

Short-grass areas

The highest production of flowers and nectar sugar is on lawns cut once every four weeks. This gives small plants like daisies, selfheal, white clover and bird's-foot-trefoil a chance to flower in profusion, which can boost nectar production tenfold. The occasional cutting actually stimulates more flowers to appear, while the short plants duck under the mower blades and carry on growing.

Short grass areas will also attract many insects, such as mining bees that create their burrows in the ground.



How often?	Cut once a month (every four weeks)	How?	With a lawnmower that collects grass clippings
When?	April to November	How high?	Between 2.5 and 5 cm (1-2 inches)

At Lindengate we will cut the paths weekly in this area but leave the central space to show off our longer grass which will be cut 4weekly, allowing the flowers to grow.

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Long-grass areas

Longer grass left unmown from spring to autumn is home to a wider range of flowers, with tall plants like oxeye daisy, field scabious, red clover, knapweed and even orchids. These increase the range of nectar sources for different pollinators and extends nectar production well into autumn.

Long grass also provides valuable feeding material, shelter and nesting sites for many invertebrates.

How often?	Twice a year	How?	First cut with a scythe, sheers or a strimmer (check for wildlife first!)
When?	In September and again before Christmas		Second cut with a lawnmower that collects the clippings that collects grass clippings
		How high?	Between 5 and 10 cm (2-4 inches)

At Lindengate we will cut the paths around our Long Grass areas, as the season progresses it might look quite wild but the value to nature and our pollinators is amazing.

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