



Portrunny Development Association CLG

Pollinator Plan 2018

'Our 10- Point Plan for 2018 to help our Pollinators'





Foreword...

Welcome to Portrunny 10-point Pollinator Plan for 2018,

This plan is prepared by Portrun Development Association as a local action plan to support the **All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020**. The objective of the exercise is to create a 10-point plan to implement during 2018 as part of our Tidy Towns work and initiatives.

Portrun Development Association recognises the importance of our pollinators to ensure the survival of plants, crops and mankind. Our landscape, situated on the banks of the River Shannon are a **Special Area of Conservation** which provide a natural habitat to shoreline wildlife. These wet lands also grow wildflowers which support and are vital food for our pollinators.

We approached this 10-point plan in a **SMART** (smart, measurable, achievable, realistic and timebound) objective setting manner. We simply wanted this plan to work during 2018!

We believe this plan will lead to an increase in food for our pollinators while also protecting and enhancing their natural environment. Our plan also promotes awareness of the **All Ireland Pollinator Plan** at a local community level and also the intended objective to promote the plan in our local school.

We expect that this plan will be our foundation for 2019 with regard to maintaining and promoting our pollinators year on year thus ensuring our community is pollinator friendly.

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Our 10-Point Portrunny Pollinator Plan for 2018

No	Objective	Action	Status
1.	Identify and protect existing areas that are good for pollinators.	Identify areas that have flowering hedgerows, patches of wildflower, ivy, stone walls etc. Erect 'Area managed for Pollinators' signage.	
2.	Reduce the level of grass cutting with the objective being to allow wild meadows for wildflowers to bloom throughout pollinator season.	Identify areas where grass verges need to be maintained to achieve sight lines. The use of a map of the area will help to ensure everyone is aware of areas which are being left for wild meadows to grow. See Appendix 1 for areas which will be mowed regularly – (<i>Grass Cutting & Mulching Plan 2018</i>)	
3.	Mulch grass as it creates a natural fertilizer and promotes the growth of wildflowers.	As part of our <i>Grass Cutting & Mulching Plan 2018</i> we will identify 90% of our grass cutting areas and mulch the grass in these areas which will create a natural fertilizer. The remaining 10% of grass cutting will be collected as the areas concerned are located within the playground or adjacent to the picnic area where children play during the summer months.	
4.	Plant Pollinator friendly plants for the future.	Ensure all future purchases of plants and flowers are pollinator friendly. Our flower beds should incorporate perennial flowers which provide food for pollinators from spring to autumn.	
5.	Provide wild pollinator nesting habitats.	Engage with the local community to build natural habitat.	
6.	Reduce the use of pesticides.	Reduce and eliminate the use of pesticides in the amenity at Portrunny and eliminate use by our Tidy Towns works.	
7.	Raise Awareness within our community	Hold an awareness day/talk or produce a leaflet.	
8.	Promote the Junior Pollinator Plan within a local school.	Carry out a school visit and sponsor a Pollinator initiative competition within the school.	
9.	Conduct survey of our amenity to identify wildflowers.	This will allow us gauge each year if new species are growing.	
10.	Community Bee Hives	Secure funding for two community bee hives and training.	

Appendix 1



Portrunny Pollinator Plan 2018 / Grass Cutting & Mulching Plan for 2018.



