

# Say No To The Mow

Join Plantlife's, 'Say No to the Mow' Campaign this May (or all summer) see <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/nomowmay>

Why is it a good idea to leave some grassland (including parts of lawns and some road verges) uncut during spring and summer before being cut and cleared (on a high cut)?

- Flowers allowed to develop provide food for pollinators
- Long grass provides:
  - food and shelter for many invertebrates e.g. grasshoppers & caterpillars of Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Large, Small and Essex Skipper butterflies
  - opportunities for predatory insects and other invertebrates
- Grass & wildflowers are food for many declining butterflies & moths
- Invertebrates and seeds in long grass provide food for birds
- Undisturbed grassland is good for carbon capture & storage
- Wild verges can link green spaces
- Wild lawns provide foraging opportunities and shelter for larger animals e.g. hedgehogs, toads and frogs
- Grassland insects which fly at night are food for bats



**Biodiversity and the ecosystem services it supplies are in crisis and we all need to help!**

- Ask for some of your local park to be managed as wildflower meadow
- If you have a garden, let part of your lawn grow long this summer
- Contact [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) if you **like** an uncut verge & complain to fixmystreet & Local Councillors when verges you value are cut.
- Contact [bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com) if you know of verges of value to wildlife and people. Thank-you. Bromley Biodiversity Partnership