

Asian Hornet: Stay Alert – Take Action – Protect our Pollinators.

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This eye-catching exhibit, inspired by the increase in findings of Asian hornet in the UK last year, vividly portrays the threat of Asian hornet to honey bees and our native wild pollinators.

Visitors will learn to identify and report sightings of Asian hornet through informative panels, interactive visuals, and representative models. The story begins with the Asian hornet's European spread, the focus then shifts to Asian hornets capturing honey bee prey and returning to their nest. This section also highlights other at-risk pollinators to this threat. Visitors can experience a multimedia bee's-eye view discovery area and learn about our Asian hornet tracking methods. Information on distinguishing lookalike insects and reporting sightings completes the journey, with a clear call to action to download the free Asian Hornet Watch app.

The exhibit also showcases pollinator-friendly plants, real Asian hornet nest examples and life stages.

The exhibit is designed to be wheelchair accessible. It is sustainably constructed from British grown oak sourced from the Woodland Heritage sawmill, 60% of which has been reused from previous exhibits. All plants and the tree used are sourced from Plant Healthy Certified nurseries and will enjoy a second life post-Chelsea in community projects through the RHS plant reuse scheme.

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