



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**
Wildlife Trust

Create a pollinator patch

As part of your community Greening Campaign we want to create a network of corridors to help pollinators and local wildlife.

We have pollinators to thank for every third mouthful we eat. Not only do they pollinate our food crops, but they're also vital for the survival of other wild plants that support so much of our wildlife.

What can you do to help?

If everyone can create or leave 1m square patches in their gardens we can make a big difference and connect habitats across the neighbourhood.

Plant a patch

Plant nectar-rich flowers, shrubs and trees. Vegetables are great too! Big or small, it all helps. Measure out your 1m square patch and get planting. You will need to ideally clear the area so the seeds have the best chance or remove any grass. Every bit helps, so if you have limited space use containers or even an old washing up bowl.

Plant a variety of plants and flowers that bloom from Spring to Autumn to provide as much food as possible for pollinators. Use a mix of wildflower seeds or for more information on specific plants scan the QR below.

Before planting check their preferred location i.e. sunny/shade and soil type preferences.

Don't use fertiliser as wildflowers thrive in poor soil and avoid using pesticide as this can harm pollinators and other insects.

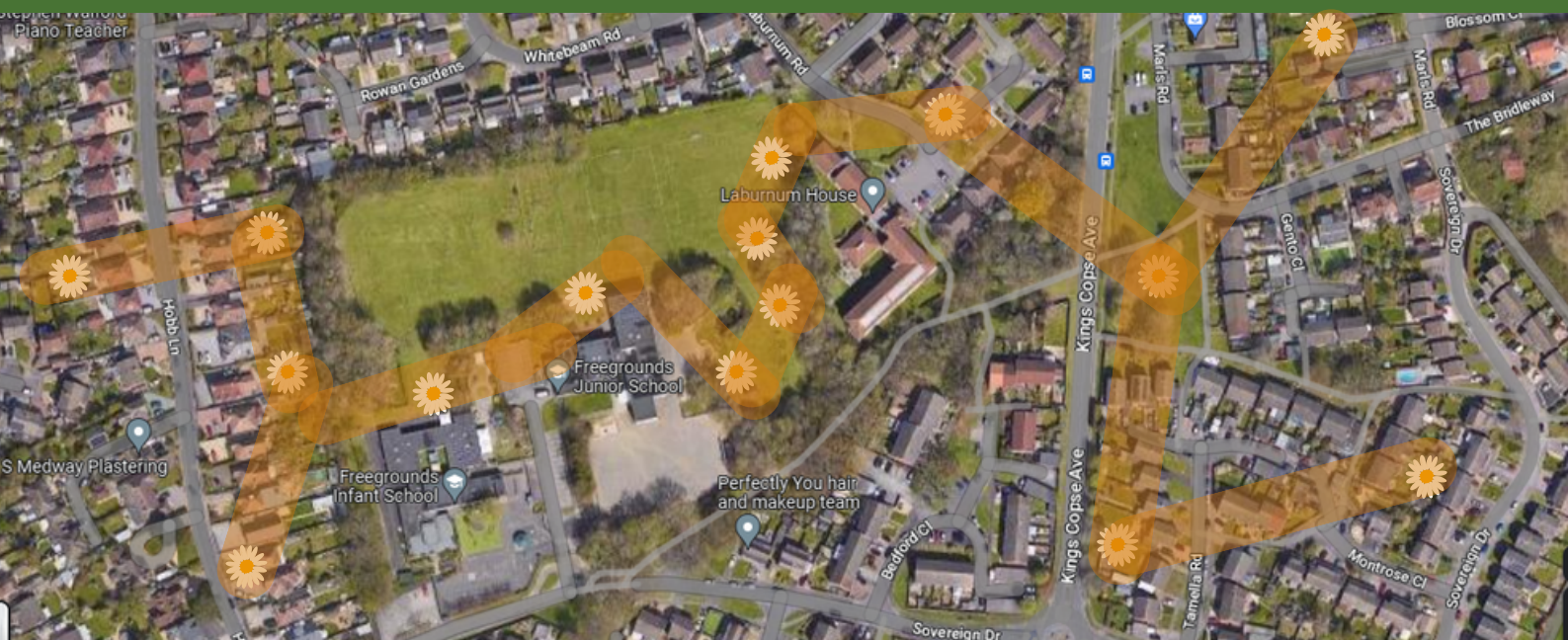
Leave a patch

Leave your lawn to grow and see what plants pop up! It will make great feeding and nesting sites. If you can't leave all of, leave a patch or just mow the borders or measure a 1m square and let it grow wild. It will be exciting to see what does grow, if you can identify the plants, keep a record and let us know. Pictures are great too!

If you have any questions about creating your pollinator patch, identifying species or for more information about wildlife friendly gardening please email katy.froud@hiwwt.org.uk



Don't forget to log your patch on our online survey so we can record all of them across the community and create an amazing map at the end to show the network of corridors your community has created! This is what it could look like:



Pollinator patch



Pollinator corridor

Bring your community to life by providing a corridor for bees, butterflies and other pollinators to move freely in your community. Your pollinator patch will also provide a habitat and food source for other wildlife too, including birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Making more space for nature to thrive.

Create a Wilder Street

Tell your neighbours about your pollinator patch and get them involved. The more patches created/left un mowed, the more habitat will be created for pollinators/wildlife and will help connect habitats together.

Top tips to support wildlife in your garden

- Provide areas for shelter and shade
- Grow a variety of native plants to help many wildlife species.
- Build a bee hotel or put up bird/bat boxes
- Create a pond for wildlife
- Leave gaps in fences for hedgehog highways

For more information on wildlife gardening go to: hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-gardening