

Devon Living Churchyards Project Workshop 2018

CREATING A BUZZ IN DEVON'S CHURCHYARDS

The Bee Barn, Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon

Saturday 15 September, 9.30am-12noon

Exeter Eco Diocese

There has been a dramatic decline in bee populations which is the result of multiple factors such as loss of habitat, diseases and parasites, climate change and wider industrial agricultural practices.

Churchyards are a haven for all types of bees: bumble bees, solitary bees and honey bees, and giving a new twist to the Biblical phrase 'land of milk and honey', some churches are now establishing beehives in their churchyards.

If you would like to create a buzz in your churchyard, you are invited to attend our workshop.

Workshop

- 09.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Introduction
- 10.15 **A general introduction to bees**
Clare Densley, Buckfast Abbey Bees
- 10.45 **The practicalities and responsibilities of keeping bees in public spaces**
Martin Hann, Buckfast Abbey Bees and Bee Inspector for Devon
- 11.00 **Keeping bees in a churchyard**
Will Pyne, experienced beekeeper who manages beehives at St Andrews Church, South Tawton.
- 11.30 Questions from morning sessions
- 12.00 Close

Following the morning's workshop there will be an opportunity to visit the Abbey's beehives with Clare and Martin or visit the new Millennium Information Centre.

Booking is essential: please contact David Curry
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