

BEES FOR DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATE WORLD BEE DAY ON MONDAY 20 MAY AT RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Bees for Development is buzzing with excitement to be launching our RHS Chelsea Flower Show exhibit, Making Life Better with Bees on World Bee Day – Monday 20 May 2024. With planting inspired by our work in both the UK and internationally, our stand celebrates all insect pollinators, and especially the honey bee, and its vital role in improving the lives of people in the poorest nations. See bee hives from around the world and learn how amazingly beekeeping can address all 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including poverty alleviation, nutrition, social inclusion and biodiversity conservation.

Bees for Development, the leading beekeeping charity with its headquarters in Monmouth, Wales, is thrilled to be exhibiting at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show. This year we are also honoured to highlight the multi-media artist Alex Hirtzel's *In Paradisum* an interactive painting which imagines a perfect meadow full of flowers and insects.

Founded in 1993, **Bees for Development** is dedicated to harnessing the power of bees and beekeeping to combat poverty, promote biodiversity, and foster resilient livelihoods. Over the years, the charity has earned accolades for its impactful work at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, including a silver medal in 2018, a bronze in 2021, and a silver again in 2022. Do come and discover us and our display in the Discovery Zone.

"Bees for Development is honoured to once again be invited to exhibit at RHS Chelsea Flower Show in the Discovery Zone," said Megan Denver, CEO of Bees for Development. "Our mission is to showcase the beauty of bees to underscore their profound impact on sustainable development. We believe that by promoting nature-based beekeeping, we can empower communities, protect ecosystems, and create a better world for all."

Bees for Development's President is Her Majesty the Queen, as former Duchess of Cornwall - a beekeeper herself. Patrons include Baroness Anita Gale, Monty Don, Kate Humble, Martha Kearney, Professor Tom Seeley, Sting, and Sesi Turnbull.



Bees for Development President, Her Majesty The Queen (as former Duchess of Cornwall) with Nicola Bradbear, Founder of Bees for Development, and Pratim Roy, Director, Keystone Foundation, India.

For more information about **Bees for Development**, our initiatives and images, please contact Jenny Handley at **jennyhandley@beesfordevelopment.org**; **07399 000 752**.

PLANT LIST

Bees for Development Bee House

Achillea chrysocoma Grandiflora

Ajuga rosea

Alchemilla mollis

Dactylorhiza maculata Heath spotted-orchid

Leucanthemum vulgare

Lupinus Manhattan Lights

Lychnis flos-cuculi

Lythrum virgatum Joy

Myosotis palutris

Potentilla fruticosa Abbotswood

Silene dioica

Silene fimbriata

Triflolium rubens Red Feathers

WBC Bee Hive

Allium schoenoprasum

Anthriscus sylvestris Ravenswing

Dianthus superbus

Erigeron Karvinskianus

Geum rivale

Heuchera villosa Brownies

Hosta Blue Mouse Ears

Lamium orvala

Peony itoh Julia Rose

Sedum spurium Dragons Blood

Sedum spectabile Matrona

Thymus Serpyllum

Bee Hives from Africa

Akebia quinata

Briza media

Dierama igneum

Ficus cyathistipula

Hesperantha coccinea var. alba

Hypericum perforatum

Imperata cylindrica

Myrtus communis

Rhodiola rosea

Sesleria albicans

