

## **Dumping of non-native insect species in the Ruth Popper Playground**

On Sunday 30th June 2024 a number of non-native/invasive insects were found dumped in the Ruth Popper Playground, Manor Road. They were collected and destroyed. As this is a criminal offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 this matter has been reported to Thames Valley Police. The packing the insects were found in clearly stated that they were non-native and not to be released into the wild in the UK. If anyone has any further information, please could they report this to Thames Valley Police. If you wish to remain anonymous, please contact Cllr Higley who will make a report on your behalf.

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1<sup>st</sup> July 2024