

# Dare to let your grass grow – help our pollinators

- Well-managed lawns and grassy areas are great for relaxing and playing games. However, regularly mown grass is not great for wildlife, as plants do not get the chance to flower and set seed.
- Daisies, dandelions and clover, which often spring up if grass is left to grow, are an important source of food for pollinating insects.
- Bees, butterflies, moths and hoverflies feed on the nectar and pollen of wildflowers. In doing so they help to pollinate these wildflowers by spreading pollen from flower to flower.
- These pollinators help to maintain the variety of plant species, habitats and wildlife in Wales but their survival is now under threat.
- To help pollinators we don't have to lose our lawns. Just by taking simple steps, we can all help out! The Carmarthenshire Biodiversity Partnership is asking you to set aside small areas of your lawn for pollinators – these could be in your own garden, part of school grounds, cemeteries, public buildings, play areas or around your business premises.
- You can help by:
  - creating areas of different grass heights,
  - reducing the number of times you mow the grass,
  - raising the height of your mower blade,
  - reducing the use of fertilisers and herbicides on your lawn.
- Try marking out a small area of lawn where you'll let the grass grow and flower – it can be fascinating to see the range of insect life that will live in your mini meadow.

Listen for grasshoppers, watch for bees and count the colours of the butterflies. Keep a record of how many plants and creatures settle in – and let us know – we'd love to see your photos!

- Send your photos with your house name or number and postcode to: [Biodiversity@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity@carmarthenshire.gov.uk) and we'll map your mini meadows. Let's get Carmarthenshire blooming!

