

# Impact of COVID-19 on biodiversity in Perth and Kinross Survey Information Sheet

**Please adhere to all COVID-19 restrictions and guidance and stay safe at all times.**

This survey aims to ascertain if there is a difference in biodiversity in areas of grass usually cut by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) that are no longer being cut because of COVID-19 in comparison to grass which has continued to be cut.

## Where to Survey

Select an area maintained by PKC (adhering to all COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and guidance). The area should contain an area of grass normally cut by PKC that has been left uncut due to COVID-19. Your area should be larger than 1m<sup>2</sup> in total.

## How to Survey

Use the area of grass normally cut by PKC that has been left uncut due to COVID-19 to fill in the yellow section for an area 1m<sup>2</sup>. Then select an area that has continued to be cut as usual during lockdown and use it to fill in the green section again for an area 1m<sup>2</sup> in size. A 4m long piece of rope can be arranged in a square to help guide you into a 1m<sup>2</sup> shape or standard garden canes are usually 1m long. Submit at least two photos for each survey sheet: one close-up and one in context to be able to find the area in future. If no area of normally cut grass is present, please leave the green section blank.

**When to Survey** – during daylight hours between 7am-6pm in dry weather conditions.

## How to Send Data

Email a scan or photo of the survey sheet and at least two photos to [JoannaDick@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:JoannaDick@pkc.gov.uk) Cutting and pasting the photos onto a word document and saving as a PDF will allow you to send more photos without reaching an email size limit. If you experience any issues please let us know.

## How Data will be Used

Results will be used to inform future management to enhance biodiversity across Perth and Kinross.

## Unsure What You Have Found

There are lots of resources available online to help you identify wildflowers such as [Plantlife](#) and the [Wildlife Trusts](#). [Butterfly Conservation](#), the [Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#), [Buglife](#) and [OPAL](#) all have excellent resources to help identify species as well as the iSpot app. If you find a plant or insect which you think could be rare, or you are not sure of the identification, please send photos to [JoannaDick@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:JoannaDick@pkc.gov.uk)

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Thank you for your help!