From: Janet Gillett [redacted]
Sent: 21 August 2021 14:31
To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Fwd: Latest road verge news and how you can help grasslands

Just found this which reiterates my previous message.
Janet Gillett

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Dear Supporter

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey we sent last month. Your responses and comments will be helpful as we develop the new road verge website, and we look forward to sharing it with you later this year.

There's some more good news for road verges this month…

- Road verges hit the headlines - the move to more colourful and wildlife-friendly verges was recently featured in The Economist
- Neath Port Talbot council have just approved a Bee Friendly Scheme - the new project seeks to increase the area of wildflower grassland and give biodiversity a boost by changing the way verges and green spaces are cut.
- Highways England transforms sections of A64 in Yorkshire – following restoration work, two dozen species of wild flowers were found flowering in July and fragmented areas of species-rich grassland have been joined up to make more wildlife havens.

Grasslands +

We know how passionate you are about protecting and improving our grassland road verges for the benefit of wild flowers, pollinators and us. In the last 100 years, the UK alone has lost 97% of its meadows and other species-rich grasslands. We've also seen a 60% decrease in biodiversity. A third of bumblebee species are under threat of extinction, and 70% of butterfly species have seen population decline since the 1970s. Protecting and enhancing grasslands is crucial in the fight against climate change.

Ahead of COP26, the global climate conference taking place in Glasgow in November,

Plantlife has joined forces with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Butterfly Conservation to form the Grasslands+ coalition to tell politicians that grasslands hold the key to the future of our planet.

Stand with us?

Our growing alliance will show politicians that protecting grasslands on an international level is crucial in the fight against climate change - but we need you to be part of it.

Click here to send a message to your MP

There are grassland areas in every continent sending delegates to COP26. It is vital that grasslands are on the agenda and together we can make it happen. By committing to restoring, enhancing and protecting these habitats, world leaders can make a vital intervention in the fight against climate change.

Together we'll build a voice too powerful to ignore.

With best wishes

Kate

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Subject: Wildlife corridors

I am writing after reading the details of your local plan.
I find your idea of 3 “corridors” inadequate. A corridor should link wildlife areas so that vulnerable animals, insects etc. can travel between actual green areas (like Watermead Park) This year the variety and number of bees & butterflies visiting my lavender and Buddhlia has dropped dramatically. Many of the bees have died before collecting pollen. Please would you make more corridors (such as on grass verges) as monoculture in the countryside ,as well the prevalence of development with hard standing areas , makes survival difficult for wildlife (such as hedgehogs). Leicester has decided to put gardens on roofs of bus stands. Could Charnwood do something similar? I am trying to do something similar on my shed roof.
Please retain all your green ideas. Remember that Nature is responsible for our health & well-being so we must support its survival for the earths sake. Flooding is an example of where developers have tried to ignore Nature & built on flood plains. Please avoid such future development and retain meadowland while ensuring that those houses already built on flood plains get suitable avoidance strategies & compensation.
Yours sincerely
Janet Gillett

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