

Community Success

Local resident Neil Milkin has transformed an unloved piece of land near his home into a beautiful green space which is full of plants and flowers. Not only great to look at, the land is a hotspot for wildlife and is now enjoyed by all that live close by.



Aberbeeg Park and Woodland well-being is a winner of the Community Green Flag Award. Ebbw Fach Community Group have worked hard to transform the site from an overgrown ash tip into a peaceful space where people can immerse themselves in nature.



Contact Us



If you'd like any more information or would like to discuss anything related to Biodiversity or our Town In Bloom project, please get in touch.

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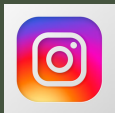
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What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is essential for our health, well-being, and survival. Thriving ecosystems offer other vital services, including pollination and seed dispersal.

Why are we contacting you?

You have chosen to be part of our community involvement team, taking care of planters, or a piece of land within the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area. This is a great first step to helping nurture plants and flowers, and encourage local wildlife to thrive.



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The 5 Pillars of Nature Action – One Voice Wales, Community and Town Council Nature Recovery Guide, 2024.

- Create & protect habitats
- Provide forage
- Provide water
- Create connections
- Spread the word – Share information with friends and neighbours on wildlife friendly gardening.
- Stop using slug pellets! – These can poison wildlife and kill their main food sources.

Top Tip!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers and fine grasses to thrive and bloom.

Many of these species such as dandelion provide huge amounts of essential nectar.



What plants should I be using?

It's important to choose flowers that not only look pretty but will also encourage insects. Nectar is massively important. Bees, butterflies and moths all need it to survive. These insects will enjoy travelling from flower to flower, pollinating as they go and ensuring the survival of both plants and wildlife. Choose native species that are suited to the habitat and local area. many cultivated species do not provide much nectar.

*It is important to use a peat free compost and for wildflowers, a nutrient poor substrate is better *

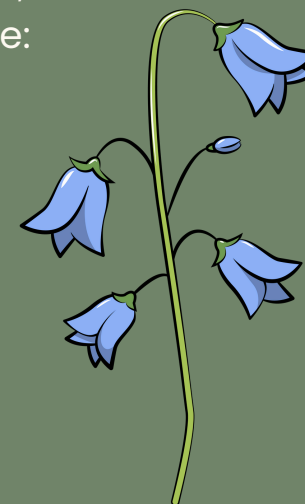
For flowerbeds and tubs, use wildlife and bee friendly varieties such as:

- Lavender
- Autumn Crocus
- Primrose
- Cowslip
- Snapdragon
- Borage
- Wallflower
- Purple Coneflower
- Hebe – Provides night time nectar and are good for moths, which in return will attract bats.



Perennials will continue to flower every year. For a more informal or larger space, native wildflowers to use include:

- Ox Eye Daisy
- Ragged Robin
- Red Campion
- Musk Mallow
- Knapwood
- Wild Daffodils
- Bluebells
- Yarrow



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Water, Water, Water!



Water is vital to life. When we think of water for the garden, it's important to remember it's not only for the plants but for all the wildlife too. Collecting rain water is a great way to save water during dry spells. Water butts are a great option for this.

Why not create a wildlife pond or rain garden?

Water filled containers are great habitats for wildlife. Use shallow ones for smaller pollinators such as bees and add a few pebbles to stop them drowning. Using different depths is good, with escape ramps for small mammals such as hedgehogs. Larger containers with stones are good for frogs and also a place for dragonflies and damselflies to lay eggs.

If you have space, a pond with a sloping edge will benefit all wildlife and you can sit back and enjoy nature at its best.

Did you Know?

Wild bees need water to survive. Not only to drink, but to cool down the hive when it's hot!

