



Halting Insect Pollinator Declines

Thursday 12th September, 2–4pm.

Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

Pollinating insects are in decline globally, due to multiple and interacting pressures. The pollination services they provide are important for the functioning of our ecosystems and food security, and were estimated to be worth £603 million to the UK agriculture in 2010. Pollination in the UK is undertaken by a wide variety of insect species, such as bees, hoverflies, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths. To take effective action to halt declines we first need to understand properly why they are occurring. This seminar will review the threats facing insect pollinators, identify important gaps in our knowledge and explore the strategies available to halt declines.

Programme

2.00pm Sarah Newton MP, *Chair's Welcome*

2.10pm Presentations

Dr Lynn Dicks

Research Associate and NERC Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Cambridge University.

Professor Bill Kunin

Professor of Ecology, Leeds University.

Matt Shardlow

Chief Executive, Buglife.

Professor Simon Potts

Professor of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Reading University, and Member of the Defra Expert Working Group on Pollinators.

3.10pm Discussion

3.25pm Chair's closing remarks

3.30pm Refreshments

4.00pm Close

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