

# Why Are Our Bees Dying?

Our bees are facing many threats - the 97% loss of wild flower meadows since the 2nd World War has been devastating<sup>1</sup>. But in recent years there have been many stories in the papers about the sudden catastrophic collapse of bee colonies. Friends of the Earth report that 45% of honeybees have been lost in the UK since 2010. In this issue we look at the role of pesticides – and a new pesticide threat this Summer.

<sup>1</sup> See RSPB State of Nature Report, available online.



**A** major threat to bees comes from a new class of pesticides, known as neonicotinoids.

Unlike other pesticides, they are actually absorbed into the plant and then kill or harm any insects that land on the plant.

A series of studies have shown that they seriously affect bees.

Recently the EU introduced a three-year test ban on the most dangerous of the 'neonics'. But our Government doesn't want to ban them.

In fact, back in the summer they let British farmers in some parts of the country start to use these pesticides again – despite the EU ban.

Now there are moves to let all UK farmers start using these pesticides again – despite the EU ban.

Click (or go to) : <https://goo.gl/dy7Pxt> to take action.

Neonicotinoids are a big issue. They are a class of neuro-active insecticides chemically similar to nicotine.

They create huge harm not only to the bees but also to insect life in general.

The Raw Honey Shop will highlight any developments in this area.

**More information:**  
[www.foe.co.uk/bees](http://www.foe.co.uk/bees)



## Help a bee

Bees have been under a lot of pressure recently from increasing pesticide use and land encroachment, Here is a simple trick to help a tired bee.

If you happen to see one on the ground, it may not be dead, it may just be exhausted. Collecting nectar and pollen from flowers all day is a difficult task and they need regular hydration.

You might think to give them honey but the advice is that honey from a different colony to their own may contain diseases they are not resistant to. So a drop of water with a little sugar is best to revive them.

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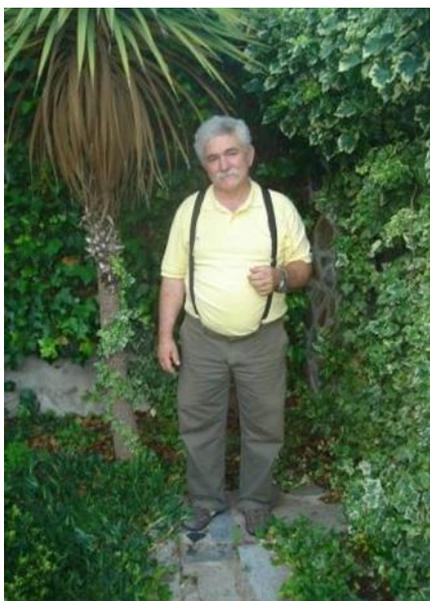
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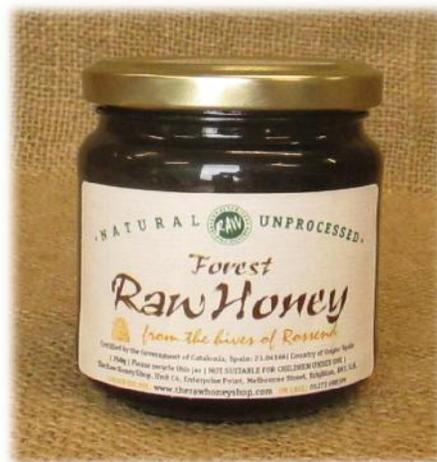
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