



Worth Park Eco News

Putting the Environment First

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Worth Park Goes Pesticide Free

Since the beginning of April 2019, Worth Park no longer uses pesticides to control pests and diseases.

This is better for the environment and the well-being of the local community.



Global News

Safe for Pollinators?

Urbanization contributes to habitat loss. This trend is expected to accelerate in coming decades. Previous studies have consistently found a reduced abundance of safe food caused by lower plant diversity within in our towns and cities. Where there is food, it has more likely been contaminated by car pollution, toxins and pesticides.

Air pollution, for example, can destroy the aroma of many flowering plants, impairing the ability of pollinators to locate them.



Perfect for Pollinators

If you want to attract pollinators to your garden then why not choose Echinops, commonly known as Globe thistles or Hedgehog thistles due to their shape and appearance.

Echinops are perfect for any herbaceous border planting scheme that contains other pollinator friendly plants, they also go well with perennial grasses such as Miscanthus and Stipa.

Typically plants can grow to about 90cm and require little maintenance apart from dead heading if you want to encourage a second bloom.

(Cut down to ground level from mid-autumn)

Propagation is done by division in autumn or spring. Remember that these plants can self-seed freely.

There are many variety's to choose from:
'Veitch's Blue'- tight globes of deep blue flowers.
'Taplow Blue'- very intense blue flowers.
'Arctic Glow'- beautiful white flower heads.