

JUNE 2025 Newsletter

Tips for Nature-friendly Mowing



I do hope you joined in **NO MOW MAY**. Maybe you can **continue to not mow in June**.

Once you have a flowering lawn it can be high level mowed once every 4-8 weeks with the cut grass collected.

Making longer-term changes in mowing will do much more for nature, you will see biodiversity blossoming across the seasons. Over time, more and more plants will arrive, long-term participation in **NO MOW MAY** will

allow you to see the greatest benefits for nature.

I hope you enjoyed planning the areas you were leaving wild or even left your entire lawn or the whole of your garden to wildlife. Try to do as little as possible and see your garden flourish and wildlife return.

No Mow May is good for wild plants but what about other wildlife? Longer grass can make the perfect hiding place for hedgehogs and bugs to take shelter. This causes concerns about the risks that animals could face when it comes time to mow.

Plantlife's advice is to work gradually parallel to shelter (such as borders and hedges), which the wildlife can move towards. So, mow closer to the shelter one mower's width at a time. Work from paths and high footfall areas towards the boundaries to allow disturbed wildlife to move towards cover gradually. Never mow from the outside inwards. Make a first pass with a high blade setting on your mower will help to flush wildlife and leave low level cuts until the Autumn



Wildlife will thrive from the benefits of your mini meadows they will love the nectar, pollen, shelter and structure wildflowers provide.

Spring Clean! It's really tempting to tidy our gardens in Spring, the sun is shining, the days are longer and we're ready to get stuck into some gardening. Try not doing a Spring Clean..... if the Spring is a bit chilly and damp leave the untidy corners and wild areas – it might be tempting to start tidying up the garden before the growing season starts, but these areas of leaf litter, twigs and longer grass along fences or hedges are perfect spots for insects, reptiles and amphibians who have been sheltering over

winter. If you start to tidy it up too early you could be disturbing a slumbering creature that isn't ready to spring into action until the weather starts warming up.

Don't Feed Your Lawn

Often gardening tips include prepping your lawn. The main focus of this is usually to feed your lawn, but this will only promote the vigorous grasses to out compete everything else, the tiny speedwells, and other flowers get crowded out! So if you don't feed your lawn you'll get lovely little wild flowers growing in between the grass – how beautiful will that be.



Daisies, Dandelions and Buttercups.

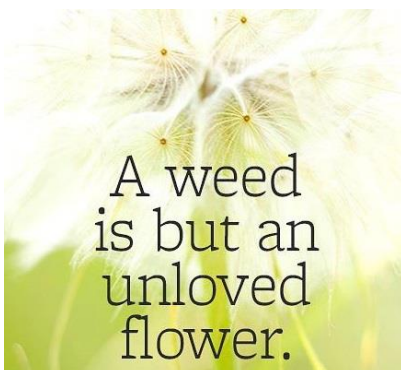


Who doesn't love a daisy, we all remember making daisy chains as children and playing on a daisy filled lawn. So why not leave your lawn full of the flowers that nature put there,

leave the daisies, dandelions and buttercups. If you don't want the dandelions seeding remove the heads before



they do. Dandelions are one of the first flowers to bloom and are great for early emerging bees. I know buttercups can have rooting runners and can be annoying, but you can cultivate them by removing unwanted roots. After all, we all want to know if 'we like butter or not' don't we.



Remember weeds are only flowers in the wrong place

Love your weeds – the bees do

