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# **How do you feel about insects? Insect Week returns to celebrate the little things that run the world.**

The UK will be buzzing with activity during Insect Week 2022. From 20th to 26th June there will be opportunities around the country and online to discover the fascinating world of insects and explore how people feel about them.

Every year, the Royal Entomological Society organises the week, supported by over 60 organisations with interests in the science, natural history and conservation of insects.

Royal Entomological Society President, Professor Helen Roy MBE says:

“Insects may be small, but they have a huge impact on people and nature. Insect science enriches our understanding and is fundamental to modern science. There are a wide range of activities offered during Insect Week by local and national organisations. Children and adults alike can immerse themselves in the wonderful world of insects and meet the people who study that world. This year, we will be exploring how people feel about insects and how that affects their conservation and study around the world.”

### **What can people do?**

Everyone can join an event or participate online, adding their voice and views to increase awareness of insects, their importance and how they make people feel. Insect Week is on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram:

[www.insectweek.co.uk](http://www.insectweek.co.uk)

Twitter: [@InsectWeek](https://twitter.com/InsectWeek)

Facebook: [/insectweek](https://www.facebook.com/insectweek)

Instagram: [@InsectWeek](https://www.instagram.com/InsectWeek)

#InsectWeek22

#LittleThingsThatRunTheWorld

#HowDoYouFeelAboutInsects

## What's on during Insect Week 2022?

- **Events around the UK** – there are undergrowth safaris, art exhibitions, identification courses and much more taking place during Insect Week 2022. Visit [insectweek.co.uk/events](http://insectweek.co.uk/events) for details.
- **International insect photography competition launches** – from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** until the end of October any amateur photographer from any country can submit their best three insect photographs to the hugely popular Insect Week annual photography competition. Visit [insectweek.co.uk/photography](http://insectweek.co.uk/photography) to see the winners from previous years and to submit entries.
- **Insect art competition** – to complement the long running photography competition, we are introducing an art competition for young people **on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, with three age categories and themes of 'endangered insects', 'people and insects' and 'moving insects'.
- **Perceptions of insects: Phobias and Phobias' online discussion** – Professor Adam Hart chairs a panel of experts on **Tuesday 21 June** to discuss how insects are portrayed in society and how that affects how we feel and talk about insects. Join the discussion by visiting: [royensoc.co.uk/perceptions-of-insects-phobias-and-phobias](http://royensoc.co.uk/perceptions-of-insects-phobias-and-phobias)
- **Big Bang Fair** – the Royal Entomological Society will have an exhibit exploring insects and entomology, from **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at the UK's biggest celebration of STEM for young people, at The NEC in Birmingham. [thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-fair/what-s-on/exploring-insects-entomology-royal-entomological-society/](http://thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-fair/what-s-on/exploring-insects-entomology-royal-entomological-society/)
- **Insects: A Very Short Introduction** by Professor Simon Leather will be released on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Prof. Leather was a well-known insect scientist who passed away in 2021. His posthumous book offers a fantastic resource for those new to entomology, continuing his legacy of introducing as many people as possible to the thrills of studying insects. [global.oup.com/academic/product/insects-a-very-short-introduction-9780198847045?cc=gb&lang=en&](http://global.oup.com/academic/product/insects-a-very-short-introduction-9780198847045?cc=gb&lang=en&)
- **New issue of Instar magazine** – the third issue of the Royal Entomological Society's magazine for young entomologists, will be launched on **Friday**

**24<sup>th</sup> June.** Fun and activities for any budding insect scientist. [insectweek.co.uk/news/instar-magazine](https://insectweek.co.uk/news/instar-magazine)

- **Incredible Insects challenge badge** – to get young people interested in insects, created in partnership with Girlguiding Surrey West and Dr Hayley Jones, Entomologist, also known as ‘Caterpillar’, leader of 2nd Pyrford Brownies. [ggsww.org.uk/incredible-insects](https://ggsww.org.uk/incredible-insects)

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Notes to Editors:

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### **Royal Entomological Society**

The Royal Entomological Society is devoted to the understanding and development of insect science. It supports international collaboration, research and publication. It aims to show every person how remarkable and valuable insects are and wants to enrich the world with insect science.

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### **Insect Week**

Insect Week is an annual event organised by the Royal Entomological Society to encourage people of all ages to learn more about insects. It is supported by a large number of partner organisations across the UK with interests in the science, natural history and conservation of insects.