

Pardon the Weeds Campaign

The East Suffolk Council’s annual scheme to promote biodiversity and cultivate the district’s wildlife population is set to return for a third year in 2023.

Launched in 2020 as part of East Suffolk Council’s commitment to the protecting the environment, the ‘Pardon the Weeds, We’re Feeding the Bees’ campaign allows green spaces to grow and thrive with wildlife.

The reduced mowing programme aims to improve habitat for a variety of flora, fauna, animals and insects, including our crucial bee population, by letting grass and flowers grow wild.

Each designated site is marked with a bright yellow sign, asking passers-by to ‘Pardon the Weeds, We’re Feeding the Bees’, making residents and visitors aware of the scheme.

Areas are selected based on being large enough to provide an environmental benefit without presenting any safety issues for local communities.

Town and parish councils, supported by grounds and maintenance partners from East Suffolk Norse, monitor the areas to remove litter and control any invasive plant species.

Cllr James Mallinder, East Suffolk’s cabinet member for the Environment, the champion of the campaigns notes that pollinating insects have been in decline for decades due to habitat loss.

“It makes complete sense for us to create wildlife-friendly areas, rich in nectar, by mowing selected areas less frequently and allowing these potentially abundant grasslands to grow, where possible. Another obvious benefit is the chance to increase the amount of carbon captured by our green spaces.

This isn’t about cutting costs or just leaving areas unkempt. This is a carefully managed programme, motivated by our commitment to protect and enhance the environment.”

The full list of sites is as follows:

Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh/The triangle A1094	Highway
Beccles	Rigbourne Hill	Highway
Beccles	Beccles St Michaels	Churchyard
Beccles	Cemetery	Cemetery
Beccles	Derby Road - Open Space	Open Spaces
Beccles	High Leas Close	Open Space
Beccles	Kilbrack Open Space	Open Space
Beccles	Puddingmoor Slopes	Open Space
Beccles	Rigbourne Hill Open Spaces	Open Space
Beccles	St Marys Paddock - Open Space	Open Space
Beccles	The Dell	Open Space
Benhall	St Marys Benhall	Churchyard
Bungay	Annis Hill Banks	Highway

Bungay	Beccles Road	Highway
Bungay	Cemetery	Cemetery
Bungay	Elizabeth Bonhote Close	Open Space
Bungay	Mayfair Road Open Space	Highway
Bungay	Old Cemetery	Churchyard
Bungay	St. Mary's Churchyard	Churchyard
Bungay	Trinity Churchyard	Churchyard
Bungay	Waveney Drive Open Space/Waveney Road	Open Space
Bungay	Wherry Road Open Space	Open Space
Carlton Colville	Bloodmoor Lane - Open Space	Open Spaces
Carlton Colville	Lucerne Close - Open Space	Open Spaces
Carlton Colville	Wheatfield Rd/Thistledown	Open Spaces
Easton	All Saints Easton	Churchyard
Felixstowe	Brandon Road Open Space	Open Space
Felixstowe	Candlet Road	Highway
Felixstowe	Clifflands Carpark	Open Space
Felixstowe	Garrison Lane A154	Highway
Felixstowe	Grange Farm Avenue Open Space	Open Space
Felixstowe	Grove Road A154	Highway
Felixstowe	Langer Park	Open Spaces
Felixstowe	Martello Park	Open Spaces
Felixstowe	Phillip Avenue Felixstowe Paddocks	Open Space
Felixstowe	The Pines P.O.S.	Open Spaces
Felixstowe	Wesel Ave P.O.S.	Open Spaces
Framlingham	Castle Brook open space Framlingham	Open Space
Halesworth	Allington Road Open Space	Open Space
Halesworth	Bramfield Road - Playing Field - Open Space	Open Spaces
Halesworth	Chichester Rd/Park Rd	Highway
Halesworth	Chichester Road Open Space	Open Space
Halesworth	Halesworth Cemetery	Cemetery
Halesworth	Jermyn Way Open Space	Open Space
Halesworth	Old Station Road East - Open Space	Open Space
Halesworth	St. Mary's	Churchyard
Hollesley	Hollesley Recreation Ground	Open Spaces
Hollesley	Shephard & Dog / Parson Hill	Highway
Homersfield	Flixton Road Triangle	Highway
Huntingsfield	St Marys Churchyard	Churchyard 3 rd party
Kesgrave	All Saints Kesgrave	Churchyard
Kesgrave	Grange Farm Pergola Gardens	Open Space
Kesgrave	Grange Farm Ropes drive underpasses	Open Space
Kesgrave	Grange Farm Through Jollys Open Space	Open Space

Kesgrave Grange Farm	Ashdale Green	Open Spaces
Kesgrave Grange Farm	Jollys Pightle P.O.S.	Open Spaces
Kesgrave Grange Farm	Oak's Meadow	Open Spaces
Kessingland	Beaconsfield Road/Field Lane	Highway
Kessingland	Heritage Green - Open Space	Open Spaces
Kessingland	Lloyds Avenue/Church Road	Highway
Leiston	St Margaret's	Churchyard
Lowestoft	Aveling Way Open Space	Open Space
Lowestoft	Blackheath Road - Open Space	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Bloodmoor Hill - Open Space	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Bloodmoor Road	Highway
Lowestoft	Bloodmoor Road - Open Space	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Bloodmoor Roundabout (bottom)	Highway
Lowestoft	Bonds Meadow - Open Space	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Cambrian Crescent - Playground	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Camps Heath - Play Area	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Castleton Avenue Footpaths	Highway
Lowestoft	Churchill Close	Highway
Lowestoft	College Meadows	Open Space
Lowestoft	Dale's footpath	Open Space
Lowestoft	Dorley Dale Open Space	Open Space
Lowestoft	Gainsborough Drive	Open Spaces
Lowestoft	Kirkley Cemetery	Cemetery
Lowestoft	Lowestoft Cemetery	Cemetery
Lowestoft	Millennium Way	Highway
Lowestoft	Normanston Drive/ Peto Way Roundabout	Highway
Lowestoft	Peto Way	Highway
Lowestoft	South Cliffs	Open Space
Lowestoft	St Margaret's	Churchyard
Lowestoft	St Peter and St John's	Churchyard
Lowestoft	Stradbroke Road Open Space	Highway
Lowestoft	Westwood Avenue/Long Road	Highway
Lowestoft	Yarmouth Road	Highway
Martlesham	Junction of Felixstowe/Anson/Gloucester Rd	Highway
Martlesham	Mill Heath Entrance	Highway
Martlesham	Top Street	Highway
Melton	Bury Hill	Highway
Melton	St Andrew's Church Melton	Churchyard
Old Felixstowe	St Peter & St Paul's	Churchyard
Oulton	Lime Avenue Verge	Highway

Purdis Farm	Foxglove Crescent	Highway
Saxmundham	Abbots Grange	Open Spaces
Saxmundham	Abbots Grange/Warren Avenue	Open Space
Saxmundham	Rendham Road B1119	Highway
Saxmundham	St John The Baptist	Churchyard
Saxmundham/Kelsale	Main Road B1121 / Road Verge B1121 / Bridge Street B1121 / Rosemary Lane B1121	Highway
Soham	St Marys Earl Soham	Churchyard
Southwold	North Parade Open Space (Lady's Walk)	Open Spaces
Southwold	Southwold St Edmunds Church	Churchyard
Southwold	St. Edmunds Green Open Space	Open Spaces
Trimley St Mary	Faulkener's Way P.O.S.	Open Spaces
Trimley St Mary	Faulkener's Way P.O.S Footpath	Open Spaces
Trimley St. Martin	St Martin & St Mary Trimley St Martin	Churchyard
Ufford	B14138	Highway
Ufford	St Marys	Churchyard
Ufford	Yarmouth Road/ B1438	Highway
Walpole	St Mary's Walpole	Churchyard
Walton	St Mary's Walton	Churchyard
Wenhaston	St Peters Wenhaston	Churchyard
Wickham Market	All Saints	Churchyard
Woodbridge	A12 from A1152 - B1438	Highway
Woodbridge	Cemetery	Cemetery
Woodbridge	Cobbold Road	Open Spaces
Woodbridge	Collett's Walk	Highway
Woodbridge	Collingwood Road Woodbridge	Highway
Woodbridge	Hillyfields	Highway
Woodbridge	Houchell's Meadow.	Open Spaces
Woodbridge	Lime Kiln Quay	Highway
Woodbridge	Model Yacht Pond	Open Spaces
Woodbridge	St Johns Woodbridge	Churchyard
Woodbridge	St Marys Woodbridge	Churchyard
Woodbridge	Through Duncans	Highway
Woodbridge	Portland Crescent	Highway
Woodbridge (Melton)	Bredfield Road from A1152 to Warwick Avenue	Highway
Worlingham	All Saints - Open Space	Open Spaces
Worlingham	Cedar Drive - Open Space	Open Spaces
Worlingham	Pepys Avenue	Open Space
Worlingham	Werels Lock - Open Space	Open Space
Wrentham	St Nicholas	Churchyard
Wrentham	Wrentham New Cemetery	Cemetery
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Yoxford	St Peter's Yoxford	Churchyard
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Town and parish councils are encouraged to contact East Suffolk Council to highlight any additional areas. Residents are asked to contact their town or parish council directly if they have any suggestions for new wild spaces.

A note on grass cutting within the Council's cemeteries

Most burials are within 'lawn sections' and in these areas, grass cutting takes place approximately every two weeks, between March and September.

To provide essential spaces for wildlife, some older and less frequently used areas will be left to grow for the benefit of conservation. These areas are cut in late summer at the end of the growing season.

For accessibility, the edges of main paths and routes to regularly visited areas will still be cut. If you regularly visit a grave in a conservation area and would like it cut back for access, please contact East Suffolk Norse.

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