

Bee Identification Chart

Questions to help you know what you see.....

Are they round and very hairy with a yellow/white or orange band on its tail/bottom? Are they like stripy footballs? Do they make a V loud buzzing sound? Are they living in an old bird box, a compost heap, under the decking, a hole in the ground?



YES

NO

ACTION: Leave them alone if possible. Bumblebees are an important pollinator and rarely sting. **Bumblebees** are under threat of extinction. For more information contact the www.BumblebeeConservationTrust.org.uk

Is it bright yellow with black stripes? Very smooth mainly yellow with black stripes? Is it in the roof of your house? Are they coming from a round nest in a tree? Is there a nest in the shed? Do they have a high pitched buzz? Are they interested in sweet sugary foods?



YES

NO

ACTION: These are **WASPS** contact your **LOCAL** Authority

Are they very big with a loud buzz? Are they black and brown with a hint of orange? Living in the roof or shed? Do they have a very big curved tail?



YES

NO

ACTION: These are **HORNETS** contact your **LOCAL** Authority

Does it have golden brown or dark brown bands? Are they slightly furry? Are they formed in a clump hanging from a tree, gate post, chimney? Are there thousands of them swirling around in the air? Are they the same size as a house fly?



ACTION: These are **Honeybees** Contact your local **Swarm Co-ordinator:**