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YORK WILL BE 'BUZZING' ON SUNDAY 2nd JULY: INSECT FESTIVAL RETURNS TO YORK

When? Sunday 2nd July 10am-4pm

Where? York Museum Gardens and Hospitium

How much? Free for under 16's / £1 for adults

The Royal Entomological Society (RES) is delighted to announce that Insect Festival will be returning to York. Insect Festival 2017 will be bigger than ever and over 1500 people are expected to come along and enjoy the exhibits and activities on offer. Exhibitors and traders will be brought together in the centre of York to celebrate the fascinating world of insects and other invertebrates. People of all ages are invited to come along and have fun learning about the little things that underpin all of our habitats in Yorkshire and beyond. This year's event will build on the success of previous years (2009, 2011, 2013, 2015) and will host authors, artists, scientists, and equipment sellers. Entomologists, those that study insects, will be on-hand to answer any questions about insects – whether they are good, bad, ugly or beautiful.

RES Deputy CEO, Dr Luke Tilley said “there will be something on offer for everyone, you will be able to explore the fascinating world of insects through art, science, natural history and crafts”

“There will be lots of hands-on activities, including the opportunity to join a bug hunt, handle some wonderful invertebrates and create your own model insect to take home. Dozens of organisations will have interactive exhibits, from conservation charities to natural history societies and universities”

The Yorkshire Schools Insect Art Competition entries will be on display in the marquee outside and the winners for each age category will be awarded their prizes at 1pm. The award-winning National Insect Week Photography Competition exhibit will also be on show throughout the day.

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<http://www.royensoc.co.uk/events/insect-festival-2017>

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Note to Editors

Insect Festival is a biennial initiative run by the Royal Entomological Society.

The aim is to engage people with insects and their importance through fun exhibits and activities

The Yorkshire School Art Competition received over 800 entries. Thirteen winners have been selected and will be announced on the day. The children will get insect and art prizes, the school of the overall winner will receive £250.