

Feedback on [a discussion](#) on 'Promoting Community Partnerships: tackling the decline of pollinating insects in the UK' under an event organised by the Public Policy Exchange on 18 Oct 16.

"I thought it was good and less 2 sided and confrontational than usual. I particularly thought it was useful to make the statements without sharing your title as than organisational alignment was not obvious. I do think that it would be useful for Huw Merriman to have stayed as the message of data and research and collaborative working was very important and should be raised and pushed with Defra ministers.

My main thoughts are...we have no accurate and systematic monitoring scheme on pollinator numbers and habitat, and many generalisations and policy decisions are being made on this information. It also is a barrier for change with land management, as good work farmers are doing is not rewarded and they still get penalised for pollinator unfriendly practices."