

## Parish Pollinator Pledge

### Pollinator species survey

This form can be used to collect information about the pollinators that inhabit your parish. It can be used as part of the action planning process and for ongoing monitoring into the success of your pollinator actions.

#### How to complete a pollinator species survey

- Pick a small area or route as your survey location.
- Choose a nice day to complete your survey - pollinators like to fly in warm, sunny conditions, so only complete the survey when it is dry and above 11°C.
- Spend between 1-2 hours at the location and use the forms overleaf to record:
  - How many of each pollinator group (e.g. bee, butterfly) you see in each 15 minute interval.
  - The species you see – don't worry if you can't identify every pollinator you see, simply recording if you see a bee, wasp, butterfly or beetle will be enough to measure improvements in biodiversity.
- Repeat at several locations (complete a set of forms for each survey location), across a variety of habitats so you can build a picture of all the pollinators present in your parish.

#### TOP TIP:

*If you want to identify a pollinator species, take a photo and look it up online later (or post the photo on the Countryside Service Facebook page and a Ranger will be able to help).*



#### We've completed our survey, what next?

- Keep your recording forms somewhere safe so you can compare with future surveys.
- Add your species records to [Living Record](#) so that everyone can see what pollinators live in your parish (optional).
  - Sign up for a Living Record account at: <https://livingrecord.net/>
- **For effective monitoring we recommend you survey the same areas and routes at the same time every year so that the impact of your pollinator actions can be assessed over time.**
- If you haven't already, it's now time to start thinking about how you can improve your parish for pollinators. See the local action plan guidance in the [toolkit](#) for more information.

# Pollinator species survey record

Parish/Town Council:

Survey completed by:

Date of survey:

Start & finish time:

Survey location:

Survey habitats:

*Describe the main habitats you encountered during the survey (refer back to your habitat survey if required).*

Weather:

**How sunny was it?**

*Record the % of time the sun was shining during the survey.*

**How windy was it?**

*0 = tree leaves still; 1 = tree leaves barely move; 3 = leaves rustle slightly; 4 = small branches move; 5 = small trees sway, large branches move.*

**DO NOT SURVEY IN WIND CONDITIONS HIGHER THAN 5.**

**How warm was it?**

*Use a thermometer to record the air temperature - place it in a shaded area about 1m above ground level, leave for at least 10 minutes before taking a reading.*



## Abundance survey form

Record how many of each pollinator groups you see in each 15-time band during your survey.

2-hour survey	Bee/wasp	Butterfly/Moth	Beetle	Fly	Other
1-15 minutes					
16-30 minutes					
31-45 minutes					
46-60 minutes					
61-75 minutes					
76-90 minutes					
91-105 minutes					
106-120 minutes					

