

## **The Environment & Climate Crisis Action Group**

## Maybee May?

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust has reported that 2024 was the worst year for bumblebees since records began in 1978. Whilst bumblebee number declined by nearly 25% on the 2010 to 2023 average other bee species declined by up to 75%.

Bees are crucial for the environment and food security as they are pollinators helping plants reproduce and produce food. So what can we do to help them?

- \* Plant bee friendly herbs such as lavender or rosemary
- \* If you are getting new plants go for good pollinators
- \* Leave an area of your garden to grow wild
- \* Adopt "No Mow May" and let wildflowers come up through the grass
- \* Don't use pesticides
- \* Buy or create your own Bee Hotel
- \* Leave a shallow dish of clean water outside
- \* World Bee Day is on May 20<sup>th</sup> so raise awareness with friends and family or even enjoy some locally sourced honey!







