



Bees and other pollinators have their own highway...

A pollinator highway does just what it says on the tin: provides a route for all pollinators - including bees, moths, butterflies and even wasps – to travel around.

This means they have a better chance of survival as they're not trapped in small fragmented habitats.



Rather than tarmac we're providing linked habitats, full of native wildflowers to help pollinators travel within Selsey and eventually right up to Chichester.

The road verges and other green spaces may look more abundant than you're used to. But they will certainly look good to our essential pollinating insects.



West Sussex County Council and the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group are working in partnership to link together habitats for our all important pollinators.

There will be opportunities for residents to get involved, for example by measuring biodiversity or suggesting other areas that might benefit from being a little wilder.

All areas around the sites (approx. 300 metres each side) are considered part of the pollinator highway, so please wild any green space you have – from a garden to a window box or hanging basket.



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Selsey Pollinator Highway

Linking Natural Habitats



West Sussex County Council Highways
Improving Local Places and Spaces



Here's a selection of native wildflowers that you may begin to see in your local verges:

- Cowslip
- Primrose
- Betony
- Common Knapweed
- Oxeye Daisy
- Wild Carrot
- Devil's-bit Scabious
- Kidney Vetch
- Bird's-Foot-Trefoil
- Red Clover
- Yellow Rattle...

Maintenance



Road verges will get at least one cut per year and will be strimmed if there's a health and safety need.

We'll also be cutting back on weed spraying around nature verges, so please feel free to pull weeds from the pavement (but not in the road) if they are becoming a problem.

Highway route



The Selsey end of the highway starts at three sites and will eventually include many more, both in the town and along the verge of the B2145.

The verge outside the Selsey Centre (with permission from Selsey Town Council), the grassed area at the entrance to Sunnymead Drive and the corner of East Way and Marine Drive are the first three sites and we would welcome volunteers to help with the project, contact us via mwhg.org.uk

What pollinators do for us...

- Help 75% of crops that produce seeds to pollinate
- Increase biodiversity
- Increase food production
- Maintain our ecosystem
- Make our food more nutritious



Half of our 27 bumblebee species and 71% of our butterflies are in decline.



To help reverse these statistics, pollinators need food, shelter and nesting areas – which more naturally managed verges can provide.

Pollinating insects include Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Ants and Beetles.

Send a picture of your local part of the highway to mwhg.org.uk and we will post it on our Facebook page.