

## HUW'S MUSE: Leave the grass verges alone!

There is now a huge ground swell of opinion throughout the country that would like some of our grass area's left uncut for the benefit of our local wild flowers and wildlife.



For many years now it has been accepted that we mow 'low and regular' with no thought for the natural flora and fauna that would benefit from longer vegetation.

Our tendency for this thinking is borne out of an era where we tried to emulate the great gardens of the parks and stately homes that surrounded us. It goes without saying that, in the correct place, a well manicured lawn is a thing of beauty, but do all our areas have to be managed this way?



The conservation areas must obviously be carefully selected so as not to cause problems for the local population, but I'm sure you'll agree from the photo's that in the right place they can look lovely.

No matter what size a garden there can always be a patch that can be left for our nature neighbours? Try it, you'll be surprised what new plants can develop and the wildlife that will use the area.

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