

## Welcome everyone:

Next monthly meeting: **24th April** 10 am -12 will be Pollinators, The Good, The Bad and the Actions needed. We'll take a look at the overall pollinator situation, and discuss actions we can all take. This meeting will be held at **Prior Park Secret Garden Cafe**, 10 - 12.


*Secret Garden Cafe. Prior Park Garden Centre, 55 Prior Park Road Bath BA2 4NF*


### Actions for this meeting:


Please bring along two pieces of information. One to be about any weed you like to choose, and find out what pollinators might use that weed, and second action please bring any information you have on a local area and community you know of, which plants for pollinators. We will try to make a simple map of where this is happening locally.


Following on, **our next two meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month** so will be **15 May 2024** on Transport, and **19 June 2024** on Food and both these meetings will be held at The Boathouse, Newbridge Road, Bath. BA1 3NB. No meeting in July or August 2024.

### DATES: APRIL 2024

 **Mon 22 April** 10 am - 12 Make a Beeswax Wrap! "Earth Day 2024 Planet vs Plastics" ... Simple Action Workshop. Climate Environment Actionist Members Only. Drop by for coffee or tea and make you own beeswax wrap! Details from Group Convenors. Contact Information: [groups@u3ainbath.uk](mailto:groups@u3ainbath.uk)


 **Weds 24 April** 10 am - 12.00. **Chat about Pollinators. The Good, the Bad and the Actions needed.** Venue: Secret Garden Cafe. Prior Park Garden Centre, 55 Prior Park Road Bath BA2 4NF


 **Thurs 2 May** 10-30 am Plants for Pollinators. Plant plugs giveaway after the Thursday u3a talk at the Pavilion. Come and say hello!


 **Weds 15 May** 10 -12.30 Transport. The Good The Bad and The Complex Issues. Venue: The Boathouse, Newbridge Road Bath. BA1 3NB. We'll also have an electric bike there to try out and an expert on hand to answer electric bike questions. Also keep a tally of how much you walk, bike or bus during the month of May! Prizes!


### FURTHER ACTIONS APRIL 2024:


Here are five simple actions you can take at home to help pollinators and insects:

 : Grow more nectar-rich flowers, and shrubs, even trees, to provide for pollinators throughout the year. Butterflies are pollinators too and they, like bees, are also in trouble. If you like to garden then why not plant for the butterfly larval stage... <https://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/foodplants.php>

 : Let your garden grow wild: Leave patches of garden to grow wild, let wildflowers bloom, leave debris and fallen branches - all make great nesting and feeding sites.

 Put away pesticides and herbicides: Chemicals can harm pollinators and other beneficial insects. Consider alternatives. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/controlling-pests-and-diseases-without-chemicals>

 : Leave the lawnmower: Cut your grass less often, or cut paths only. Try just path mowing in April and May! [No Mow May](#)

 : [Build a bug hotel](#) and try to avoid disturbing or destroying nesting or hibernating insects in grass margins, bare soil, hedgerows, trees, dead wood or walls.

## **MORE EVENTS :**

More local or online events of interest from u3a Climate Matters Online Group (previously called Countdown to COP Group), Transition Bath, University of Bath, BRLSI, Somerset Wildlife, Climate Hub, and Green Screen. If you see an event we should all know about please pass the information along at one of our meetings or contact Convenors Anne or John. Contact Information from [groups@u3ainbath.uk](mailto:groups@u3ainbath.uk)

**22 April Earth Day.** For other events and ideas do take a look at Transition Bath's April Events Page See: <https://transitionbath.org/news-events/>

**1 May** Transition Bath Ticketed Event. Edible Wildflowers. Ella Millburn Everyday Foraging. <https://transitionbath.org/event/edible-wildflowers-spring-ramble-and-cordial-crafting/>.

## **AIM OF OUR u3a GROUP:**

The aim of our group is to come together each month to learn, to plan and to undertake simple often local positive actions in light of the climate and environment emergencies facing us all. Each month there will be a new theme and actions to take. Members are welcome to all meetings, or to just attend the month or months with a theme of interest to them.

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