

G-BUZZ



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How we're helping the world bee-come a better place.

Welcome to our Spring edition of G-Buzz, where we update you on the latest in sustainability news from GLP's network of honey bee apiaries – the G-Hive.

So, why should you care about bees? To most people they are those fuzzy flying insects we see darting between flowers. However, bees are so much more than this and have a vital part to play in the survival of our precious planet. Bees are essential in pollinating the food we need to survive and many of the trees and flowers that provide habitats for wildlife.

At GLP we recognise these indispensable creatures and are dedicated to creating, sustaining and maintaining thriving habitats for them across our sites.



Take a look at the work we've been doing to support honey bees over the past four years.

March 2019

GLP's first UK apiary is installed at Magna Park, Milton Keynes!

July 2019

GLP's first honey harvest! Check out Adrienne with that frame full of delicious honey!

Dec 2019

G Bee Gin – GLP's very own Honey Gin made using raw honey from the Magna Park Hives.

March 2020

In response to the worldwide pandemic, GLP created Bee Safe, Be Kind hand-sanitiser infused with GLP honey and green tea. This was distributed to GLP sites across UK and Europe as well as donated to local charities to keep colleagues and friends safe.

April 2020

GLP G-Hive is launched in Mönchengladbach, Germany!

May 2020

G-Hive swarms! GLP's second UK apiary site is installed at G-Park Northampton. GLP introduces more hives across Europe, including Wroclaw, Poland and Saint Martin de Crau, France.

July 2020

GLP's third and fourth UK apiary sites are installed at Magna Park Lutterworth.

April 2021

GLP distributed over 1,500 wildflower seed packets to our local community sites to help improve the habitats of our pollinators – that's enough wildflowers to fill seven tennis courts! By simply planting wildflowers you will help to create thriving natural habitats for these amazing creatures!

July 2021

UK apiary sites mark **1 Million** honey bees!

Sept 2021

The Honeybee Man attended GLP UK's annual charity bike ride to showcase the G-Hive project. The GLP Honey Pale ale went down a treat and gave everyone a chance to learn a bit more about honey bees, pollinators and how important they are to our ecosystem.

Dec 2021

This Summer we had our first harvest at our site St-Martin-de-Crau in France! In December we shared 25kg of our honey (200 jars) with all of the employees!

Feb 2022

GLP are busy preparing plans to introduce new apiary sites across the UK in Spring, further extending their commitment to building biodiversity across their sites.

April 2022

GLP teamed up with charity Earth Watch and Rame Consulting to plant its first 'Tiny Forest' at Mammoth 602. Made up of 600 saplings, this forest will encourage increased biodiversity as well as carbon sequestration, there are also plans to install a honeybee apiary nearby!

May 2022

Four new colonies of honeybees will move into their new apiary at G-Park Bedford Wixams this May bringing the G-Hive network to five apiaries in total across the UK. There are plans to move onto a further four sites before the end of the year!

Now more than ever we should be working together to improve the prospects for our planet. We can all do our part to help to improve the environment for honey bees and pollinators for years to come.

To find out more about our G-Hive project and how we're working together to achieve our sustainability goals please get in touch!

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In partnership with The Honeybee Man Ltd promoting Biodiversity Net Gains



Why not plant a bee-friendly garden?

You don't need to become a beekeeper to help stem declining honeybee numbers.

Helping your local bee population is as easy as choosing wisely when selecting plants, flowers and shrubs for your garden!.

It's important to choose plants which are rich with nectar and pollen to give our little friends a bountiful feeding ground throughout the year.

The Royal Horticultural Society is a great source of information for finding the perfect plants for pollinators.

Head over to their site for more information
<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

