

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025

COUNCIL PARTNERS: ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



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This is a report to the National Biodiversity Data Centre on progress with delivery of the actions under the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-25.

Within the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025, each of the Local Authority or Council partners are asked to provide a short update on their activities to support the Plan each year.

2021 has been a difficult year for many. Against the challenges of Covid-19, Brexit, and climate change we are very grateful for the work that Councils have carried out in supporting wild pollinators, as reflected in this Annual Review 2021 document. The second phase of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for 2021-2025 was launched in March 2021. Now in its sixth year, the Plan has gathered a momentum of support and actions throughout the island via Councils, over 100 governmental organisations and NGOs, as well as many thousands of community groups, farmers, schools, and gardeners.

This report shows the incredible work carried out by Councils to tackle the biodiversity crisis. Each Council is different, as reflected in the differing focus and the very wide range of actions reported. The AIPP advocates prioritising the protection of existing natural and semi-natural habitats, creating natural meadows and verges through reduced mowing, sustainable pollinator-friendly horticultural planting, and reducing pesticide use. Councils have embraced this and are changing the way our landscape is managed for the better.

The intention of this report is to annually provide a mechanism to showcase all the positive work being carried out by Councils. Importantly, by giving each Council partner the opportunity to highlight their key actions; it facilitates knowledge exchange within the sector, enabling others to reach out to learn from their expertise.

In the AIPP 2021-2025, objective 2 is to make public land more pollinator friendly. Over the course of the next phase, we want to better support our Council partners by providing more technical advice, more evidence-based resources, more knowledge exchange opportunities, as well as doing more to positively promote the work being carried out. The actions being taken to help pollinators benefit wider biodiversity, but they also positively contribute to climate, green infrastructure and health and wellbeing initiatives. We want to do more to explain these linkages and to ensure that pollinator-friendly actions taken by Councils are fully recognised for all the benefits they bring.

We sincerely thank all our Council partners for their support of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in 2021

Dr Úna FitzPatrick; National Biodiversity Data Centre

Background

A 16-member steering group provide oversight of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025. The Plan is managed by the National Biodiversity Data Centre and actively addresses a time-critical biodiversity challenge. The National Biodiversity Data Centre is funded by *The Heritage Council* and the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*. It is a programme of *The Heritage Council*.

Councils can play a leading role in making the island of Ireland a place where pollinators can survive and thrive. Since the launch of the AIPP in 2015, most Councils/Local Authorities have been taking actions to support pollinators on public land in line with the evidence-based guideline document published: [Councils: actions to help pollinators](#). Many Councils also work with local community groups, residents' associations and schools to help raise awareness of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. To better support these efforts and to better promote the work being undertaken, a dedicated framework was developed in 2019 to recognise Councils as formal partners of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Council partners

Partners are those Councils who sign the partnership framework and return it to the AIPP. In doing so they commit to carrying out evidence-based actions to support pollinators and to reporting their activities annually. Thirty-seven of the 42 Councils across the island have now partnered with the AIPP. Several others are currently engaged in the signup process.

Note: Cork County Council formally signed up as a partner of the AIPP at the beginning of December 2021. They will be included in the 2022 annual review.

2021 annual review

For each existing Council partner, the point of contact was requested to provide up to five short bullet point updates on their activities in 2021. They were contacted twice by email. This was not policed. Where a 2021 update was not provided, this is stated. Where updates are not provided across more than one year, the Council will be approached to determine if they will remain as a partner.

As this is the first year of annual reporting for the 2021-2025 phase, each partner was provided with a template to assist the process. Special thanks to Kilkenny County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council who completed their five bullet point updates in advance. These were used as an example of what was required by each Council partner. Partners were requested to follow this general format. Wider biodiversity actions, not of direct relevance to pollinators, have not been included.

Councils are listed alphabetically in the 2021 annual review.

Other

Tidy Towns groups are encouraged to create a buzz in their community and enter the Local Authority Pollinator Award in the national Tidy Towns competition. The award, with a €10,000 prize fund, encourages Tidy Towns groups to implement pollinator-friendly actions as part of the Tidy Towns competition. The Local Authority Pollinator Award supports the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is sponsored by the Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across the Republic of Ireland, in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Although it is not mentioned under the respective Council updates, many Local Authorities contribute into this prize fund.

2021 updates provided by Council partners of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

Council	Signed up as a partner	Key actions taken in support of the AIPP in 2021
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	November, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of new wildflower and meadow planting areas – to include strategic cutting of ground to incorporate ‘Don’t Mow let it Grow’ principles• Pledge to plant One Million Trees – project includes review of all Council lands and introduction of tree planting throughout the Borough, and collaborations with other legislative bodies and local businesses (current total sits at just over 40,000).• New Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the Borough (2021-25) drafted up and currently out to consultation – official launch planned for spring 2022• Gradual move to electric machinery and vehicles within Council – all new vehicles will have electric as a first-choice option to purchase• ‘Living Christmas Trees’ programme rolled out to all our Towns• 22 Green Flags awarded within the Borough, incorporating our zero-use of peat products and minimal use of herbicides - also, currently looking at hydro options for weed management

<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council</p>	<p>April, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Service agreed and started to implement a Tree and Woodland Strategy to promote a healthy and diverse tree cover across the borough. Planting season 2021/22 will see approx. 13,000 trees planted in various locations, as council works towards an overall target, of 160,000 native trees. • Partnered with community groups and the voluntary sector to promote the value of Community Orchards. Planting season 2021/22 will see the installation of 4000m² of new Orchard, using locally sourced mixed fruit trees. • Residents have been encouraged to think about their local environment and the positive impact they can have on it, through the Ards and North Down ‘In Bloom’ initiative. Themes of community participation and environmentally sustainable processes attracted more than 1000 participants across a wide demographic. One competition category focused solely on ‘Gardening for Wildlife’; the 2021 winner of this group showcased an impressive pollinator friendly garden. • Council agreed to extend the number of council owned sites to be managed for pollinators under the ‘Rewilding Initiative’ from 3 to 8 sites in 2021/22. This will add a further 26,000m² of council land to be managed under a reduced mowing regime, bringing the total area of land managed in this way to approximately 47,800m² which may increase further in 2022. Preparation is underway for 1 of the 8 sites to be sown with native wildflower seed, harvested from a donor site less than 2km away, creating a new native wildflower meadow within the Bangor area. All 8 rewilding sites were surveyed during the summer of 2021, this allowed the collection of information on plant species diversity and provided baseline data for each site. • Parks services were successful in securing funding from the Environment Fund in 2021 through Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership (SLLP). The funds will be used to acquire machinery to allow Parks staff to effectively manage sites with a reduced mowing regime for the benefit of pollinators, within the AONB. • As well as altering our grassland management regime the Parks service carried out a review of floral displays borough wide and have taken steps to move away from annual bedding schemes, replacing with sustainable permanent planting or wildflower displays. Values retrieved show that
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		<p>over 7,700m² of the Borough’s bedding areas are now sown with wildflower pollinator friendly seed mixes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANDBC agreed in 2021 to adopt a Herbicide Reduction Policy. This policy aims to reduce the reliance on herbicides by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applying a proactive approach in the design of new projects and facilities to remove the need for herbicide use. ▪ Designating herbicide free zones. ▪ Implementing alternative control methods, which included, but was not limited to hand weeding, burning, steam treatments, grubbing etc. ▪ Creating ‘wild’ areas where appropriate. ▪ Developing a communication campaign to raise awareness and encourage acceptance of alternative management techniques. ▪ Continue to support resident/community groups carrying out clean ups in local areas. ▪ Promoting of the importance of pollinator insects; developing and promoting pollinator friendly areas and maintenance techniques.
<p>Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council</p>	<p>November, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of several fields (in particular at Oxford Island) as species-rich grasslands, and cut for hay • Amended grass-cutting regime introduced at some council-maintained road verge sites (no cutting between mid-spring and late summer; cuttings removed after cut in September). This has been run initially as a pilot project at 4 sites, with the aim of rolling this out to more sites next year • Wild bird cover crop planted at 2 fields at Silverwood Farm- although aimed primarily as a winter bird food crop, this has been beneficial for pollinators earlier in the year, when the plants were in flower- the species mix included linseed, fodder radish and sunflower, in addition any small ruderal species (“weeds”) growing among the crops were tolerated • Expansion of the orchard at Silverwood Farm, by planting of traditional variety apple trees

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator training sessions run for placement students, (including bumblebee ecology, identification and conservation). Participation of students in transect survey at Oxford Island for Bumblebee Monitoring Scheme.
Carlow County Council	July, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness Campaigns including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online workshop “Talking Trees” with Dee Sewell Thursday 25th March. ▪ Online Workshop in partnership with CCEN Biodiversity is for Everyone 16th March. ▪ Hosted annual AIPP webinar for Local Authorities (June 2021). ▪ Provision on online workshops to schools promoting Biodiversity and the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. • Continued support for tree planting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 500 Native Irish Saplings distributed to community Groups and Schools in County Carlow ▪ 100 Native Irish Saplings planted in incubation space in Duckets Grove. • Wildflower Meadow planted at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site. The former Powerstown Landfill is now home to the Carlow Beekeepers Association and, in turn, thousands of busy bees. Their apiary nestles perfectly alongside newly-planted native wildflower meadows, native Irish trees, a duck pond and the well-known recycling centre, an area the county can now be truly proud of. The site will be used as a training, information and demonstration site for the Carlow Beekeepers Association. • Commenced preparation of a Carlow County Council Biodiversity Plan and Invasive Species Policy for the County at SPC.
Clare County Council	February, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 of the Biodiversity Demonstration Sites: The final reports including species records and recommendations on the 10 biodiversity demonstration sites (public amenity areas) have been completed and distributed to the relevant stakeholders, including Clare County Council staff and community groups. Project has been shortlisted for the Chamber of Ireland Awards 2021 and featured in the two-part documentary on TG4 Cumhacht an Nádúir, The Power of Nature on the 31st March 2021, 9.30pm. This documentary looks at the solace nature has offered during the pandemic and how it may fuel the debate for a broader range of wildlife habitat and land management.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Webinars: A series of biodiversity webinars was held to provide training for the Clare Tidy Towns Network on the importance of biodiversity for optimum carbon storage and the management of grassland for a more wildflowers. Two online webinars in association with iCAN were organised for Biodiversity Week. Following on from this Clare County Council worked with Clare Local Development Company (LEADER) to roll out a programme of biodiversity training and plan development for local green spaces incorporating AIPP actions with 25 further communities and 20 farmers. • Tidy Towns Local Authority Pollinator Awards 2021: This year 8 towns and villages in Clare have entered the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Awards 2021 including Ennis and Ennistymon along with the first-time entrants from Shannon, Kilrush, Doonbeg, Labasheeda, Knock and Kilmurray McMahan, which illustrates the further success of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan approach. • Clare Keep Well campaign: A Spring into Heritage poster has been published on the Clare Keep Well website on 10 ways to experience Clare Heritage this Spring. Biodiversity publications form part of the Clare Keep Well campaign with the Gardening for Biodiversity publication distributed as part of the Library book delivery. Two hundred Apple Trees have been delivered to individual house holders to grow in their own back gardens. In addition, the Clare Keep Well campaign ran a series of infomercials on Nature is good for you – general tips to make your garden wildlife-friendly on Clare FM over February. • Many projects were supported by Clare County Council with funding from the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2021. Some pollinator relevant examples are below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the Irish Seed Savers Association to (a) undertake Site Mapping and Environmental Sensitivity Mapping at their property in Scarriff and (b) to buy and install four new log hives at the organic farm at Capparoo to a) create a habitat for the native honeybee <i>Apis mellifera mellifera</i>, b) to transition hives of managed bees to free living and c) to train staff and the public in the fundamentals of honeybee management and conservation. ▪ Support farmers and communities to install new ponds and the planting of orchards called the <i>Hare's Corner</i> being piloted by the Burrenbeo Trust with support from Clare County
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Cork City Council	September, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Condition: Standard planning condition for planting pollinator plants applied to all landscaped proposals • Tiered Planters: Approximately 100 tiered planters across the city are planted with pollinator friendly summer annuals. Flower varieties include: <i>Bidens, Verbena, Calibrachoa</i> • Summer Bedding Schemes: In 2021 this has increased to 70% including varieties like: <i>Salvia, Zinnia, Dahlia, Rudbeckia, Cosmos</i> • Herbaceous Perennial Planting: This year an additional 4,500 perennial plants were planted in new locations: Victoria Road Roundabout, Shalom Park, Kennedy Park, Patrick’s Quay, Mardyke Walk, Mahon Golfcourse • Wildflower Meadow Locations: Curraheen Walk, Lee Fields, Gerry O’Sullivan Park, Glen River Park, Clashdub Park, School Boys Walk, Beaumont Park, Tramore Valley Park, Ballincollig Regional Park

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting 2021: Over 500 native Irish trees are being planted in parks and public open spaces in the city. Varieties include Birch, Oak, Holly, Hazel, Bird Cherry, Maple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ballincollig Regional Park~200 trees and ornamental shrubs planted ▪ Greenspine Planting – 500 native Irish trees planted in Sunvalley Drive by HSE Health Action Zone and Youth Work Ireland and supported by Cork city Council ▪ Glasheen River / School Boys Walk – 8 native Irish trees planted with Resident’s Association • River Walks: Pollinator friendly Spring Bulbs planted in Glasheen River Walk • Green Flag Award 2021: Awarded for Fitzgerald’s Park and Shalom Park • Group Cork City Council Partner and Support: Tidy Towns Group/Residents Associations, Green Space, Cork Nature Network, Trees Please, Helen Phelan Shalom Park, Ballyphehane Togher CDP, HSE, Tannery Gardens
<p>Derry City & Strabane District Council</p>	<p>April, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council extended our ‘Don’t Mow Let It Grow’ sites from the pilot 11 large public parks to include 23 cemetery sites across the District, to create a nature recovery network of 34 sites (30 ha of species rich grassland) for pollinators. Pollinator & meadow surveys have been conducted in the summer, to assess the effectiveness of the change in grass management. • Wrote new Council Pollinator Plan, aligned to the new All Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) 2021-2025. • Delivered a presentation at the AIPP workshop for Councils in summer 2021 & delivered knowledge exchange with Galway City Council on grass management for pollinators. • Provided advice to schools, community groups, sports clubs & businesses on how to create pollinator friendly greenspaces.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness of the importance of pollinators with participation in TG4 pollinator documentary in May 2021, radio interview, social media content and created an animation video to encourage residents to create a wildflower meadow in their garden https://youtu.be/v_x3vJP3n_w
Donegal County Council	January, 2020	A 2021 update was not provided
Dublin City Council	March, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roadside verges along several of the national roads coming into the city were left uncut in April and May to allow dandelions and other native wildflowers to grow. • A new city-wide 5-year landscape contract was developed to extend pollinator friendly mowing regimes to residential contracts across the city, including the larger open spaces within housing developments. These areas will start in 2022 in consultation with local communities. • New signage with the tag line ‘Leave Them Bee’ was rolled out across parks and open spaces in early 2021 along with a public awareness campaign to highlight Dublin City Council’s work for pollinators. • There was continued work in changing annual flower displays to pollinator friendly regimes, which included planting hundreds of thousands of bulbs of muscari, crocus, galanthus, and bluebell along with perennials such as digitalis and geranium. The planting schemes for some areas are now 90% suitable for pollinators. • St Anne’s Park was awarded 87 out of 100 for its work on providing areas and forage for pollinators within the park and across the city. • The parks department has already eliminated the use of glyphosate from green management space.
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	March, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raised awareness and encouraged actions for pollinators as part of the Gardening for Biodiversity Project by DLRCC in partnership with DLR Volunteers ▪ Delivered a presentation at the AIPP workshop for Councils in summer 2021

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raised awareness on harvesting local seed from local native wildflower sites ▪ Raised awareness of checking for hedgehogs before cutting pollinator sites through our Hedgehog campaign– hedgehogs cannot be seen in the long meadows or pollinator strips and tend to roll up in a ball when machinery/trimmers approach unlike other creatures that move away. ▪ Provided free pollinator resources to the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini orchards: Provided grants for mini orchards to local communities • Brush harvesting of native seed for local meadow restoration: Commenced our harvesting seed project from our native wildflower site in Fernhill Park and from development sites. Translocated an orchid rich grassland to avoid its loss to development and provide a natural area for pollinators - onto a newly created park • Slow to Mow policy: Continue our Slow to Mow policy and increasing our pollinator sites (currently 141 sites under DLR management) • Pesticide reduction: Continued our reduction in the use of pesticides in DLRC • Included pollinator actions in County Biodiversity Plan: Inclusion of the AIPP in our new DLR County Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025 actions
<p>Fermanagh & Omagh District Council</p>	<p>May, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued and extended ‘Don’t Mow Let it Grow’ Initiative from 10.33Ha to 12.5Ha allowing native grasses and wildflowers to flourish including a number of key roadside verges in the District. • Developed a new range of ‘Don’t Mow’ signage for key parks and sites throughout the District • Delivered Pollinator Workshops to 40 schools and over 1000 pupils, sowing native wildflowers at spring workshops and planting over 10,000 crocus bulbs at ‘Bulbs for Bees’ workshops

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a Council Pollinator Plan aligned with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan as part of FODC Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, due for Public Consultation in December 2021. • Continued our ‘Trees for Bees’ campaign, planting 30 Heritage Apple Trees on key Council sites
Fingal County Council	March, 2019	A 2021 update was not provided
Galway City Council	May, 2020	A 2021 update was not provided
Galway County Council	October, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pots for Pollinators: Galway County Council in partnership with a number of Tidy Towns Groups in the county of Galway and the National Biodiversity Centre have launched a new initiative called Pots for Pollinators. • Biodiversity Training for Galway County Council Staff and Community Groups: Forty members of Galway County Council staff received 3 training sessions with regards to biodiversity and pollinators. Eighty members of Tidy Towns and Community Groups received a 5-week training course on biodiversity and pollinators (this was run jointly by Tidy Towns Section and Heritage Section of Galway County Council and funded by the Public Participation Network). • The GALWAY BUZZ – National Biodiversity Week: Celebrating National Biodiversity Week in the County of Galway took place from 16-23rd May 2021. National Biodiversity Week was all about connecting people with nature and inspiring them to learn more, see more and do more for biodiversity • People and Nature: Galway County Biodiversity Project Website and Facebook Page: The website and Facebook page are used to disseminate biodiversity information to the public. The Facebook page is used to promote various events and biodiversity initiatives. https://biodiversity.galwaycommunityheritage.org/ • Signage for Pollinators: Signs have been distributed to each Municipal Districts as well as some community groups and schools. • Pollinator Resources for communities, individuals and schools: Distributed pollinator and biodiversity materials to schools, community groups and individuals in the county including

		<p>gardening for biodiversity, pollinator and biodiversity leaflets produced by National Biodiversity Data Centre, books on trees and hedgerows relating to the county of Galway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity and Pollinator Action Plan for Tuam Municipal District: A Biodiversity and Pollinator Action Plan for Tuam Municipal District has just been completed.
Kerry County Council	June, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tralee MD has started a programme of Pollinator Plan Actions in the management of green spaces. Taking 3 public green spaces in Tralee and working with the MTU Wildlife Biology Course we have commenced monitoring these sites as we reduce mowing from Spring to Autumn. This involves education/awareness raising in the community. • Listowel MD continues to manage three open green spaces in the town park in a pollinator friendly mowing regime, this is year 2 for this action • Killarney MD has listed LA managed green spaces within the town boundary and has created a pollinator friendly maintenance regime for these sites, this is being managed on the ground by the MD office and staff in collaboration with the local tidy towns committee. Again, this involves education/awareness raising in the community with signage used as the main tool. • As part of <i>Keep Well</i> campaign linked to the Local Authority's community response to Covid-19 earlier in the year, information packs were sent to vulnerable members of the community which included an array of Pollinator Plan leaflets. • Biodiversity office continues to act as a focal point for general queries on the plan and provides a range of community groups, schools, tidy towns committees etc with information/resources.
Kildare County Council	February, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage: Commissioned 200 pollinator adverts on local radio: The Heritage Office commissioned a series of radio adverts (150 spots) on KFM FM with advice on simple actions to help pollinators. Co-funded by the Heritage Office and the Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan Programme.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning: Athy and Naas Local Area Plan: Habitat Mapping and identification of local biodiversity sites have been included Naas and Athy LAPs Policies supporting the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and pollinator friendly planting have been included in the Athy and Naas LAPs • Heritage: Local Biodiversity Actions Plan: 11 Town and Village LBAPS have been prepared which include actions relating to the local implementation of the All-Ireland pollinator plan such as planting, reduced mowing, choice of plants, educational events. Over 12,000 trees were planted under the LBAP programme • Parks- park Biodiversity Plans including reduced Mowing and reduced use of pesticides/herbicides: 6 Parks Selected for Development of Biodiversity Plans inclusive of recommendations for management for pollinators. 33 sites managed by parks. Sites were selected for layered and less frequent mowing 2020/2021. 22 Pilot Sites were selected for reduced use of pesticides/herbicides were selected in the summer of 2020/2021. Parks dept partnered with other local authorities and Maynooth University to fund a 6-year research project to assess alternatives to herbicide use in amenity public open spaces. • Environment: Silliot Hill Civic Amenity site and Landfill and Kerdiffstown Landfill: Habitat Mapping and Hedgerow Conservation and Management at Silliot Hill Landfill Site Ecological Rehabilitation of Kerdiffstown Landfill is progressing with a focus on pollinator planting.
Kilkenny County Council	February, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided 2,400 free pollinator resources to the public: The Heritage Office purchased and sent 2,400 pollinator plans, booklets, signs, badges and totes to communities, sports clubs, schools, hospitals, businesses, and County Council staff and elected representatives. Co-funded by the Heritage Office and the National Biodiversity Action Plan Grant 2021. • Commissioned 200 pollinator adverts on local radio: The Heritage Office commissioned a series of radio adverts (200 spots) on KCLR and BEAT FM with advice on simple actions to help pollinators. Co-funded by the Heritage Office and the Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan Programme. • Introduced new reduced mowing regime at 4 sites: The Parks Department implemented new reduced mowing regimes to support pollinators at the Kilkenny Ring Road, Dukesmeadows,

		<p>Bishopsmeadows, and the Ferrybank Park, and organised a publicity campaign to explain the new regime to the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-funded research on alternatives to herbicides for public open spaces: The Environment Section partnered with Kildare County Council, other local authorities and Maynooth University to fund a 6-year research project to assess alternatives to herbicide use in amenity public open spaces. • Provided free sustainable and pollinator friendly gardening workshops: The Heritage Office and Environmental Awareness Office co-ordinated and co-funded a series of free gardening workshops to provide advice and support to the public on supporting biodiversity and pollinators in the garden.
Laois County Council	May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Heritage Office commissioned a series of radio adverts throughout the year on Midlands 103 with advice on simple actions to help pollinators. Co-funded by the Heritage Office and the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the National Biodiversity Action Plan, in partnership with Westmeath and Laois County Councils. A social media campaign ran at the same time and Dr Una Fitzpatrick was featured on Midlands 103 as part of a series of programmes for Biodiversity Week, May 2021. Gardening for Biodiversity Book and Colouring book – 2,750 copies distributed free of charge, Online workshop with Juanita Browne during 2021, with 3,800 views on Facebook. Gardening for Biodiversity book translated to Irish for publication in 2022, supported by the National Biodiversity Action Plan. • Webinar Series on planting and managing for pollinators organised for members of Laois Federation of Tidy Towns by the Environmental Awareness Office, with support on practical management for pollinators provided to all Tidy Towns groups in Laois through the year. • Portlaoise MD in partnership with Portlaoise Tidy Towns, National Learning Network and Irish Wildlife Trust included pollinator friendly plants in summer and winter bedding planting schemes in Portlaoise town centre. Pollinator friendly bulbs added to new and established perennial flower beds across the town (5000 bulbs). Portlaoise MD now managing and improving

		<p>35,000m² of annual cut meadows and 1000m² of short cut meadows in Portlaoise town environs, 1,800m² of which was newly established in 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10,000 Trees for Portlaoise Project in conjunction with Trees on the Land, Portlaoise Tidy Towns and Climate Action Plan resulted in 6,460 new trees planted in spring 2021 and 6,891 new trees being planted in December 2021. • Portarlinton MD has installed pollinator friendly planting including 10 horse chestnut trees, 2 apple trees, 16 cherry, pear, plum and apple trees, 200 lavender plants along stone boundary wall on the R419 Portlaoise Road. Signage has been installed at several sites to raise awareness of the works in this location. A new native hedgerow of 220m has been installed along footpath/cycle lane at Canal Road incorporating Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Blackthorn, Guelder Rose and Elderberry, with 450m of wildflower planting and biodiversity signage to raise awareness.
Leitrim County Council	June, 2021	A 2021 update was not provided
Limerick City & County Council	February, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Day Initiative: Limerick City and County Council is encouraged homeowners to put their garden on the map by pledging their garden to pollinators. • Let it Bee Initiative: Areas of public open space, roundabouts, road verges were left unmowed. Over 120 Let It Bee / Don't Mow Let it grow signage were distributed to TidyTowns and other groups across the county. • Awareness raising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tidy Towns Webinar: Nature in your Local Area – had focus on pollinators. ▪ Wildlife Safari: the Baggot Estate ▪ Wild About Wildlife: Just a little helping for pollinators – Guided tour linking St Mary's Cathedral pollinator area, Limerick City and County Council's Pollen Patch and the Hunt Museum Community Garden. • New perennials: Pollinator planting in the People's Park, Shelbourne Park and O'Brien Park.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening for Biodiversity: Print and distribution of 1,000 gardening for biodiversity booklet
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	March, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with schools within the LCCC area to enhance school grounds for the benefit of pollinators and delivering planting projects promoting the pollinator plan planting booklets. • Also promoting on social media, competitions for schools, tagging the Pollinator Plan. • Increasing on the number of wildflower areas within LCCC sites and school grounds • Delivering free workshops to allotment holders, people with disabilities, community groups and school children to promote sustainable food and planting various herbs in a living wall within the Councils Bells Lane Allotment site. Giving pollinator friendly plants home with the children to educate on how to make their own gardens pollinator friendly. • Working with community groups on how to create pollinator friendly greenspaces.
Longford County Council	March, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longford County Council extended our ‘Don’t Mow Let It Grow’ strips along our national primary road network from an initial 4 in 2020 to over 10 locations in 2021. • Pollinator talks to Schools and community groups – A series of talks were conducted online and in person with schools and community groups during 2021 on the importance of pollinators and on how to create pollinator friendly habitats. • By-pass Pollinator Project – Complete over half of four of the five roundabouts along N4 by-pass in Longford to include planting of 10 downy birch, 450 Guilder Rose, 450 Shrub Rose along with removal of scrub and non-pollinator friendly plants and pruning back of pollinator friendly ones already in place. • Delivery of presentation on Pollinators & Biodiversity to SPC & Councillors – Delivery of a presentation on works carried out to improve habitats for pollinators and biodiversity along road corridors in Longford

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longford County Council's Bee Hive Project – LCC's bee hive project continued into 2021 with the hive producing a record amount of honey this year. Staff were also offered the opportunity to examine the hive up close and learn about the importance of pollinators and bee keeping. A proposal is now with the council to extend the number of hives from one to two
Louth County Council	July, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dundalk won a regional Pollinator Award for Large Towns in the 2021 National Tidy Towns competition, a first for Louth in this Special Award. • LCC's Parks Department reduced its use of herbicides and dedicated selected areas as 'chemical-free' e.g., the three public parks (Blackrock, Drogheda and Dundalk). • We delayed or reduced intensive grass cutting along major roads through Dundalk until June and behind County Hall, until September, to encourage the regeneration of natural species diversity. We put up signs to inform the public about the 'why'. • We planted herbaceous plants and bulbs for early winter and spring flowering, including on roundabouts and the riverside walk • Using NBAP funding, Louth County Council had a boundary hedge at Blackrock Park laid in the traditional way. Thanks to Blackrock Tidy Towns for the site.
Mayo County Council	June, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared Biodiversity Plan for the town of Ballina: Public consultation on the draft Plan was undertaken and members of the public were invited to make written submissions on the draft plan. The plan emphasises the importance of pollinators and aims to bring about a landscape where pollinators can thrive and flourish into the future. Co-funded by Mayo County Council and the Heritage Council. • Commissioned pollinator radio adverts on local radio: The Heritage Office commissioned a series of radio adverts on MidWest radio, with advice on actions the public can take to help pollinators. Co-funded by Mayo County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballinrobe Library Grounds Enhancement Project: A programme of enhancement works was undertaken in the grounds of Ballinrobe Library, with the introduction of pollinator-friendly planting and changes in the grassland management. • Belmullet Great Yellow Bumblebee European Innovation Project: Partner in the delivery of the Great Yellow Bumblebee European Innovation Partnership Project, Belmullet and Erris region, in association with Belmullet Tidy Towns, BirdWatch Ireland, Teagasc, UCD and NPWS.
Meath County Council	November, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and pollinator friendly online gardening course – The Library, Environment, Climate Action, Community and Heritage sections collaborated to support the national <i>Keep Well Campaign</i> and to implement the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan by delivering eight (5 week) free online sustainable and pollinator-friendly gardening courses to over 300 participants. • Hill of Lloyd Pollinator Project – The Kells Municipal District prepared a grassland management plan to manage 6ha of publicly owned grassland in accordance with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. Supported by the Meath County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the <i>National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021</i>. • Commissioned 100 pollinator advertorials on local radio - The Heritage Office commissioned a series of radio advertorials on LMFM giving advice on actions the public can take to help pollinators. LMFM has a week day daily listenership of 68,000. Supported by Meath County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the <i>National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021</i>. • Distributed pollinator resources to the public – The Library Service, working with the Heritage Office, established pollinator information hubs in a number of branch libraries to distribute information and guidance documents on the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan; provided signage to Tidy Towns and community groups to highlight community pollinator projects and gave a presentation on the <i>All-Ireland Pollinator Plan</i> to the Meath Public Participation Network.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered a presentation at the AIPP seminar for <i>How councils can help pollinators</i> - on reduced pesticides use in Athboy (a pilot project). • Meath County Council Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 – offers support community groups and organisations to undertake projects that will gather information, help to appropriately manage and promote an awareness and appreciation of our heritage (including biodiversity and the implementation of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan).
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	April, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed a Herbicide Reduction Policy which will see herbicide use reduced by 15% year on year • Supported community volunteers to establish a native wildflower meadows by providing native seed and tools e.g. Friends of Beach Road, 2,408m² community managed meadow • Engaged residents via free events in local parks such as Big Butterfly Count (July 2021) and Biodiversity University (August 2021) • Educated residents on changes made in green space management for pollinators via signage e.g. ‘This site is managed for wildlife’, ‘Don’t Mow’ • Promoted the importance of pollinators via the ‘Creature Calendar’ and associated social media posts - https://issuu.com/meabc/docs/4277 - creature_calendar21_toprint
Monaghan County Council	June, 2019	<p>Adoption of the AIPP by the local authority has enabled changes in practice and policy across the council activities. Of particular note is the lead role taken by the Monaghan Town horticulturalist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to grass maintenance regimes have been implemented at many locations. 2nd year of our biodiversity areas grass management. Areas were cut and baled by local farmer in Monaghan town. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Orchids grew on areas on the Pound Hill, Monaghan this year, following a change in management. ▪ Vegetation Management –cross departmental working group established, to introduce reduced grass cutting across the Municipal Districts.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting for pollinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mass pollinator perennial planting at Mullaghmatt (to reduce grass cutting) ▪ Combi Lift Round About. Engineered peat free/low nutrient soil imported (60% recycled wood fibre) wildflower perennial and annual mix sown. ▪ Biodiversity planted wildflower corridor along footpath verge on Clones Road. ▪ Wildflower trials carried out at 4 locations. ▪ All planters and beds around Monaghan Town are pollinator friendly. ▪ Recently planted 800,000 pollinator friendly bulbs and wildflowers in engineered soil from Old Cross Square to junction with the Glen Road. ▪ Currently working with Tidy Towns on micro garden pockets. ▪ Edible Orchard Clones • Protecting pollinators: Reduction of herbicide. Use only on paved areas to centre of town. No use in parks, water courses and playgrounds etc. Working towards total ban. • Awareness raising about role of pollinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New biodiversity/wellbeing garden at County Council offices including fruit trees. ▪ Carrickmacross Tidy Towns to bring awareness to International Bee Day 2021 – publicity event in two locations – Carrick Allotments and Bully’s Acre, which is a natural biodiversity area. ▪ In association with that we did a “Bee” Competition with primary schools in South Monaghan which was hugely successful – approx 1000 entries. ▪ Pollinator online webinar with Dr. Fiona McGowan – open to all counties as well as Monaghan – great reviews and it was recorded and available via You Tube ▪ Biodiversity mural on Northern Standard wall – Monaghan Tidy Towns and MPower/TY students from the Sem. ▪ Competition with secondary schools within south Monaghan to build Bug Hotels – this had to be postponed but will be re-commencing ▪ Wildflower Sowing – Awareness campaign with Horticulturist and Teach na Daoine youth group ▪ Beech Hill College – sensory and biodiversity garden ▪ Tree Awareness Acorn Planting with Castleblayney Special Needs Class on White Island.
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<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p>	<p>September, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council committed to a new ‘rewilding initiative’ across the District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of one site in each District Electoral Area to be rewilded each year (minimum of 7 in total across the District per year) ▪ To date, the Council have created 6.127Ha of wildflower meadow under this initiative and have accessed funding to purchase a new Grillo FD mower to manage the sites. ▪ Mowing has also been reduced across a number of our larger parks and greenspaces to encourage native wildflower growth and support pollinators. • Bessbrook Pond Biodiversity Project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A biodiversity project was undertaken at Bessbrook Pond by Ecoseeds. This involved planting a sloping area of circa. 400m² with the Ecoseeds Pollinator mix. ▪ A mixture of wildflower plug plants will be added to the area to provide additional food for pollinators, e.g. ragged robin and scabious species. • Local Biodiversity Enhancement theme funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newry Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) created a ‘Local Biodiversity Enhancement’ theme within their financial assistance call. In 2021, 11 local groups were funded to make improvements for biodiversity in their own areas, many of which included native planting for pollinators. ▪ County Louth Beekeepers Association were funded under this theme to purchase 6 hives for the Irish Black honeybee. Council have also given the group access to our closed landfill site at Aughnagun, Mayobridge, to place the hives.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Weed Control Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NMDDC began a 12-month review in 2020 of our glyphosate usage to control weeds, with a target to phase out the use of herbicides containing glyphosate completely on Council property within 3 years or <i>as soon as possible</i>. ▪ Maintenance officers continue to phase out the use of glyphosate and research alternative, more sustainable and environmentally friendly methods of weed control. • Raise awareness of pollinators: The Council biodiversity officer raises awareness of the importance of pollinators through public events and by using social media. In 2021, Big butterfly Count events were held across the district during July and August.
Offaly County Council	April, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided free pollinator resources: The Heritage Office supplied the various AIPP pollinator guidance documents to Tidy Towns groups, schools, water treatment plants etc along with distributing the Gardening for Wildlife Publication • Midlands 103 Informercials: The Heritage Office continued to work with Laois and Westmeath County Councils to broadcast pollinator infomercials on Midlands 103. Funded by NBAP and the County Councils. • Gardening for Wildlife articles by Lynn Lascar O’Keeffe: Commissioned jointly with Laois, Offaly and Westmeath, Lynn wrote a series of newspaper articles for local papers in each county designed to introduce biodiversity and pollinator tips to the gardener. • Management of Graveyards: Cut and lift introduced and continued at a number of medieval burial grounds in Offaly, Lynally, Drumcullen, Birr Workhouse, Croghan, Ardan and Bully’s Acre in Birr. Commenced 3 year programme under Just Transition with Laois to look at pollination management of 3 graveyards in each county. Environment Section is managing cut and lift in sections of modern burial grounds. • Co-funded research on alternatives to herbicides for public open spaces: The Environment Section partnered with other local authorities and Maynooth University to fund a 6-year research project to assess alternatives to herbicide use in amenity public open spaces.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathaoirleach’s Tree Planting Initiative: Pollinator friendly trees are being offered to each town and village in Offaly (50) to mark the intent to tackle biodiversity loss and climate change.
Roscommon County Council	May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify locations that are mown under a pollinator friendly regime: 2 x strips mown under a pollinator friendly regime in green at the rear of the Civic centre in Monksland. Douglas Hyde Centre - Reduced mowing in sections of garden. Rathcroghan Car Park - Reduced mowing in 3 sections of the grounds. Lough Rd, Roscommon town, north verge to be cut every 6 weeks. Boyle Rd Roundabout in Roscommon town – section of verge & centre section of roundabout to be cut every 6 weeks. Layered mowing was introduced to a section of the verge on the Ballindrimley Road in Castlerea. • Plant a native perennial wildflower meadow: Roscommon MD facilitated Roscommon Tidy Towns in planting a wildflower strip in the Green, near The Spinney. • Promote & distribute pollinator friendly guidelines to other sectors: Don’t Mow Yet & Managed for Wildlife signage and other Pollinator Plan publications and resources were purchased with funding from National Biodiversity Action Plan funding, these were publicised and distributed around the county on request. Winter Gardening for Biodiversity radio campaign on Shannonside FM with 6 adverts over 101 spots in Oct/Nov 2021, funded by the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund. • Facilitate or deliver training on pollinators and how to take action to protect them: A workshop for indoor council staff is scheduled for 18.11.21. 3 x meetings with municipal district staff are scheduled for 24.11.21. These will be facilitated by with ecologist Dr. Karina Dingerkus and are funded from National Biodiversity Action Plan funding 2021. RCC supports the Kildare CoCo Scientific Assessment of Alternatives to Herbicide Use research project.
South Dublin County Council	November, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural meadows: Currently 145 hectares of parkland managed as natural meadows. Botanical and insect surveys carried out on natural meadows in Tymon Park, Waterstown Park and Lucan Demesne.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator-friendly planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 290,000 bulbs planted on roadsides in 2021 as part of pollinator friendly planting schemes. ▪ Perennial Planting schemes at prominent locations across county ▪ Planted wildflower meadows at prominent locations around the County ▪ Planting of fruit trees and trees recommended in the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. • Awareness raising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Published a new SDCC Pollinator Plan Booklet. https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/pollinators/sdcc-pollination-action-plan.pdf ▪ Produced a video to promote the SDCC pollinator Plan. https://youtu.be/mCLZArN1oTY ▪ Provided booklets to schools, community groups • Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-funded research on alternative to herbicides for public spaces. ▪ Investigated new grassland management techniques. • Inclusion of AIPP in relevant strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inclusion of All Ireland Pollinator Plan in new County Development Plan, Green Infrastructure Plan and other Council Strategies.
Tipperary County Council	April, 2019	A 2021 update was not provided
Waterford City & County Council	April, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity on Your Doorstep - Learning from Nature, 22nd – 26th February 2021. A series of online events for the public to engage with and provide resource in protecting and improving our local ecosystems. Supported and organised by Europe Direct, Waterford, Waterford Libraries and Waterford Environmental Department delivering a week of free online events. • Let Dandelions Bee – Spring 2021. Initiative rolled out in Waterford City, Tramore and Dungarvan letting dandelions bloom by way of not cutting dandelion prolific sites, thus helping to provide another Spring food source for bees.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterford Council Biodiversity Meadows – expanding our biodiversity meadows from the initial conception of primarily Kilbarry Nature Park; Dungarvan and Tramore; a further roll out of biodiversity meadows in Waterford City to include a number of open space residential areas in the city. For 2021 this has been further increased by 2.29 ha to now equate to 6.29 ha in the city of Waterford. • Creation of Biodiversity Meadows – the purposeful creation of 6,000sqm of wildflower areas across Waterford City Tramore and Dungarvan. These areas have been taken back from permanent amenity grass to sown with a specific grass and wildflower mix suitable to site and conditions. • Investment – with the continuing development of purposeful wildflower meadows, Waterford City & Council have purchased specific pedestrian machinery for the cutting and collection of the smaller wildflower areas. • Recognition - Kilbarry Nature Park was awarded as the overall winner of the Pollinator Plan Award run by the National Biodiversity Data Centre and An Taisce Environmental Education in conjunction with the Green Flag Awards. This award is in recognition of those Green Flag Parks that have made every effort to support their local pollinating insects and promote their importance.
Wexford County Council	April, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided general advice to community groups, clubs & businesses on how to create pollinator-friendly spaces. • Provided biodiversity training to local community groups through the local enterprise office. • Provided pollinator-friendly plants and apple trees for community garden spaces. • Reduced mowing in certain areas at a new public park.

<p>Westmeath County Council</p>	<p>February, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned pollinator adverts on Regional radio: The Heritage Office, in partnership with Laois and Offaly Heritage officers, commissioned a series of radio adverts on Midlands 103 with advice on simple actions to help pollinators. Co-funded by the Heritage Offices and the NBAP Grant Scheme from NPWS. These adverts were also shared on Westmeath County Council and Westmeath Heritage Social Media. • Commissioned biodiversity friendly gardening articles in Local Newspapers: The Heritage Office, in partnership with Laois and Offaly Heritage officers, commissioned a series of 6 gardening articles with advice on simple actions to help pollinators and biodiversity. These were published in the Westmeath Examiner and Westmeath Independent. Co-funded by the Heritage Offices and the NBAP Grant Scheme from NPWS. • Provided free sustainable and pollinator friendly gardening workshops: The Heritage Office, Arts Office and the PPN co-funded a series of free online gardening workshops to provide advice and support to the public on supporting biodiversity and pollinators in the garden. These workshops were funded by Creative Ireland, the Heritage Office and PPN. • Council reduced use of Herbicide by c.50%: Herbicides were only used in housing estates where specifically requested by residents. Gas Flame used to treat weeds in Mullingar Town Park. Use of recycled wood chip as a mulch instead of herbicide in some locations and used recycled cardboard instead of herbicide at new planting locations. • Reduced mowing: Reduced mowing along roadside verges where possible. Only two cut and lifts done along the greenway in 2021. • Reduced cutting of hedgerows: Reduced cutting of hedgerows prioritising areas where necessary for H&S • Pollinator friendly planting: Wildflower sown at a 2x roundabouts, 1 road verge location and along a short section of the greenway. Pollinator friendly planting of flowerbeds in Athlone District and in new planting beds in Mullingar. Native hedges planted along road boundaries
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<p>Wicklow County Council</p>	<p>November, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator Plan Resources: The Heritage Officer promoted and distributed a range of ‘Pollinator Plan’ resources among Council staff, householders, Tidy Towns, community and residents groups and schools, these included 150 ‘managed for pollinators’ outdoor signs, 1500 Gardening for Biodiversity Booklets, 500 Wildlife in Wicklow’s Gardens posters. • Online Pollinator and Nature Themed Talks: Pollinator Plan included as theme in programme of ‘Nature is Good For You’ online talks co-ordinated by the Heritage Office through the Healthy Ireland fund. • Pollinator Friendly Historic Graveyards: Carried out botanical survey and drew up management prescriptions for the following historic graveyards as actions of the County Biodiversity and Heritage Plans; Kilbride Mausoleum and Graveyard, Arklow; MullinacuiFFE, Ballymachroghue and Whitefield Cemeteries. • Foamstream alternative to chemicals: The Climate action team in association with Bray Municipal District piloted the use of ‘Foamstream’ equipment , using steam, biodegradable plant oils and sugar as an alternative to chemical cleaning and weed control on streets and paved areas. • Pollinator Friendly mowing in Municipal Districts: Each Municipal District expanded on selected ‘pollinator friendly’ areas for management on 6 weekly cut and lift mowing regime and included pollinator friendly species in new planning schemes on roundabouts, verges and other areas.
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