Pollinating the Peak in spotlight at Chesterfield Market Festival

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Bumblebee Conservation Trust's Pollinating the Peak team were on hand at Chesterfield's Market Festival on 28 October to highlight the importance of bees and other wild pollinators.

Dozens of local people visited the conservation charity's stall to take part in fun family activities including bumblebee making and a colouring competition.

They were urged to help Pollinating the Peak win £25,000 in the Aviva Community Fund, in an online vote running until 18 November. The project can be supported at littlegreenspace.org.uk/voteptp.

"Our bees and wild pollinators need all the help they can get, and we are asking people to make a difference by supporting us in the Aviva Community Fund vote," said Rhodri Green, Pollinating the Peak Community Development Officer.

"Pollinating the Peak is an inspiring community project that really deserves local support."

The initiative aims to inspire people, communities and schools to get involved to create bee-friendly habitats, help monitor bumblebees and learn conservation skills.

Bumblebees pollinate many UK crops, but their populations have crashed because of loss of flower-rich habitat.

Partners in Pollinating the Peak are Chatsworth, Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Little Green Space, Moors for the Future Partnership, Peak District National Park, and Visit Peak District & Derbyshire.

For more details about the project, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, visit bumblebeeconservation.org, email ptp@bumblebeeconservation.org and follow @BuzzingPeak on Twitter.

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