

# Pollinator-friendly guide for Housing Estate management

Pollinators are important for our health, wealth and environment. If you have been given this sheet, the people living in the properties you manage are concerned about their local pollinators. Show them you care by taking these five no-cost measures to help pollinators:



**1. Let the Dandelions bloom:** wait until late April to do the first grass cut. This allows some Dandelions to flower, providing bees with much needed food in the spring.

**2. Do not spray edging or base of trees:** avoid using pesticides to tidy up these areas; strim instead, or let the grass here grow to provide pollinators with food.



**3. Protect hedgerows, dry stone walls and earth banks:** especially when south facing, these areas are important nesting sites for harmless solitary bees. Avoid using pesticides on these areas.

**4. Create a '6-week meadow':** cut small areas or strips of grass on a 6-week rotation to provide more wildflowers for pollinators.



**5. Log your actions:** if you take any pollinator-friendly measures, please log them on the publicly available mapping system, 'Actions for Pollinators.' Let everyone know what you are doing for pollinators at <https://pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie>

Signage templates to inform the community that areas are being protected for pollinators can be downloaded from our website: [www.pollinators.ie/resources](http://www.pollinators.ie/resources)

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a call to action to help our pollinators, working with farmers, local community groups, gardeners, businesses, councils and schools. This initiative is supported by over 100 governmental and nongovernmental organisations.

If your business has taken some of the suggested pollinator-friendly actions above and want your company to be listed as a supporter, get in touch: [pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie)