

Parish Pollinator Pledge

Our pollinator pledges...

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Parish/Town:

Binsted Parish Council

Pledge 1

The Parish Council will continue to manage the grass bank at the entrance to Binsted Recreation Ground with a 'light' mowing regime to ensure that the nectar rich plants that were planted there in 2022 continue to provide a suitable habitat for pollinators.

Pledge 2

Hedges and wildflower meadows at the Blacknest Fields nature recovery site will continue to be managed for pollinators, with further enhancements made to expand the site's diversity and abundance of insects. In 2025, additional honeysuckle plants will be added to the copse and hedges to benefit the site's population of white admiral butterfly, elephant hawk moths and other moths.

Pledge 3

Blacknest Field volunteers will continue to collaborate with the managers of Butterfly Conservation's Bentley Station Butterfly Meadow (a SSSI), to identify opportunities for joint activities, including promoting the 4 mile circular walk linking Bentley station and Blacknest Fields butterfly meadows.

Pledge 4

Blacknest Field volunteers will continue to submit wildlife records to Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC); and will collaborate with Hive Helpers CIC, Alton Natural History Society and other local wildlife experts and groups, to organise butterfly and bumblebee transects, bio-blitzes and other activities that help to monitor and record the species at the site. For example, an Alton Natural History Society Field trip / bio-blitz will be held at Blacknest Fields in July 2025.

Pledge 5

The Parish Council will work with local schools and youth organisations to identify opportunities that encourage children's interest - and participation - in bug-related activities.

We hope to complete these pledges by:

December 2025

Signed by:

Alison Melvin

Position in organisation:

Chair of Binsted Parish Council

