POLICY

Ban on the use of Pesticides

Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council prohibits the use of pesticides on the land it manages and owns.

All Parish sub-contractors will abide formally by this ban.

Recent research <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03787-7> indicates that the impact of pesticides on bees and other beneficial insects has been underestimated, and that further declines to those[[1]](#footnote-1) already documented scientifically will occur. Furthermore, there is no need to spray poisons on our land for cosmetic purposes, particularly if they may affect human health[[2]](#footnote-2). This policy supports the Parish Council’s declaration on emergency climate action and nature recovery.

The Parish Council encourages all private landowners, gardeners and those working in and with the landscape to ban, or at the very least, in line with central Government statements, seek alternatives to the use of pesticides.

NOTE 1Definition: (From Wikipedia) The term pesticide includes all of the following: [herbicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbicide)s, [insecticides](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insecticide) (which may include [insect growth regulators](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insect_growth_regulator),  [nematicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nematicide), [molluscicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Molluscicide), [piscicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piscicide), [avicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avicide), [rodenticide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodenticide), [bactericide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bactericide), [insect repellent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insect_repellent), [animal repellent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_repellent), [antimicrobial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antimicrobial), [fungicide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fungicide),[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticide#cite_note-2) and [lampricide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lampricide).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticide#cite_note-Dunlop-et-al-2018-3) The most common of these are herbicides which account for approximately 80% of all pesticide use.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticide#cite_note-4) Most pesticides are intended to serve as plant protection products (also known as crop protection products), which in general, protect plants from [weeds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weed), fungi, or [insects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insect). Along with these benefits, pesticides also have drawbacks, such as [potential toxicity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticide_poisoning) to humans and other species.

NOTE 2 Action: There is a petition launched by Professor Dave Goulson on the government website <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/590309>

1. https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.pan-uk.org/key-issues/ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)