

Help to protect the bees

The European allotment gardeners work to protect the bees. They garden in a nature friendly way and create favorable conditions for bees on their allotment sites.

Therefore at the occasion of the campaign without pesticides 2015 they also spread the call of the “Friends of the Earth” from Great-Britain which you find as appendix.

The Bee Cause

Information by the Friends of the Earth (contactus@newsletter.foe.co.uk)

The Friends of the Earth Germany claimed that a pesticide called “thiacloprid” harms bees. The company BAYER therefore tried to sue them.

The **German judge ruled in Friends of the Earth Germany’s favour**, saying that they had a right to speak out on this particular pesticide as an issue of public interest. **But thiacloprid is still on sale** in Germany, and it is on sale to farmers and gardeners in the UK for example..

[Will you join us in asking Europe's Pesticides Commissioner to remove thiacloprid from our shelves and stand up to chemical giants on pesticides?](#)

In a separate legal case Bayer and pesticide firm Syngenta are using the courts to try and overturn Europe’s current ban on three other neonicotinoid pesticides. Each were found to pose a “high acute risk” to honey bees by Europe’s independent scientific advisors.

Evidence is stacking up about the danger to bees from neonicotinoids. But Bayer, one of the world’s biggest chemical companies is still saying they are safe for bees.

We need further action to ensure bees are safe from all dangerous pesticides. **If we ask the Pesticides Commissioner to defend bees he’ll know that there’s wide support to strengthen the existing ban and get thiacloprid out of our fields and off our shelves too.**

[Please email the Pesticides Commissioner now](#)

Together **let’s speak up for bees and keep them safe from harmful pesticides.**

Please share this action to help save bees.

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