



# National Plant Monitoring Scheme

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AMONG THE WILDFLOWERS

## NPMS 10th Anniversary Activity Pack



NPMS turns 10 years old in 2025, and we are looking to celebrate with all our volunteers and supporters. This summer and autumn, we would like to encourage you to join in with our celebrations and help spread the word about the achievements we've made, thank local volunteers, or even recruit more to plant monitoring.

This pack provides ideas for fun activities, local engagement, along with resources to help us to share the celebration.

***Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!***



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## Get involved!

### Survey selfie

Take a selfie while out in the field conducting your survey. Share your Survey Selfie on social media with [#NPMSsurveyselfie](#)

– We would love to see you all out on your plots!



### Join a training event

Join any of our in-field or online events throughout the year. All opportunities are free to registered NPMS volunteers and can be found on our [Training resources and events](#) page. More added through the year. Book to join!



### Volunteer video

Can you share a short video of your plot or of yourself in the field? Either under [#NPMSsurveyselfie](#) or email [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk)

We're hoping to be able to show off your brilliant stories at our celebrations!



### Share your square

Consider writing a short piece on your square and survey experience, with accompanying photos, for our upcoming newsletters through 2025. Please send these to [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk)



### Make your own plot poster

Display your own poster and NPMS story during our NPMS anniversary celebration events this autumn. Flex your creative muscles, think of your NPMS experience and see details overleaf for guidance on preparing a poster.



### Window poster

We have included a print-out window poster within this pack. Spread the word and celebrate your contribution to the scheme by putting the poster up in your window, or in your local community space!





### Plot poster

Make your own Plot Portrait poster for display at our autumn anniversary celebration events!

We are looking forward to sharing your volunteer experiences, observations and highlights at our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in either London or Northern Ireland. Posters will be on display in the breakout area, to view between sessions and over lunch.



We are happy to provide templates and support, to enable you to show off your plot, your passion and skills to other volunteers.

Whether you are new to the scheme or have been with us since the start, share your experience with conservation managers, policy experts, and charity leads!

Submit your poster by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Poster Guidance:

**Content:** Whether you'd like to share how your square has changed over time or a particular highlight, just make it personal to your own experience and be sure to include images.

**Template and size:** All posters should be A0, Portrait format (841 mm wide by 1189 mm tall). Text should be at least 28pt, using simple fonts like Arial, Helvetica, or Verdana.

**File type:** For best printing results, save your poster as either a PDF or Jpeg file.



**Email your Jpeg or let us know you're bringing your poster by 30<sup>th</sup> September**





**Plant Walk** – Leading a local guided walk in a nature reserve or on an existing plot, especially exciting if the plot includes rare or easily identifiable plants.

**Setting up a Square** – Reaching out to local community groups (gardening groups, community groups, walking groups) and offering to walk them through setting up a locally available survey square could be a brilliant introduction to the scheme.

**Nature Reserve visit** – Why not pay a visit to a local nature reserve and take along friends and family to highlight local plant life and the benefits of engaging in biodiversity monitoring and conservation. As well as a lovely day out, this could be a great chance to talk about your own monitoring experience and what the NPMS looks to achieve.

**NPMS Talks** – Arranging a talk to a community or interest group about the scheme and the achievements of volunteers could be a great draw for anyone interested in plants or nature conservation. This could either be given by you locally, or we are more than happy to provide an online talk.

**Are you a member of a local monitoring or conservation group?**

**Perhaps you're a member of a community group with survey squares available near you?**

Please contact [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk) if you believe your group may be interested in hearing more about the scheme and opportunities near them.

Whether an online talk, a newsletter piece or any other ideas you may have to bring awareness of the scheme to new people. We have provided a number of these with real success and would be happy to help.



If you're considering organising an event, please reach out us at [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk). We can help with planning and facilitation.

**Talks** – If you'd like to arrange a talk, please reach out. We can help you plan, and we can provide online talks for your event or community groups.

**Talk posters** – If you are planning to host an NPMS talk, templates are provided as PDFs on our resources page; which you can then print out and add your specific joining details.

If you're planning to make your own posters, please include the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo provided on our resources page, and if possible, upload any images to social media using the hashtag #NPMS10.

**Social Media** – We will be using the hashtag **#NPMS10** for all social media posts relating to the anniversary and encourage you to do the same as you share your images and stories from out in the field. We have also created a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo, which can be downloaded from our resources and included on any communications about the scheme.

### Plot portrait Poster

Poster guidance notes, along with an example template poster has been provided within the anniversary resources on the webpage. If you require another Format or have any questions, please contact [support@npms.org.uk](mailto:support@npms.org.uk)

**Resource downloads** – All templates and guides can be downloaded from our resources page [HERE](#)





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our habitats!



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