

# *Old Glossop Residents Association*



## **BIODIVERSITY UPDATES MAY 2025**

### **Mowing Regimes**

High Peak Borough Council have agreed 'A New Approach to Mowing regimes across the High Peak' as part of their Parks Strategy - [Enhancing Biodiversity in our parks - High Peak Borough Council](#) - and Manor Park is included. This is a really positive step and one those involved in Friends of Manor Park wanted some time ago. We had hoped that High Peak Borough Council would include three grass verges in Old Glossop as part of this pilot, however at the moment this is limited to parks. We are continuing to work with the council so we are in a position to move this forward as soon as we can, and will update you on progress.

### **Bioblitz Recording Event, 10am – 2pm, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Ashwood Park Buxton**

The council is working with High Peak Biodiversity Network and will be holding Bioblitz recording events throughout the High Peak. These events will show residents how to establish and record baseline species in an area. This can then help with identifying how biodiversity is affected by any changes that are made, recording how species diversity changes over periods of time.

The Bioblitz event at Ashwood Park, Buxton, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June will now take place from 10am -2pm, starting from the Wetherspoons/Fairfield Road end. The aim of the visit is to take a leisurely but thorough look at all that nature has to offer in this edge of town park, recording flowers, birds, insects etc. There will be four specialist forays led by Steve Price (lichens), Helen Waterman (mosses and bryophytes), Jon Mortin (insects) and Sheila Stubbs (plants). You're welcome to bring along sweep nets, magnifying lenses and sample pots if you have them, but they're not essential. Parking available at Wye Street or Sylvan Road:

<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/871/Spring-Gardens-and-Wye-Street>;  
<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/872/Sylvan-Road-Buxton>

We are hoping to get an event in Glossop later in the year.

### **Swifts in Old Glossop**

Swifts have been sighted in Old Glossop and it's hoped they will breed here. Swift boxes have been put up around the village in readiness. Rebecca Bridges has written an excellent article on the 'swift work' which you can read on Page 4 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May edition of the Glossop Chronicle: [www.notreallyheremedia.com/news/glossop-chronicle/](http://www.notreallyheremedia.com/news/glossop-chronicle/)

### **Free email course - Learn How to Protect Our Pollinators**

Greenpeace are offering a free email course on how we can protect our pollinators. Creatures like bees, butterflies and bugs are vital to our food supply chain and keeping nature healthy – but they're under threat! Even though insects are small, they have a huge impact on our ecosystem and biodiversity. If you want to learn more about pollinators and how to help them, sign up for the email course here: [Be a Pollinator Protector](#)