



# CREATE A SOLITARY BEE 2021



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Using the Guernsey Solitary Bee leaflet, colour, paint or decorate your solitary bee. Don't forget to tick which solitary bee you made! Or let your imagination flow.

All Solitary Bees created will be displayed at Le Friquet Garden Centre **2 - 18 July 2021**  
Come along and enjoy the buzz!

- 1. Davies' Colletes
- 2. Orange-tailed Mining Bee
- 3. Cliff Mining Bee
- 4. Wool Carder Bee
- 5. Pantaloon Bee
- 6. Ivy Mining Bee
- 7. Ashy Mining Bee
- 8. Tawny Mining Bee
- 9. Red Mason Bee
- 10. Gooden's Nomad Bee
- 11. Common Yellow-face Bee
- 12. Gwynne's Mining Bee
- 13. Great Banded Furrow Bee
- 14. Patchwork Leaf-cutter Bee
- 15. Flavous Nomad Bee
- 16. Yellow-legged Mining Bee
- 17. Violet-winged Mining Bee
- 18. Common Furrow Bee
- 19. Silvery Leaf-cutter Bee
- 20. Hairy-footed Flower Bee

Why not stick on eyes, antennae and legs ?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_



Disclaimer:  
Competition open to all children attending school in the Bailiwick or being homeschooled. Our competition may be promoted via each entities' social media and website. All children will receive a packet of pollinator friendly seed mix for gardens. Please note that artwork will not be returned once the competition has closed. In keeping with the provisions of The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2017, any personal information provided will be used solely for the purpose intended and deleted thereafter.

Please return entries to your school if appropriate or to Guernsey Arts at Candie Museum before **20 June 2021**



 In Guernsey, we have around 90 species of bee - six are bumblebees and one is the honeybee. These species are social and live in colonies. The other 92% are solitary bees - that's 83 species!

 They are not aggressive or territorial. They do not swarm and rarely sting (when the females do sting it's not painful).

 Unlike bumblebees and honeybees, solitary bees do not live in colonies, produce honey or have a queen. However some species nest in groups or "aggregations", but they are still nesting on their own.

 Some solitary bees make nests in hollow stalks, but most dig tubular burrows in soil, sand, mortar or wood. A few nest in empty snail shells!

 Some solitary bees are called "cuckoo bees" because these bees lay their eggs in the nests of other species.

 Solitary bees vary considerably in size and appearance. The smallest are just 5mm in length, the biggest are 15mm. Some are quite furry, while others have no hair at all. Some have yellow and black stripes like wasps.

 Some species are only seen in spring, others through the summer, and some like the Ivy Bee, only in autumn.

 Solitary bees are far better pollinators. For example, a single red mason bee is equivalent to 120 worker honeybees in the pollination it provides.

 The female does all of the work. She makes the nest and provides each larva with everything it needs to survive. They do not tend to the young as they grow and never get to see their offspring emerge.

 You can help solitary bees by putting up bee boxes in gardens, which will be used as nests by species such as mason and leafcutter bees.

 Some line their nests with mud; others use leaves or plant hair.

 Planting bee friendly flowers and not cutting lawns and not cutting lawns will help bees.



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We raise awareness of the genuine contribution we can each make to the enhancement of Guernsey's biodiversity by providing food and habitats for pollinators. We encourage the community to take action in their gardens, allotments, window boxes and balconies to make them pollinator-friendly.

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