

## Looking after your green spaces





## **Grass cutting**

We've changed the way we're cutting the grass in the areas around your home to be more sustainable.

We are trimming the grass in the same way as before, but rather than taking the clippings away to be disposed of, we leave them to decompose into the ground.

We know this can look untidy for a few days. particularly early on in the year, but the waste generally disappears quickly back into the soil. This leads to healthier, nourished soil and grass in the long term.

We are also reducing energy use and carbon emissions through not having to transport the clippings.











## Wildflower meadows

In some places we are replacing traditional lawns with more sustainable wildflower meadows.

These provide a home for bees and other insects and absorb more carbon dioxide than traditional lawns. They also require less maintenance which also reduces our carbon footprint and help to filter out pollutants from the atmosphere.

We have sowed 13,000 square metres of wildflowers, 6,245 shrubs, 500 hedging yews and 69 trees since 2020. These will absorb roughly four tonnes of CO2 per year!





## Questions

We understand that these changes mean that you no longer have the same kind of tidy lawns you may have been used to. But we think that's a small price to pay for the benefits to the environment our new approaches deliver.