

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 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.

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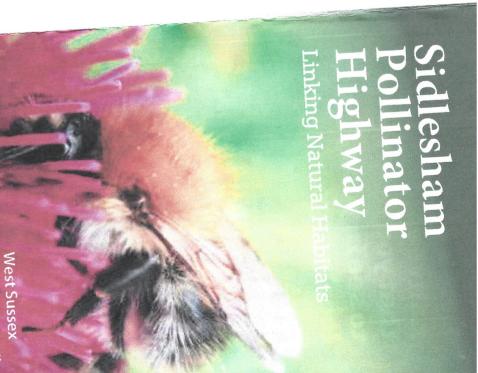
Improving Local Places and Spaces

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.

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

Printese
Betony
Common Knapy

Oxeye Daisy
Wild Carrot

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.

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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.