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PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE USE

LYDNEY'S WILDFLOWERS ARE BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!

The Town Council has received lots of compliments about our Wildflowers project, originally launched a few years ago and enthusiastically taken up again last year as soon as the Covid restrictions allowed.

The 'Gateway' entrances to Lydney and many other places in the town are now bursting with colour with our wildflower beds, creating an environmentally friendly habitat for natural wildlife; especially bees and butterflies.

James Young, Head Gardener, told the Town Council's Amenities Committee,

"We have had many kind and positive comments from the local public and visitors to the area who were so appreciative and pleased with the beautiful work and wanted to thank the Council for the joy it brings them in their lives, especially during the hard year everyone has endured with Covid."

"We have expanded and improved the wildflower areas; not only at the entrances to the town but also Primrose Hill, the Lake and Bathurst Park. We have moved away from annual seed mixtures, which tend to be expensive to more perennial mixtures that can grow each year, and give better value for money. We are also making areas of meadow grass, like at Primrose Hill, which need time to develop. We bought more seed this year to help establish these areas. We could look to expand these areas because they have been such a success and cut down on the contract of cutting grass especially on the entrances."

Our Grounds Team is hard-working and passionate about helping the environment and minimising our impact on it. We do this in many ways: areas identified as wildflower/ meadow areas and habitats are now left between cuts for longer where possible; we are cutting down massively on how much Glyphosate weed killer we use and we hope to reduce its use to zero as soon as other green products come available; we are also looking at introducing 'greener' machinery when older, inefficient machinery reaches the end of its life; and we are cutting down on how much water we use by buying flower tubs with water reservoirs, allowing us to water flowers once a week rather than two or three times when the weather is hot.

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Photos supplied: Wildflower locations around Lydney

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