

Bees and other pollinators have their own highway...

A pollinator highway does just what it says on the tin: provides a route for all pollinators - including bees, moths, butterflies and even wasps - to travel around.

This means they have a better chance of survival as they're not trapped in small fragmented habitats.

Rather than tarmac we're providing linked habitats, full of native wildflowers to help pollinators travel within Selsey and eventually right up to Chichester..

The road verges and other green spaces may look more abundant than you're used to. But they will certainly look good to our essential pollinating insects.



West Sussex County Council and the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group are working in partnership to link together habitats for our all important pollinators.

There will be opportunities for residents to get involved, for example by measuring biodiversity or suggesting other areas that might benefit from being a little wilder.

All areas around the sites (approx. 300metres each side) are considered part of the pollinator highway, so please wild any green space you have - from a garden to a window box or hanging basket.

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Sidlesham Pollinator Highway

Linking Natural Habitats

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Here's a selection of native wildflowers that you may begin to see in your

local verges:

 Daisy

 Primrose

 Bellony

 Common Knapweed

 Oxeye Daisy

 Wild Carrot

 Devil's-bit Scabious

 Kidney Vetch

 Bird's-Foot-Trefoil

 Red Clover

 Yellow Rattle...

Maintenance



Road verges will get one cut in the autumn once the flowers have set and dropped their seeds.

We'll also be cutting an edge around the verge on the pavement sides to prevent over growth.

The Sidlesham Pollinator

Highway will be the beginning of a new green

selection of climates for the

the grass and wildflowers

The first verge to be

cultivated for wild flowers will be the southernmost

part of the grass along the Paddock Straight

we will be monitoring the insect life on the verge over the summer and welcome volunteers to help with the project, contact us via mwhg.org.uk

What pollinators do for us...

- ✿ Help 75% of crops that produce seeds to pollinate
- ✿ Increase biodiversity
- ✿ Increase food production
- ✿ Maintain our ecosystem
- ✿ Make our food more nutritious

Half of our 27 bumblebee species and 71% of our butterflies are in decline.



To help reverse these statistics, pollinators need food, shelter and nesting areas – which more naturally managed verges can provide.

Pollinating insects include Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Ants and Beetles. Send a picture of your local part of the highway to mwhg.org.uk and we will post it on our facebook page.

