Grow Wild 2025 Survey Record Sheet

Please complete this survey at a Grow Wild site near you to help assess whether the area supports more wildlife and greater biodiversity than the nearby mown areas. You're also welcome to comment on the site's overall appearance. For more information please read the Survey Guidance on page 2.

A map showing all of the sites can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/wildlife or within the online version of this survey via this form.

Once completed send us this form along with any photos to GMContracts@PKC.gov.uk

Method: Take a note of the extents of the site and with this survey record sheet and camera/phone, walk through the area or sit and watch and record what you see. After carrying out your survey fill in the yellow section for the Grow Wild area and the green section for the mowed area nearby. Please take at least two photos for each survey sheet: one of the general site and close-up photos of the grass, flowers, bees and so forth.

Grow Wild site name:		Date & Time:		
Recorder name(s):	Weather conditions (please circle)	Sunny		Dry
		Overcast		Wet
Characteristics of area (please circle)	Under trees	Partial shade		Open grass
General appearance of area when compared with wider site (circle any which apply or add comments)	More attractive		Less attractive	
	UNCUT GRASS AREA		**MOWN GRASS AREA**	
Plants in flower seen	Yes	No	Yes	No
Plants with seed heads seen	Yes	No	Yes	No
Number of different looking wildflower species (e.g. Dandelion, Daisy)				
Most common plant species (if known)				
Butterflies present	Yes	No	Yes	No
Number of different butterfly species				
Most common butterfly species (if known)				
Bees present	Yes	No	Yes	No
Other insects present (eg hoverflies)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Birds on grass seen	Yes	No	Yes	No
Evidence of litter seen	Yes	No	Yes	No
Evidence of dog fouling seen	Yes	No	Yes	No
Additional comments				

Grow Wild Survey Guide

Thank you for helping monitor wildlife at our Grow Wild sites! Your surveys help us understand how managing grassland differently can support more biodiversity.

🌱 **What's Grow Wild?**
Following successful grassland trials (2021–2024), we're expanding our approach as part of the *Grow Wild* campaign. In some parts of our parks and open spaces, the grass will be left uncut to encourage wildlife, while other areas will continue to be mown regularly. You can find out more at: **www.pkc.gov.uk/wildlife**

🐝 **Why Survey?** We need your help to:
- Show whether long grass areas support more **wildlife and plant diversity**
- Help shape how we manage these spaces in future
- Share findings through final reports summarising your contributions

📍 **Where & When to Survey**
- Choose a Grow Wild site **close to you**, so it's easy to revisit
- Survey **once a month**, ideally on a **dry day** between **7am and 7pm**
- Try to use the **same location** each time for consistency

📋 **What to Bring**
- A map of the site (if needed)
- A **camera or smartphone** (photos are really helpful)
- A **survey form** – paper or online version

🔍 **How to Survey**

Option 1: Simple (Non-scientific) Method
- **Walk around** or **sit and observe**
- Record **wildlife and flowering plants** you see
- Take photos of interesting finds and general site views

Option 2: Scientific (Optional) Method
- Choose a 1m^2 patch in the uncut area and a nearby mown patch
- Mark out the square (a 4m rope square or four 1m canes work well)
- Record **only what's in the square**
- Revisit the **same area** each month

✅ **How to Get Started** No need to register just **jump in** and start surveying! If you have questions, feel free to email us: GMContracts@pkc.gov.uk

🧠 **Need Help Identifying Wildlife?**
You don't need to be an expert, but if you're curious to learn more, here are some great resources:

🔗 *Online Guides*
- **Plantlife** – wildflowers: plantlife.org.uk
- **The Wildlife Trusts** – general ID: wildlifetrusts.org
- **Butterfly Conservation**: butterfly-conservation.org
- **Bumblebee Conservation Trust**: bumblebeeconservation.org
- **Buglife**: buglife.org.uk

Find other wildlife projects to get involved with at the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership website.