

# About our BEES

## Solitary Bees



Of the 270 bee species in the UK, 250 are solitary and they make up the largest percentage of the bee population. They tend to gather pollen and nectar from a narrow range of preferred plants.

## Bumblebees



They are very social bees. They live in colonies – but smaller ones than honey bees. Bumblebees are great pollinators – because they are so hairy, and because they visit a wide range of plants and flowers.

## Honey Bees



Honey bees are incredibly clean – they poop outside the hive. When out foraging, workers can fly up to 20 mph, by beating their wings up to 200 times per second – making that famous buzz!

## Bee a Helper...



Solitary bee hole.



Food and shelter!



Bees love weeds.

Bees are a vital part of our ecosystem. They pollinate our food and help create the air we breathe. Here are three top tips on how to *Bee a Helper*:

- DON'T use pesticides – if you only do one thing, do this.
- Include native plants in your garden – bees love them!
- Let a small area of your garden go unweeded, and grow a patch of your grass long – for flowers and safe nesting areas.

# About our TRail

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The brand new Bee Trail invites people of all ages to explore our town centre while discovering some of Britain's most fascinating bees.

Follow the trail map and look out for 13 native bee species on beautifully illustrated panels hidden around Beeston. From the bright Red Mason Bee to the bold Buff-tailed Bumblebee, each has its own story to tell. Keep your eyes peeled – can you find all 13 of them?

Collect stamps as you go, supporting our local independent shops. Complete the trail and you could even win a prize. Pop into The Plane Tree to find out more!

## Bee featured...

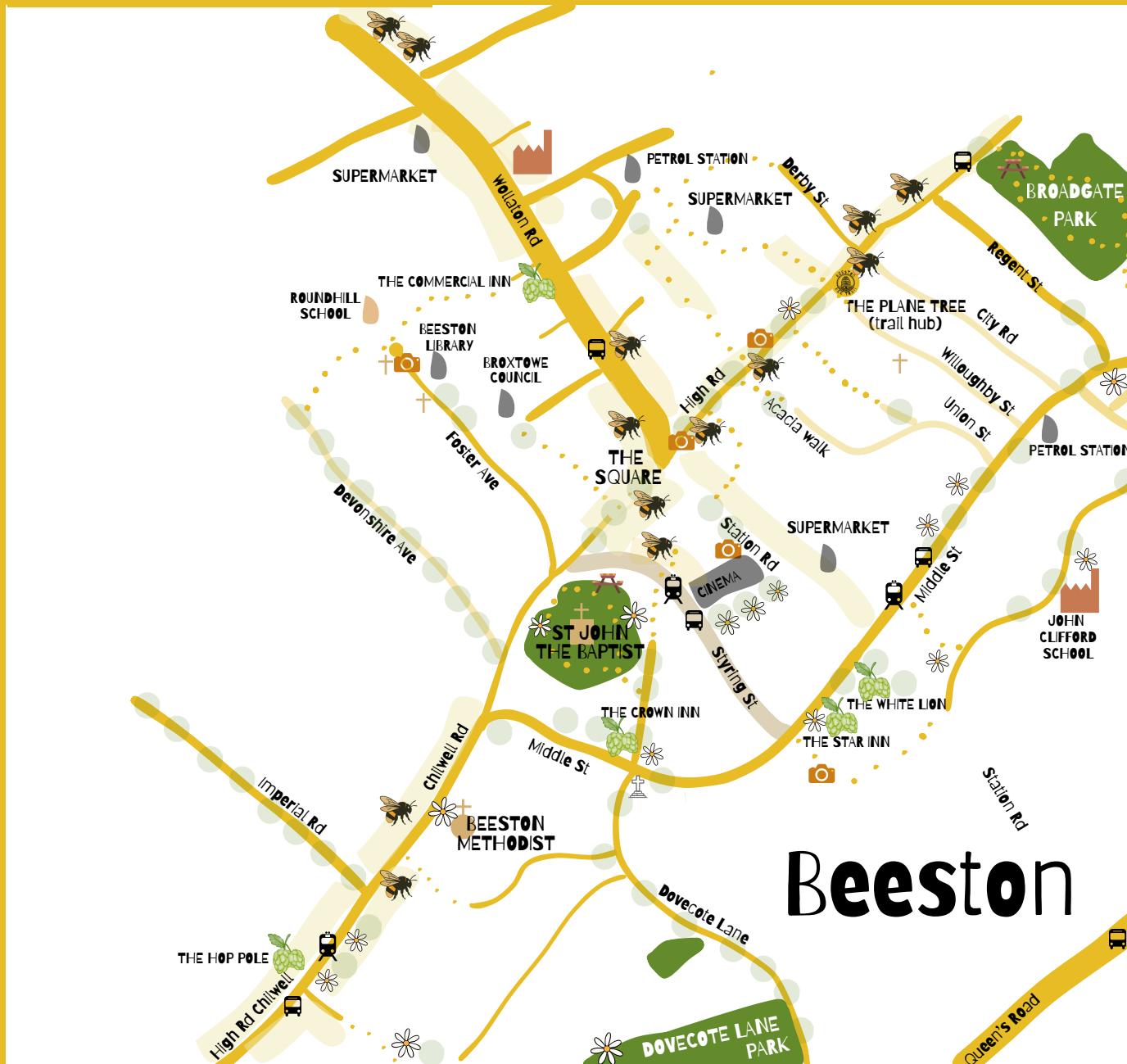
The Bee Trail includes extra finds, where bees feature on buildings, signs, artwork, or in another way. Can you spot them?



If you identify a NEW bee feature in our town, let us know, and be sure to post about it on social media, use #beestonisbuzzing so we spot it too!



[beestoncivicsociety.org.uk/buzz](http://beestoncivicsociety.org.uk/buzz)



## Map legend:

- Bee stamping stop nearby
- Bee feature – can you spot it?
- Bee-friendly planting
- Picnic stop
- Shops & Cafes
- Pub with garden
- Street trees in the area
- The Plane Tree (trail hub)

## Bee stamped...

The first **100** trailers to collect a stamp from all Bee stops and pop in to The Plane Tree (our trail hub) with their stamped guides win a prize!

