## Bees



Bees are our predominant pollinators, pollinating a third of the food we eat and 80% of flowering plants. Pollination is crucial because many of our vegetables, fruits and the crops that feed our livestock rely on it to be fertilised, so without pollination, we could go hungry. Bees are therefore an extremely important member of our ecosystem and we look to protect them wherever possible so with this in mind reputable **Pest Control Contractors will not treat to kill any bee species.** There may be some specialised Pest Control Companies who offer a removal service of beehives, if viable.

The most common bee species you will see are honeybees and bumble bees however all bee species have an important role to play in pollination. You can find more information about bees and how to identify them below:

- o Honey bee | The Wildlife Trusts
- o <u>Bumblebee Conservation Trust</u>
- What bee is this? | British Beekeepers Association (bbka.org.uk)

Honey Bees often relocate from an existing hive, either due to overcrowding or disturbance from predators and when this happens they move as a "swarm". This is spectacular to see but it may also prove concerning if they decide to rest within trees or shrubs closes to houses or other occupied buildings. It is possible for Beekeepers to collect these swarms so if you require advice about honeybee swarms please contact the Perth and District Beekeepers Association on 01738 718371 who may be able to organise to have a swarm collected and relocated. For more information please visit the Perth and District Beekeepers Association website (<a href="https://www.perthanddistrictbeekeepers.co.uk">www.perthanddistrictbeekeepers.co.uk</a>).