**‘Adopt a Patch’ Registration Form**

A Message from the HSE: To protect yourself and others from coronavirus (COVID-19), think about how the virus is spread.

Coronavirus is spread in sneeze or cough droplets. To infect you, it has to get from an infected person's nose or mouth into your eyes, nose or mouth. This can be direct or indirect (on hands, objects, surfaces).

Keep this in mind. It will help you remember all the things you need to do to protect yourself and others from the virus.

# Be responsible, be safe

[Proper hand washing, respiratory hygiene](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html#hand-washing) and [social distancing](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html#social-distancing) are more important than ever.

**Further information on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 is available at** [**https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html)

Fingal County Council provides materials for communities or individuals to help keep areas litter-free.

We are asking that habitats are left intact – please do not clear away ivy, brambles, undergrowth or ‘weeds’ - these are our native pollen-rich wild plants and our species depend on these to survive.

Biodiversity is in crisis and we have a role to play in their survival. You can enhance the area without clearing away these wild plants. Please do not spray weed killer containing glycol-sulphate weed killer on verges or wild flowers as pesticides persist in the environment for some time.

Please complete this form and email it as an attachment to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

Adopt a Patch Individual or Group Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area/ location to be maintained: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following materials may be available (depending on stock) to Adopt a Patch participants. If you need any of the material please indicate here.

* Hi-vis vests
* Litter pickers
* Bags
* Gloves
* Paint

**In your ‘Adopt a Patch’ please retain any existing habitats such as ivy and wild flowers for use by pollinating insects.**

**Important actions include the following: -**

1. **Less mowing**
2. **Less Spraying** of weedkiller/ pesticides/ herbicides. (Pollinator friendly vinegar or garlic based solutions are available online and in shops).
3. **Plant more pollen-rich flowers** – as recommended by the National Biodiversity Data Centre: One-page leaflet on pollen-rich flowers to plant. <http://pollinators.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/AIPP-Garden-Plants_A5-Flyer-PRINT.pdf>

Visit [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie) for more details

You could take before and after photos of your area… and **Thank you** for making this positive contribution to your community.