

ROUND THREE PROJECTS

Community Climate and Nature Fund



HENLEY BUZZ AND BLOOM BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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“This funding has been vital in helping us turn a long-term ambition into practical action. It has enabled us to begin restoring underused green spaces in Henley-in-Arden for the benefit of both wildlife and residents, and has given real momentum to our wider goal of creating a more biodiverse and environmentally resilient town.”

Lisa Cromwell

Clerk and RFO, Henley and
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Henley Buzz and Bloom is a community-led biodiversity enhancement project to restore and enrich green spaces across Henley-in-Arden through spring bulb planting, wildflower meadow creation and pollinator-friendly planting. We planned to turn underused public land into attractive, nectar-rich habitats that support bees, hoverflies and butterflies, including Warwickshire Priority Species. Grant funding was used for bulbs, seed, plug plants, ground preparation and planting labour. The project was organised in phases across several sites, including Littleworth Park, Jubilee Park and the riverbank off Prince Harry Road, with planting timed to suit weather and seasonal conditions. The project involved local organisers, planting contractors and the wider community, with opportunities for schools and community groups to take part.

IMPACTS

The project is delivering clear benefits for both wildlife and the local community. It is creating nectar-rich habitats for pollinators including bees, hoverflies and butterflies, while enhancing underused public green spaces. Early signs are very positive, with strong bulb emergence and a developing mix of species such as oxeye daisy, poppies, zinnia, flax and evening primrose. Residents have responded extremely positively, with many favourable comments highlighting how much the new planning has improved the parks. The more colourful attractive spaces from spring through to late summer are helping to strengthen local pride and connection to nature. Environmentally, the project improves biodiversity, increases seasonal food sources for pollinators and supports more resilient, wildlife-friendly green spaces.

