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## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL, CORNWALL**

Falmouth Town Council recently partnered with their principal authority to protect and transform a green space into a wild-life rich habitat in their local area.

Falmouth Town Council has had numerous experiences in planting wild flowers and creating meadows across Cornwall. It was for this reason that they were approached to work with Cornwall council in transforming Prislow fields from a ploughing field into a green space to be enjoyed by all. The councils introduced seating, pathways and wild flowers into the area. This money came from a Section 106 agreement.

Councillor Jacqui Owen worked to introduce 'bug hotels' at the open day at Prislow Fields. It is an ingenious way of transforming old plastics into safe havens for wildlife in the area. It encouraged children to forage for materials to 'decorate their hotel'. By teaching residents to use plastic in a sustainable way - the council aims to inhibit the use of single use plastics. The hotels were then covered in wild flower seed and became works of art in themselves. Following this, a local bee expert, Kevin Thomas, observed several varieties of bees within the meadow including one species that had yet been recorded in the area.

Falmouth Town Mayor, Councillor Steve Eva, thanked the team who brought the project to fruition. He said: "We have heard a lot recently about climate change and decline of wildlife. Sometimes we are left feeling helpless about the scale of the problem and what we can do to change things for the better. But if there is one thing we can do, it is to start to make a change in our own back gardens and community spaces. Lots of small changes all add up to big changes. Here at Prislow Fields a start has been made."

See more information in the link below: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news-room/media-releases/news-from-2019/news-from-july-2019/community-joins-together-to-make-space-for-nature-at-prislow-fields-falmouth/> Has your council done something similar? If so, please contact NALC through the email address: [Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk)