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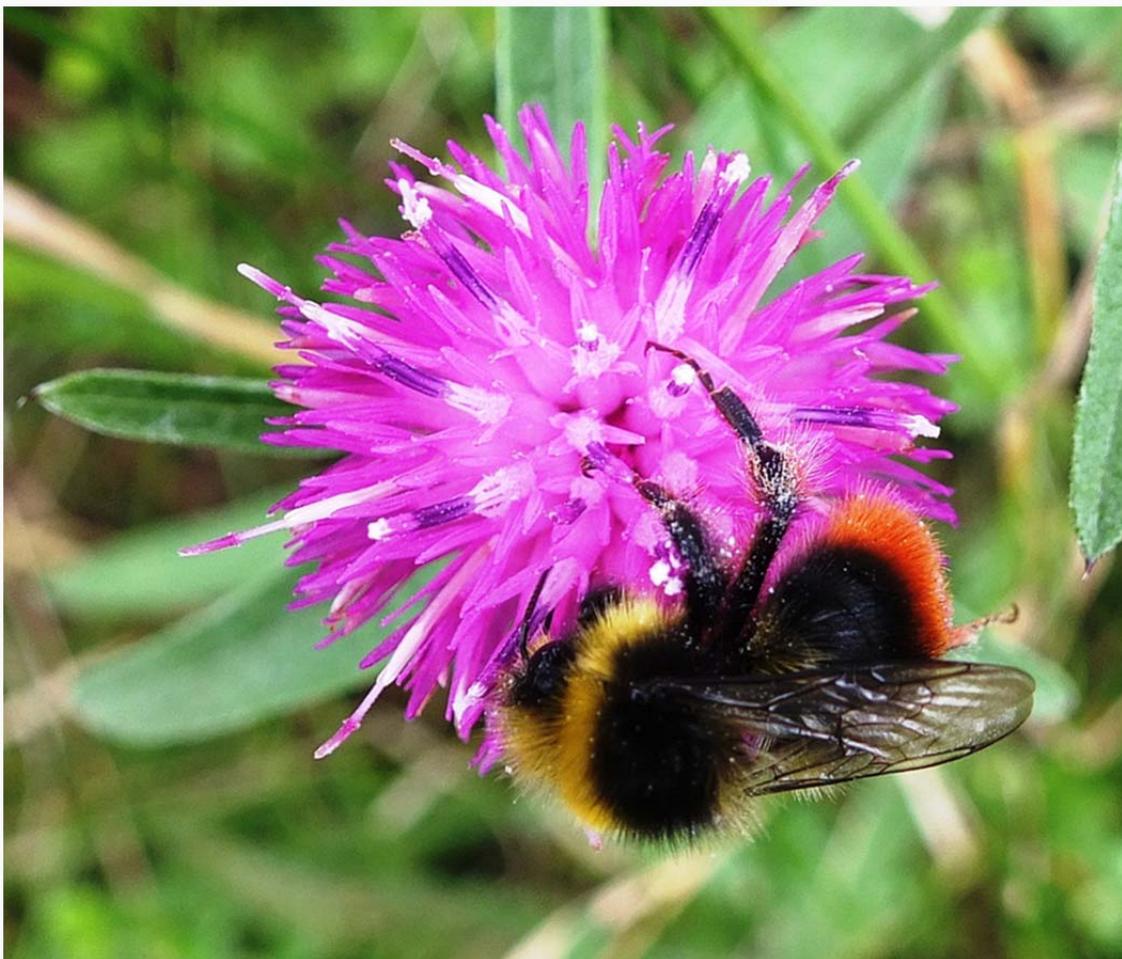
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Dear Friends

Welcome to our latest B-Lines e-newsletter providing some information about a few exciting things going on in the world of B-Lines.



*Bombus lapidarius* (c) Rory Dimond

## Grow Wild can help you create B-Lines!

Grow Wild has launched their new community project funding for 2018. They are awarding funding of £2,000 or £4,000 to community groups that want to bring people together through activities that connect their community and celebrate UK native wildflowers. Grow Wild are very keen to help develop the B-Lines network and this is a great opportunity for groups to take forward work which will benefit pollinators

If you think that you or your members/groups would be interested in this opportunity then please share this information and ask them to download the Grow Wild application guidance [form](#). If you are not eligible (e.g. local authorities) please pass this link onto any groups who may be.

You can phone Richard Pollard a call on 07917265417 if you need more advice, but act quick as the deadline is 15th January.

Some of Grow Wild's key target areas in the B-Lines include:

**Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Calderdale, Newcastle, Scarborough, Blackpool, Blackburn, Wakefield, Hartlepool, Leicester, Boston, Plymouth, Folkstone, Dover and Gravesend.**



### **B-Lines to expand across Wales**

With support from the North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent we will now be completing B-Lines mapping across Wales. Over the next 4 months we



### **People's Postcode Lottery has helped B-Lines take a big step forward**

We would like to thank the People's Postcode Lottery for their funding over the past year. Their support has helped us



### **Working with Northumbrian Water**

UK utility companies have been highlighted as having a vital role to play in all of the

will be pulling together habitat datasets, analysing the data and then holding workshops around Wales to work with partners to agree the priority B-Lines network for Wales. This is really exciting news for Wales as it will become the first country in the UK to have a fully mapped B-Lines network.

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*Right Grangepans (c) Suzanne Burgess*

*Centre Paul Evans (Buglife) and Gordon Walker (Northern Powergrid) meet to review cutting regimes at a Yorkshire substation (c) Buglife*

make a big step forward with the B-Lines, and allowed us to start developing new partnerships with a range of organisations, including Northern Powergrid, Ecotalk, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, North York Moors National Park and the National Trust. Thank you for your support.



National Pollinator Strategies/Action Plans. We were therefore very pleased when we were invited to talk to staff at Northumbrian Water about how they could help create B-Lines. Northumbrian Water has already created a wildflower meadow next to their Howdon Office, and following our presentation we are now hoping to do work on the wider Howdon site.

Utility companies across the UK have a huge role to play in developing the B-Lines and we are keen to get their involvement and support. So if you work for a Utility please get in tou