

PROJECT	WILDFLOWER & TREE PLANTING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS
LEADER / PARTNERS	Parish council, local schools (This example from Holme Valley Parish Council)
COUNCIL POWERS	N/A
FUNDING SOURCES	Parish precept (part of the funds set aside by the parish council for the Climate Emergency Standing Committee)
ADVICE / USEFUL CONTACTS	Climate Emergency Coordinator Michelle Brown – CEC@Holmevalleyparishcouncil.go.uk see also https://holmevalleyclimateaction.co.uk/queens-jubilee-and-bee-bombs/
Requirements:	
SKILLS	Ability to communicate with local schools and have people able to make presentations to children
RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive presentation including outline of local climate action • Flyer to promote the event at the schools through their online systems • Enthusiastic people to present • Budget to purchase Bee Bombs, wildflower seeds and trees
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee Bombs – purchased online https://www.beebombs.com/shop • Trees – applied for via Woodland Trust for free https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/ or purchase in local nurseries • Wildflower seeds
PERMISSION	From local schools to take part in their assemblies and take photographs
CONTRACTORS	N/A
Steps to Success:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reach out to all schools in the council area to let you attend their assemblies for around 20 minutes (or whatever time you require) 2. Create a package for the assembly with an action to come out at the end of it 3. Create a table with presenters and times and dates of schools to be visited and at what times (this outreach is time-consuming) 4. Preferably arrange ‘green’ travel where possible, some of our presenters cycled to the schools and it was incorporated into the assembly. We also used an eCargo bike to deliver the bee bombs to some of the schools
ECONOMIC BASIS	Relatively costly – budget around £5k – wildflower seeds to plant in school grounds, and a “bee bomb” for every pupil
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational for all the pupils and teachers. • Educated pupils and teachers on what the council does
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing more wildflower habitats across the Holme Valley • It was an opportunity to raise awareness of green issues • Teachers will go home and hopefully make changes • Pupils will go home and educate the parents & guardians • An increase in bee friendly flowers across the valley • Part of the queen’s canopy so more trees will be planted
MAINTENANCE	The project is self-maintained but the parish council will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up with schools to see how the bee bomb planting went • Revisit schools to see how the wildflower seed planting went • Return in autumn to all the schools to plant the trees