Polli:Nation Survey Habitat Results

There have been an impressive 807 Polli:Nation Surveys submitted in the last two years! 41 of the 43 schools that have now completed surveys before and after creating habitat in their grounds are Polli:Nation schools! The creation of habitat is already benefitting pollinating insects with an increase in the numbers recorded, as seen in the chart below.

**Species Quest**

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135 honeybees have been counted in the species quest!

Only 7 Six-spot burnet moths have been counted in the species quest!

Some interesting finds from the surveys....

**Most popular created habitat**

36 schools have added pots, built raised beds or planted flower beds in their grounds.

**Most commonly recorded habitat**

Short grass was the most commonly recorded habitat with 30,500 squares counted in survey sites!

**Most commonly recorded plant**

Daisy’s have been recorded at 617 surveys! 403 of the surveys in 2016 and 214 in 2017.
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Pollinators have been recorded from all habitats during the Polli:Nation Surveys, some more than others which was to be expected. Looking at the chart below, a larger number of pollinators were recorded in areas of wildflowers than on concrete or tarmac. There is also some variation of the number of pollinators recorded in each quadrat, although it is not clear why this might be.

Pollinators have been recorded nine months of the year during Polli:Nation Surveys. The number of pollinators that have been recorded has remained fairly constant although numbers peaked earlier in 2016, this may have been due to a warmer May/June.