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Dear Staines Park Residents Association,

I would like to offer you my sincere congratulations for being one of our Bees' Needs Awards Champions for 2021. On behalf of Defra as a whole, we are grateful for the exceptional work that you have done to help pollinators survive and thrive throughout the country.

As a token of our gratitude, we are sending you a plaque as a celebration of your great work, and to commemorate your achievement.

The UK's 1,500 species of pollinators play such a crucial role in all of our lives, helping flowers, fruit trees and crops to grow, and contributing around half a billion pounds a year of value to UK agriculture. Not only this, but they are also beautiful creatures that we value in their own right.

I was particularly impressed by your work to enhance the ecosystem within Staines Park, but also how you have informed and inspired the wider community about pollinators and biodiversity.

We know that it is critical that we act now, internationally and at home, to ensure that we leave our environment in a better state for future generations. Your successful work has played a vital role in making this happen.

Pollinators are a priority for this government, and we are taking action alongside many partners to implement the provisions of the National Pollinator Strategy. This includes restoring and creating habitat for wild and managed pollinators, and raising awareness across society. Your valuable action will doubtless inspire others to learn more about the importance of pollinators, and take their own steps to help them thrive.

Thank you again for playing your part for pollinators, and congratulations on your brilliant work.

REBECCA POW MP