

August on the Pinog

As the 'season' is gradually be coming to a close and to coincide with our 'Village in Bloom competition', We just thought we would share a couple of photos taken this week at the Pinog. The Pinog is one area included in the Community Councils Biodiversity Project.



The purple flower in the photo with a very “obliging” bee is Knapweed, this is currently making a great show across the whole of the Wildflower Bank, alongside the yellow flowering Bird's-Foot Trefoil. Many of the earlier flowering plants are now setting seed, so by the time the bank has it's early October cut these will be on the soil ready for next year's growing season. While I was there I also noticed numerous Gatekeeper butterflies flying on the bank, and all the plants in flower were covered in bees and numerous

pollinating insects.

On the wildflower Triangle, near the stream, the Meadowsweet is now slowly finishing but has once again expanded across the area, since the bulk of the creeping thistle was pulled last year and which was slowly taking over the area and becoming an unwanted invasive.



One other notable success this year indicating that the pilot is achieving what we hoped for, is not so obvious, but a clear sign that the project is having a positive impact. This involves the spread of the Sea Asters (in flower now) and Scurvy Grass (not a grass) which flowered in March/April from the seaward side of the footpath to the area in front of the apple tree. This area constantly floods so only very specialised plants can survive due to the salty

water. This year both these plants have taken hold and whilst it's still early stages hopefully will spread further. There are also some interesting rushes and grasses appearing which we haven't noticed previously (any Grass and Rush ID experts out there?).

Further along the Pinog near the slipway the 'mound' has seen a good show of various wild plants throughout the summer. This area had previously been overrun by a tangle of dead and weak brambles. These brambles have also benefited from the change in cuts and they have been in flower for weeks, great for the pollinators and now with Blackberries ripening great for the Children and Birds.