

Wildflowers for Craiglockhart

We hope this page may help Craiglockhart residents who like wildflowers and might want to plant their own. Please contact us if you want to share photos or useful links.

"The sheer joy of being immersed in a meadow – surrounded by the fluttering of butterflies, chirping of crickets and the buzz of bees is increasingly rare. Many of us won't remember a time when the countryside was filled with wildflowers and grassland that rippled with dazzling displays of flowers. Without urgent action to tackle dwindling biodiversity – these memories will disappear. 97% of the UK's wildflower meadows have been removed or destroyed since WW2 for intensive agriculture and increased food production. Just like our flowers the insects that feed on these flowers are in trouble with a third of the UK's wild bee and hoverfly species showing decline in their numbers since the 1980s." Source: Botanics Stories

Planting wildflowers

If you want wildflowers planted in a council owned green space, you must contact the natural heritage ranger or parks officer responsible for the space to find out what is planned, permitted and appropriate.

If you want to plant them in your own private space, however small or big, these links from various organisations give practical advice.

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/activity/how-to-grow-a-wildflower-meadow-in-a-pot/>

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/activity/how-to-grow-a-wild-patch/>

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/activity/how-to-sow-a-wildflower-meadow/>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/lawns/wildflower-meadow-establishment>

<https://www.highlandtitles.com/scottish-wildflowers/how-to-create-a-wildflower-meadow/>

<https://scottishpollinators.wordpress.com/2018/09/04/how-to-sow-a-wildflower-meadow/>

<https://www.seedsofhope.scot/scotmix>

<https://www.scottishbeecompany.co.uk/blogs/news/how-to-grow-your-scottish-bee-company-wildflower-seeds>

Public spaces in Edinburgh with wildflower projects

[Braidburn Valley Park](#)

[Edinburgh Shoreline coastal meadow](#)

[The Royal Botanic Gardens](#)

[Square metre for butterflies](#)

The Scottish government encourages wildflower planting - The [Pollinator Strategy for Scotland](#) encourages creation and restoration of flower rich habitats in urban as well as rural areas.