

No Mow May – Blooming great!

- Grass verges maintained by Hounslow Highways will not be cut in May as part of the national campaign to encourage biodiversity
- It will boost flowers, and nectar available to pollinating insects, such as bees and butterflies
- It's better for the environment
- No Mow May has encouraged the growth of daisies, dandelions and buttercups.
- Grasses will set seed so wildflowers can bloom
- Long grass and wildflowers can tackle pollution and even lock away carbon below ground



Leaving lawns and grass verges uncut, can produce benefits for nature, communities and the climate. Hounslow Highways has committed to #No Mow May to encourage a greener borough, improve our biodiversity, letting natural wildflower areas bloom and bring back the pollinators that depend on flowers and their nectar for vital food.

The results of giving the mower a break for May can be great as No Mow Mayers reported over 250 wild plant species, including wild strawberry, wild garlic, and many other plants, recorded by gardeners who took part in No Mow May.

Lawns are considered to be wastelands for wildlife, but Plantlife highlights that under the right supervision they can be biodiversity hotspots, which allows the plants to flourish when they're in full bloom in spring. Almost 100 species of pollinators including 25 types of moths and butterflies and 24 types of bees have been recorded, just by not mowing for one month.

HH will resume the grass cutting schedule from June onwards, however you can also join the campaign and leave your lawns throughout May, letting them become havens for wildlife by welcoming the wildflowers.

Resist the urge and send us photos of your blooming lawns on our Twitter account #hounslowhighways.