

## **BEE FRIENDLY MONMOUTHSHIRE NEWS August 19 2016**

This summer BfM members set up stalls at seven National Gardens Scheme (NGS) Gwent gardens donating half of the proceeds of our "Monmouthshire Mix" seed sales to the NGS. This year we raised a grand total of **£71.50** for the NGS charities.

This is twice as much as raised in 2015 and indicates that the pollinator-friendly message is spreading, and more and more people are taking an interest in gardening for the benefit of wildlife. The NGS garden owners certainly place great emphasis on planting for pollinators. Their gardens are simple buzzing with insects.

If you are looking for inspiration for your own garden do spend a day visiting one or more of the beautiful NGS gardens open for charity in Gwent. The home-made teas are an added attraction! There are gardens open until October 16<sup>th</sup> this year and many are open by arrangement for individuals and groups until September/October. Check the NGS website on [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) and look for Gwent on the county pages.

Look out for the yellow NGS county booklets in Tourist Information Centres, libraries etc from April next year.

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