

Spring from home

Bringing the park to you. A self-led activity resource.

This pack contains some activities and ideas to help you enjoy your local park from a distance and connect with nature from home.

Here are some images from our parks, looking lovely in the spring. What is your favourite spring flower and why?



What thoughts, memories or emotions do these photos conjure up?



Here is a spring poem 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. You might have heard it before.

I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

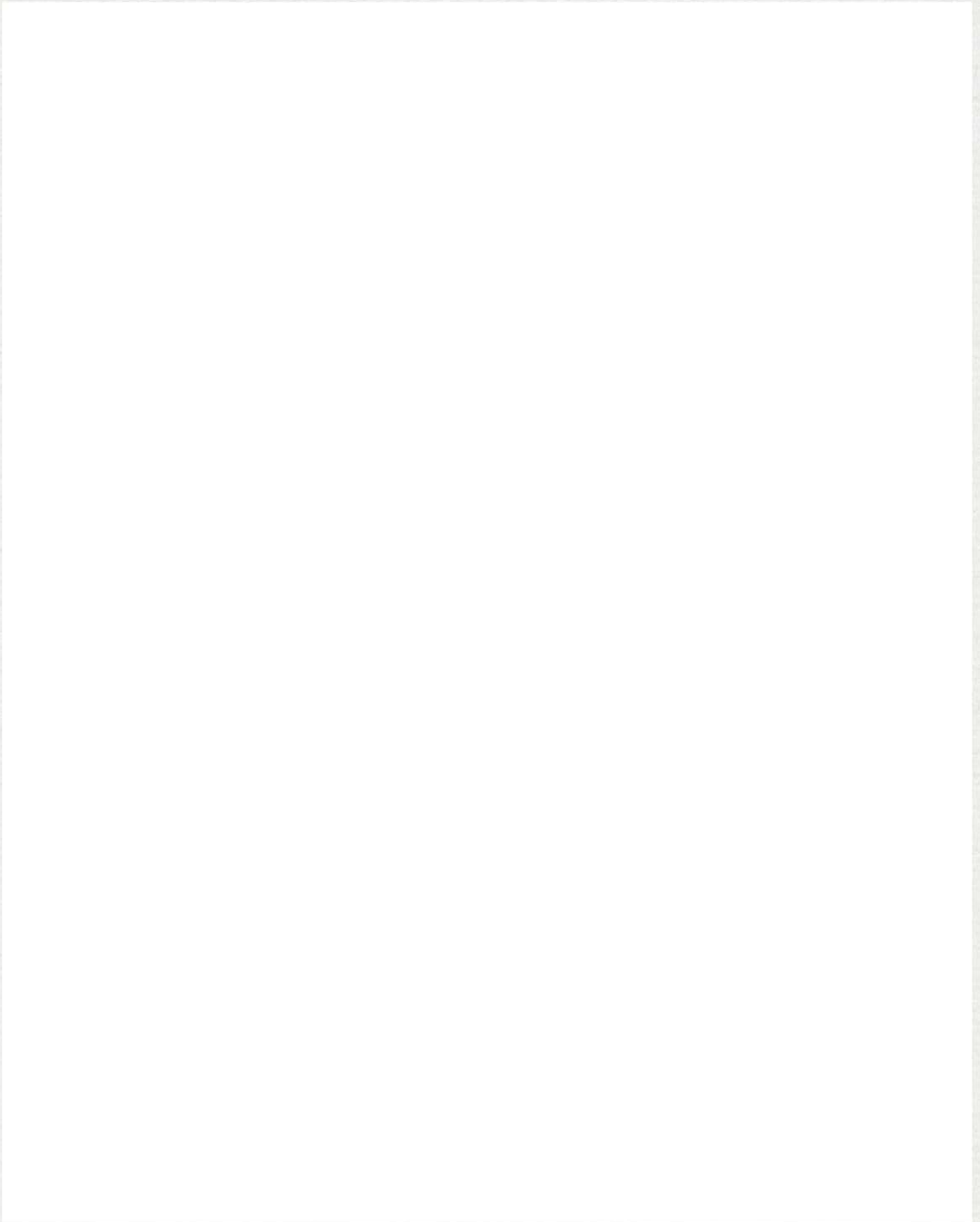
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: -
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company! I gazed - and gazed - but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.



Use this blank page to draw a picture of the scene you imagine when you read the poem. Or you could have a go of writing your own poem about a spring flower.



Here is some information about spring plants. Read through it and make fact cards to summarise what you've read. You could cut them out to keep afterwards.

1. Daffodils

The bright yellow daffodils in our parks and gardens have the Latin genus name of *Narcissus*. Sometimes daffodils are called 'Lent Lillies'. There are at least 25 different species of daffodils and 13,000 hybrid varieties. Daffodils grow from a bulb and are one of the first signs of spring. They're also the national flower of Wales and the flower of the 10th wedding anniversary.

Plant name:

Latin name:

Where does it grow?

How many different types?

Fun facts:

2. Crocuses

Crocuses (Latin name also *Crocus*) belong to the iris family. Their colour depends on their species, but they can be yellow, mauve, white or lilac. The flowers are pollinated by various types of insects, such as bees, moths and beetles.

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Latin name:

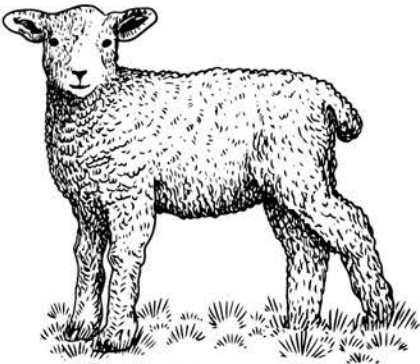
Colours:

How is it pollinated?



Match the spring animal to the fact!
You could cut out the cards or draw a line to connect them. For answers see the back page.

This animal has a varied diet of berries, worms, spiders and small mammals.



This animal has rectangular pupils.



This animal can rotate its head 270 degrees.



This animal tastes with its feet.

Follow the instructions to make a May flower garland.

You will need:

Set of flowers

Set of leaves

Glue

Yellow pen or crayon

Black pen

String



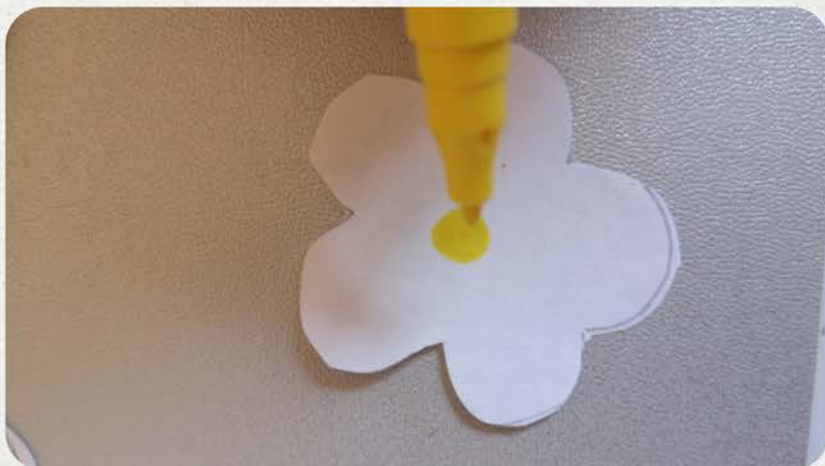
Step 1.

Glue 2 leaves onto one of the paper flowers.



Step 2.

Place the string across the flower



Step 3.

Make a small yellow circle in the centre of the next flower and add small black dots.



Step 4. Glue this flower on top of the previous flower to sandwich the string.

Step 5.

Repeat along the string until you have used up all the flowers. Try adding some flowers without leaves for variety. If you make it long enough you could tie the ends of the string together and wear it as a crown!

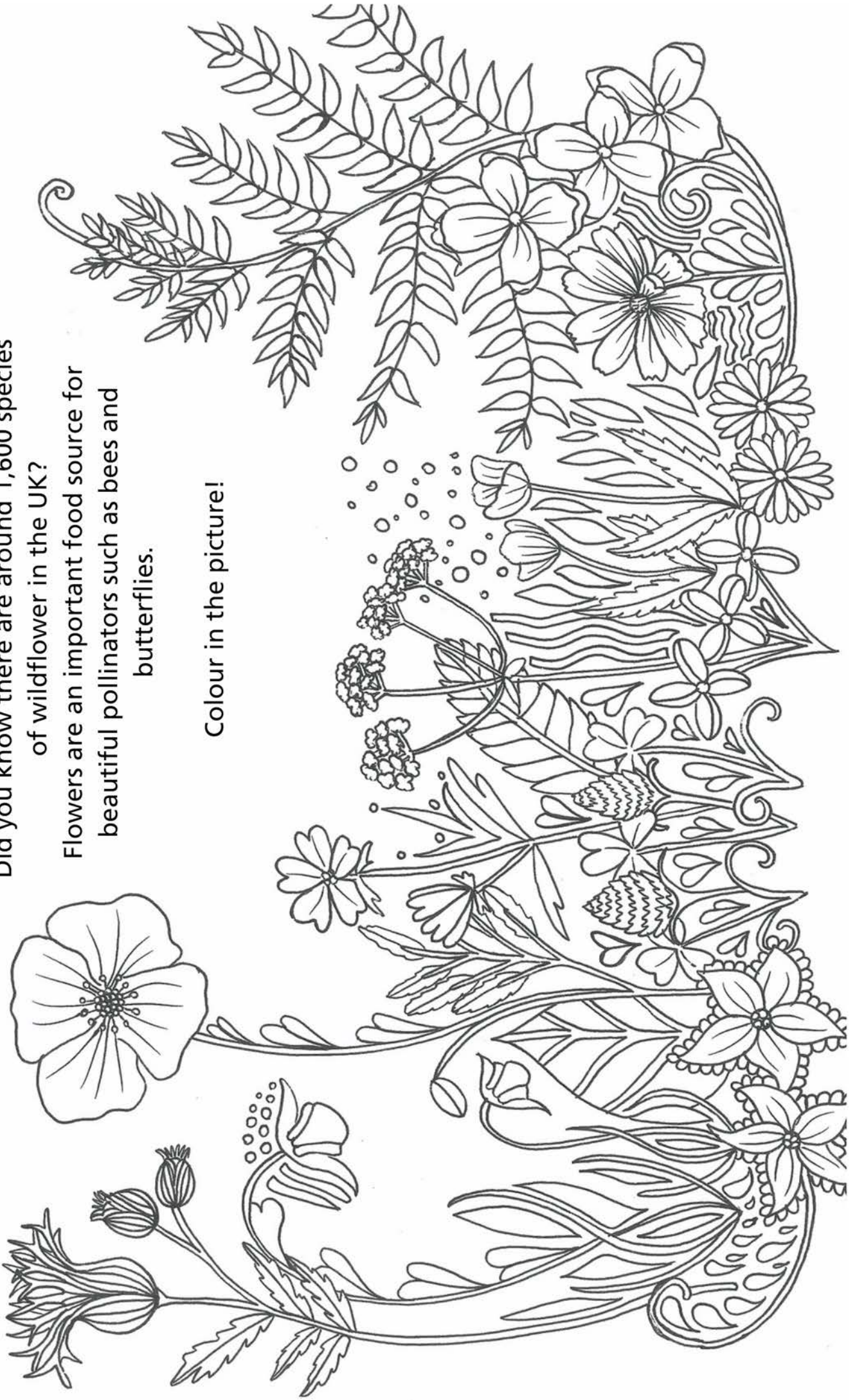


We'd love to see your finished garlands. You can share your pictures with us on social media @TheParksTrust or email us a photo to glmp@theparkstrust.com

Did you know there are around 1,600 species
of wildflower in the UK?

Flowers are an important food source for
beautiful pollinators such as bees and
butterflies.

Colour in the picture!



Answers to animal flash cards activity.

1. Lamb - This animal has rectangular pupils.
2. Butterfly - This animal tastes with its feet.
3. Owl - This animal can rotate its head 270 degrees.
4. Fox - This animal has a varied diet of berries, worms, spiders and small mammals.