. We carry out vital conservation work, both in Northern Ireland and around the world.

Actions already taken for pollinators:

- Creation of the 'Buzz Stop' with educational signage
- Two working Irish honeybee hives in the buzz stop and down the avenue
- Planting of pollinator friendly trees and shrubs (i.e. beech, hawthorn, sycamore, willow) around the zoo site
- Installation of bee hotels by native species garden, lake, gibbons and sun bears
- Planting of native wildflowers by zoo entrance plus on one side of the car park
- Promoted awareness through events; Love your Zoo, Zoo Explorers Club & BIAZA Big Bug Bonanza



"It is important to Belfast Zoo, that we can protect, not only endangered species from around the world, but also the native wildlife found on our own doorstep. Our Buzz Stop was opened in 2017 and welcomed its first bee colony on 2 August 2017, our bees have flourished and thrived ever since. Our bee conservation platform allows us to educate visitors about the threats facing pollinators, it also allows us to teach visitors how they can help improve the living conditions of this vital species. The great thing about the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is that anyone can take actions to help conservation on a local level and help maintain pollinator populations. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is something that everyone can get behind and we are excited to be a part of it.", Alyn Cairns, Zoo Manager.

Future Plans:

Protect areas already providing food and shelter for pollinators.

Mow a third of all grassy areas under a pollinator friendly regimen.

Plant and maintain hedgerows for pollinators.

Promote awareness through events, BIAZA Big Bug Bonanza and Zoo Explorers Club.

Further information:

Website: www.belfastzoo.co.uk

Facebook : www.facebook.com/belfastzoo

Instagram: @belfastzoo

Twitter: @belfastzoo

www.pollinators.ie

