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Dear Colleagues,

### National Education Nature Park and Climate Leaders Award

The tender has finally been published by the Department for Education. No single organisation is likely to be able to deliver the contract alone. This means a partnership / consortium approach. Sadly, few organisations are prepared to lead as the demands are onerous. We continue to develop our offer and what we can bring to any partnership and at the same time seek out, or be sought out by other partners with whom we can put in a bid. It's complex and time consuming, with the usual short deadline. I know that Jennie, Scott and Bek at publications are working really hard to get us into the running.

### Pollinator Strategy and New App

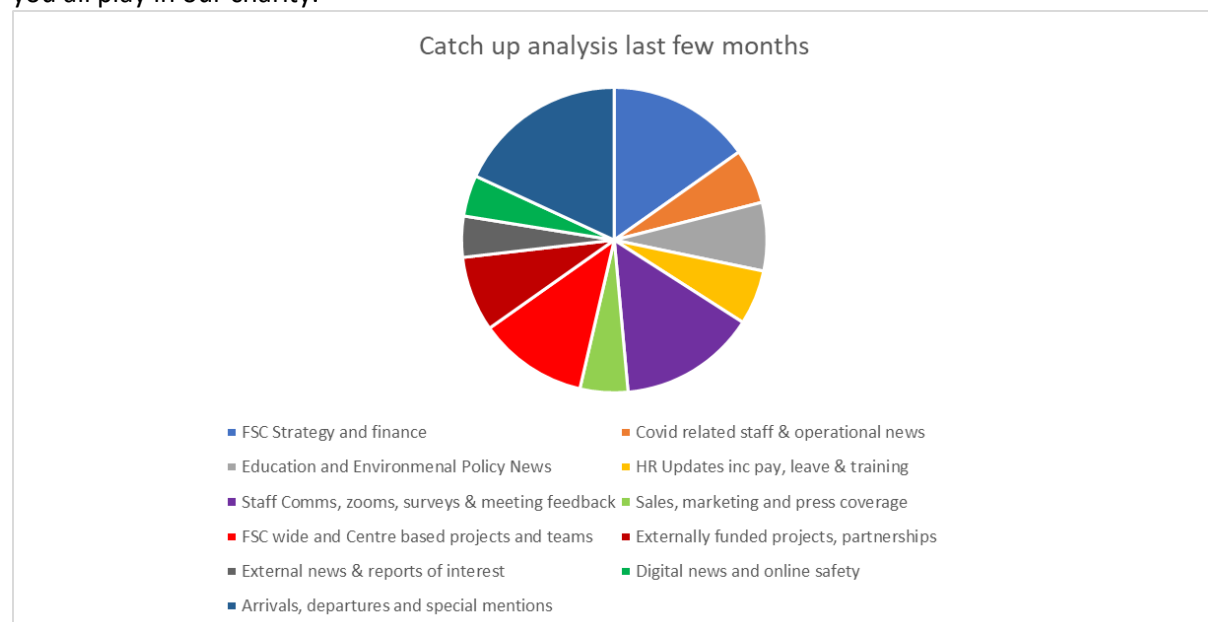
The UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme has launched a [new citizen science app](#). It uses flower-insect timed counts – ie the total number of insects that visit a particular flower, ideally chosen from a list 14 target flowers, in a 10 minute period. The monitoring scheme is part of the government's wider [Pollinators Action Plan](#) which was updated this week. The plan is continuing to work on developing the evidence base (of which the monitoring scheme is a key part), engage the public more with pollinators such as the Bees Needs campaign, improve pollinator health, develop bee corridors and link up more pollinator friendly habitats. If you are trying to enthuse friends and relatives, don't forget that the [FSC Shop](#) has lots of pollinator related gifts and ID charts.

### Flying Chef

I know that staff continue to fill gaps in rotas and work at other centres to help out. Your flexibility is always appreciated. Thanks this week got to Jenny Roberts and Amy Ward from Nettlecombe who quickly stepped in to help solve the lack of a cook at a very busy Rhyd-y-creuau this week.

### Analysis of the catch up

I've repeated the little exercise that I did last year, putting the catch up contents into broad categories. There are areas of overlap and one off pieces of news, but you can get a general picture. With the welcome reduction in Covid news, there has been more from centres, teams and projects. There are some teams that we don't hear from very often but don't be shy. Feedback I've had is that other members of staff and trustees find it really helpful to know what people do and the vital part you all play in our charity.



**Head of Education and Operations East**

Congratulations to Helen Robertson who has been appointed to the role with a specific responsibility for developing day business as part of our 10 year plan.

**Wedding Reception at Flatford Mill**

Jo Harris' wedding reception is to be held at Flatford this weekend. I'm sure you all want to wish Jo and Robin good weather for the day and every happiness for the future.

**Tim Burt's 40 Years**

Yesterday marked 40 years since our President's first FSC AGM and since then he has given so much of his time to the charity in a number of key roles. I'd like to thank him on behalf of all of us past and present for his support, commitment and leadership.

**Welcome to FSC:**

Hospitality and Catering Assistants Rebecca Doe at Juniper, Maryke Van der Vliet at Blencathra, Wendy Wright at Flatford Mill, Julie Moore at Castle Head, Iain Murray at Millport, and Jack Fletcher and Emily Farrell both at Rhyd-y-creuau, Cooks David Sedgwick at Blencathra and Tracy Weedon at Nettlecombe Court, and Kerry Taylor is back as Casual General Assistant at Slapton.

And I'm still looking for a guest editor for the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Stay safe and keep well

Mark