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This leaflet is to help explain how and why we at Monmouthshire County Council (Mon CC) are making changes to the management of verges and public spaces throughout the County. With our partners, Nature Isn't Neat, we have looked at specific areas in Monmouth Town to trial these changes and will be monitoring the results.

The primary objectives for these changes are to increase habitats for pollinators, food sources, shelter, hibernation sites and the opportunity to reproduce and increase populations. Our partners in Nature Isn't Neat pilot project aim to raise awareness of the need for pollinators and ways in which we can help, together with their partners we identified areas within Monmouth Town for improvement.

The trial also supports the legal obligations and duties as a public authority to manage the environment sustainably. Over time, we will adapt how we work in response the monitoring. This is part of the ongoing approach in how we work with the environment.

Importantly, this is not a cost cutting exercise; we are working differently, not less.



How are we making the changes?

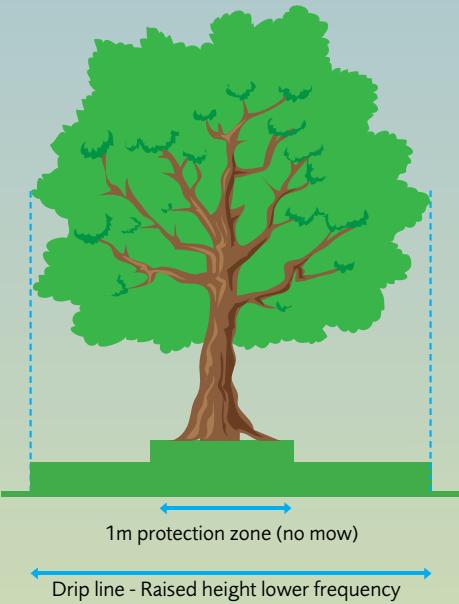
- By changing the cutting regimes.
- More areas under meadow management (annual cut and collect later in the season). This will help annual plants to complete their lifecycle. Flowers provide food for pollinators and delaying the cutting will allow the seeds to set to ensure next year's flowers.
- Removal of cuttings (after seeds have set) removes nutrients from the soil, slowing the growth of competitive grasses.



Where meadow management is not appropriate or possible, we can adjust the cutting regime to have other environmental benefits.

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Nature Isn't Neat mowing regimes in Monmouth Town will include a lower frequency of cuts and a raised cutting height under all trees with a 1m radius (no cut) protection zone area around the base of all established trees. Areas selected for single cut and collect after mid-August will be marked out with stakes. We will cut and create wavy edges in larger open spaces and round off the corners; this will allow different species to benefit from the differing aspects and outline. Where practical we will include reduced mowing on slopes but only when safe.



What are we doing about the use of herbicides?

It is now understood that Glyphosate has a detrimental impact on the health of insects including pollinators. Use of Glyphosate

to prepare urban wildflower displays is counterproductive. Urban displays should be prepared without the use of herbicides and monitored for change. We will no longer apply herbicides around the base of trees and will only use it where essential applying less often and with reduced strength, with greater care being taken to reduce drifting and over spraying.

What are the benefits of these changes?

Changes such as these have benefits for the environment and people, such as allowing plants to complete their life cycle, providing food for pollinators, increasing number of habitats. Lower frequency cutting allows better root development, less mowing reduces soil compaction improving plant health and both of these improve the resilience to drought and flooding. Other benefits include greater carbon storage in the soil and plants, increase of oxygen, improved capacity to absorb water. Reduction in water runoff and greater absorption of pollutants will help improve our mental and physical health.

Things that will not change

Visibility sight lines along road junctions will always be in place mowing along edges of paths, 2m wide cut alongside major paths and 1m wide cut along minor paths and litter picking before mowing will all be maintained.



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A green-themed poster featuring Welsh text and a central tree diagram. The top half contains a large tree with green leaves and blue roots, set against a background of green grass blades. The bottom half features a stylized tree with a brown trunk and green canopy, with red root-like branches extending downwards. A dashed blue rectangle surrounds the tree's base. To the left of the tree, the text 'Pethau na fydd ym ni' is written vertically. To the right, there is a diagram showing a tree with two horizontal blue arrows indicating different zones: '1m protection zone (no mow)' and 'Drip line - Raised height lower frequency'. The top right corner has a small logo of a person in a green suit. The overall theme is environmental or agricultural.

Pethau na fydd ym ni

Mae gan newidiadau fel hyn faint i'r amgylchedd a phobol, tebyg i planhigion i gwblhau eu olych by darparu bwyd ar gyfer pellwyr, ac y cynfeiniodeodd. Mae torri llaith a gwell datblygiad gwreiddiau, ma iechyd planhigion cywasgu piddorri yn goswymg gwrthfasiad i sychder yn gwella gwrthfasiad i sychder maeun osiogen, gwella capacita carbon yn y pidda phlanhigion, a meddwl a chofrrol.

Byddwn bob amser yn cael lline gwyliau hysbysol i ddarparu bwyd a phobol, tebyg i planhigion i gwblhau eu olych by darparu bwyd ar gyfer pellwyr, ac y cynfeiniodeodd. Mae torri llaith a gwell datblygiad gwreiddiau, ma iechyd planhigion cywasgu piddorri yn goswymg gwrthfasiad i sychder maeun osiogen, gwella capacita carbon yn y pidda phlanhigion, a meddwl a chofrrol.

Gwyddom bellach fod Glyffosad yn cael effaith nivewadol ar iechyd pwydd ym cynwys pellwyr. Mae defnyddio gylfrosad i baratoi srd dan gof siadau a niin@monmouthshire.gov.uk Mae myw o wybodaeth ar gael gan gylfrosad i baratoi srd dan gof siadau a niin@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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gwylid gwyllt trerol yn wrthgyrhyrchiol.
gyllid paratoi arddangosisiaidau trerol heb
newid. Ni fyddwn mwach yn rhoi pladdwr
gwmpas gwaelod coed a dim ond yn ei
gymyddio lle'n hamfodol gan ei roi yn lla
mamal ac yn wanناach, gyda myw o afal i osbwng
cwrwydro a gor-chwistrelu.

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Lle nad yw rheoleth dolydd
yn brodol neu'n bwy希ig gallwn
addas u'r system dorri i gael buddion
amgylcheddol eraill.

Yn bwy希ig, nid gwaitch i dorri
costau yw hyu; rydym yn
gweithio'n wahanol, nid yn llae.

Mae'r gyllun peilot hefyd yn
cymoegi rhwymedigethau cyfreithiol
a dyletswyddau fel awdurdod
mewn mod cymaliadwy. Dros gyfnode,
cyhoeddus i reoli'r amgylchedd
wrth weithio gyda'r amgylchedd.
Yn rhai o'r dull gweithredu cyfreidol
mewm ymateb i'r monitro. Mae hyu
byddwn yn addas sut y gweithiwn
mewn mod cymaliadwy. Dros gyfnode,
mae'r gyllun peilot hefyd yn

Mae symlud gwath wedi'i dorri
(ar ol i'r hadau osod) yn tynnu
maethion o'r pridd, gan arafu twr
glaswellt cystadleuol.

Bydd hyn yn helpu planhigion
bwyddol i gwblhau eu cych
blynyddol i gwblhau planhigion
bwyddol. Mae blyndau'n rhoi bwyd i
beiliwyr a bydd gohirio'r torri yn
galluogir haâu i osod y siccrau
angenn am bennwyr a fydd y gallwn
yn anelu i godi i mywyddiadaeth o'r
heblu, gyda'n partneriaid i ddynodi
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ardaloedd i w gwellia yn Nhreftynwy.
Mae ein partneriaid i ddynodi
poblogaethau. Mae ein partneriaid
ym mhrosiect peilot Natur Wyllt
poblogaethau. Mae ein partneriaid
cyffle i atgyrru a chynhyddu
safleoedd cysgu dros y geaff a'r
peiliwy, ffynonellau bwyd, cysgodol,
cynddu cynefinedd ar gyfer
prif nod y newidiadau hyn yw
monitro'r canlyniaid.
dreflai'r newidiadau hyn a byddwn yn
fresydd penodol yn Nhreftynwy!

Natur Wyllt, rydym wedi edrych ar
ledled y Sir. Gyda'n partneriaid,
ymlogiann ffridd a gofodau cyhoeddus
newidiadau i'r ffordd yr ydym yn trin
Nghynor Sir Fynwy yn gwnered
sut a pham ein bod ni yma yng
Mae'r dafffen yma i helpu esbonio
newidiadau Sir Fynwy yn gwnered
monitro'r canlyniaid.
dreflai'r newidiadau hyn a byddwn yn
fresydd penodol yn Nhreftynwy!

Sut yd yni'n gwnered
y newidiadau?



Help!