****

[**www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk**](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk)[**www.bumblebeeconservation.org**](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org)

**BUMBLEBEE RESOURCE SHEET**

**Summary of Bumblebee ID training day with Richard Comont at Woodlands Farm – May 2018**

**PRESENTATIONS** given by Richard Comont are available as follows:

**Ecology and Surveying** at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bw0syzggvw7496u/BBCT%20ID%20day%20-%20ecology%20and%20surveying.pptx?dl=0>

**Bumble bee Identification and Resources** <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ia35kya04x6qh22/BBCT%20ID%20day%20-%20ID%20%28basics%29.pptx?dl=0>

**And see our** [**NEWS**](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk/events/) **page on the WEBSITE for article on Bumblebees**

**BEEWALK welcomes local surveyors.** Doing a regular survey is the best way to improve ID skills and monitor changes in bee numbers over time. Resources for BEEWALK at <http://www.beewalk.org.uk/>

**OTHER HELP WITH ID – experts available around the clock**

* Post photos on the UK Bees, Wasps & Ants facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1590641777855221/>)
* or on ispot (<https://www.ispotnature.org/>)

or if not urgent email to Caroline Hanks for local specialists Andrew Nixon, Sue Holland or Richard Comont to look at.

**FIELD KIT for ID**

* Nets (Watkins and Doncaster [www.watdon.co.uk](https://www.watdon.co.uk/) )
* Hand lens - x10 or x20
* Sample tubes – any clear plastic tube
* Queen marker cages (Thornes <http://www.thorne.co.uk/> or W&D)
* **ID book such as** <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/product/bumblebees-an-introduction/> or ID guides from Bumblebee Conservation Trust merchandise webpage
* [**Big 8 ID sheet**](https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ID-sheet-big-8.pdf) **– guide to the 8 most common bumblebees; queen, worker and male**

**WHAT WE SAW ON THE FARM WALK - sunny cloudless day 19.5.18 at Woodlands Farm, Blakemere**

Garden bumblebee (Bombus hortorum, workers), Tree bumblebee (workers), Red-tailed bumblebee (queens and workers), Common Carder (queens), Early bumblebee (workers), and Buff-tailed bumblebee (queen and male), plus several females and a male of the Hairy-footed Flower Bee (Anthophora plumipes, a solitary bee).

**For further information please contact Caroline Hanks (****caroline.hanks@farming4wildlife.co.uk****) 07779 080940**