

Environmental Information Regulations

Total number of Bees recorded within the UK over the past 10 years ranging from 2009-2019

For a Link to the FOI/EIR page visit: http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=6077
For further information about the Joint Nature Conservation Committee visit:
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Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee:

I would like to request the total number of Bees recorded within the UK over the past 10 years ranging from 2009-2019.

Please provide the information in the form of electronic copies.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Reply

Thank you for your request for information received by JNCC on Monday 11th March 2019, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We would respond under EIR Regulation 12 (4)(a) Does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

JNCC does not collect nor collate information specifically on bees or bee species. Therefore, we do not hold any information on bee population sizes within the UK.

We would suggest that you approach the Bees, Wasps & Ants Recording Society (<u>BWARS</u>), who offer information on bees and have various contacts you could approach.

For Computerised Bees, Wasps and Ant Records, which covers *bulk data* and may hold the information you require, the site directs you to contact:

Mike Edwards Lea-side Carron Lane MIDHURST West Sussex GU29 9LB

Email: ammophila@macace.net

Hopefully, Mr Edwards will be able to assist with your enquiry, or provide the details or someone who can.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. If you require any further detail please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint please contact Kirsty Meadows (kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk).

If you are still not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner who is the statutory regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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