

# Funders



Sponsored by Government, the **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council** annually invests around £470 million in a wide range of research. Insect Pollinators Initiative projects support BBSRC's aim to fund high quality research that underpins future food security. Research in areas as diverse as the genetics of disease susceptibility in honeybees through to the role of pollinating insects in whole farm systems, will help to provide a secure supply of insect pollinated crops in the future.

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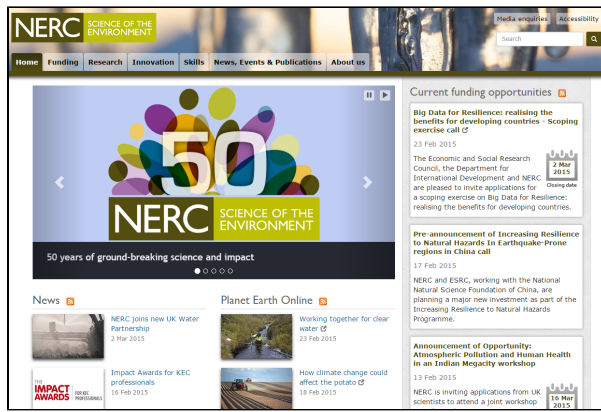
**Defra** funds a bee health programme to protect honey bees from diseases and pests. It also helps fund the National Bee Unit, which carries out research and development to support beekeepers, farmers, and growers. Defra recognises that bees, butterflies and other insects are vital for the pollination of agricultural and horticultural crops and wild plants, and so are crucial to the UK's wider biodiversity, environment and food security interests.

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**The Natural Environment Research Council** is the UK's main agency for funding and managing world-class research, training and knowledge exchange in the environmental sciences. It coordinates some of the world's most exciting research projects, tackling major issues such as climate change, environmental influences on human health, the genetic make-up of life on earth, and much more.

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The Scottish Government (SG) is the devolved legislature in Scotland with responsibility for bee health, biodiversity and agriculture.

The Scottish Government has a commitment to protect and improve the health of honey bees, and to a sustainable natural environment as a result of a thriving and healthy population of pollinators.

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The Wellcome Trust is a global charity dedicated to achieving extraordinary improvements in human and animal health. It supports the brightest minds in biomedical research and the medical humanities. The Trust's breadth of support includes public engagement, education and the application of research to improve health. It is independent of both political and commercial interests.

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**Living with Environmental Change** aims to optimise the coherence and effectiveness of UK environmental research funding and ensure government, business and society have the foresight, knowledge and tools to mitigate, adapt to and capitalise on environmental change.

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A screenshot of the 'Living With Environmental Change' website. The page is titled 'Insect Pollinators Initiative' and is part of the 'Current Activities' section. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text, including sections for 'The problem' and 'The initiative'. The right-hand side of the page features a 'RELATED TO CHALLENGE' section with a 'Resources challenge' link, and a 'FOLLOW US!' section with social media icons for Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The website has a green header and a dark green navigation bar.