



## Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



**CLC Reference:** 358/W

**Local Councillor:** Bob Smytherman

**Status:** Fundraising Stage

Overfunding enabled (refer to 'what we'll deliver' section)

**Project Cost:** £3,984.00

**Project Title:** Worthing Honey Collective

### About:

The Worthing Honey Collective brings the local community together to turn our town into a pollinator friendly urban space. We host community beehives on rooftops and educate people of all ages.

We are requesting funding for an inclusive pollination project that seeks to engage local schools, community groups, colleges, local businesses and residents in furthering their knowledge and understanding of pollinating insects and the vital role they play in putting food on our plates. We want to deliver exciting activities ranging from "meeting the bees" sessions with our existing cohort of volunteer beekeepers, making and sharing out seed bombs and bug hotels and planting up community spaces to training up to become a volunteer community beekeeper for our project. We will work with a range of different partner organisations to deliver this project, including Men in Sheds and local social enterprise Breathing Spaces CIC who will help us propagate pollinator friendly plants and co-design workshops and activities with new audiences. We will also host community honey spinning days in the autumn, "bottling" our own honey with people being able see for the first time how honey is made.

**Project Delivery Manager:** We are FoodPioneers CIC

**About me:**

We are FoodPioneers CIC is a local social enterprise based in Worthing. Our mission is to enable food-based experiences and events that explore food provenance and its interconnectedness with the natural environment in and around our town.

Website: <http://www.foodpioneers.org.uk>

**Why we're pitching for a pledge:**

The Worthing Honey Collective is a food and nature engagement project at a crucial time for our communities, inviting everyone to join.

**What we'll deliver:**

- Three seed bomb making sessions
- One community honey spinning event with frames from the hives across Worthing
- A community wildflower planting event at our Durrington site
- Four "meet the bees" sessions for local schools
- Two bug hotel making sessions

**How any extra funds raised from overfunding will be spent:**

- Purchasing additional beekeeping suits
- Towards running further 'meet the bees' sessions with our head beekeeper

**Why it's a great idea:**

Many people nowadays are aware of the threat of pollinator decline but don't know how best to support pollinators in their daily lives. With the Worthing Honey Collective we now want to harness this awareness and continue to work on a wholesome, impactful project that supports local people in the town and the surrounding areas to set up their own little year-round wildlife havens while supporting town-wide planting and education initiatives.

**Steps to get it done:**

- Host honey spinning day - September 2019
- Host planting sessions for winter - October 2019
- Host seed bomb making sessions - January to March 2020
- Meet the bees sessions for schools - from April 2020 onwards

It will support the natural economy of our town and create a more aware and engaged community actively supporting pollinators and other wildlife in our town.