

## CATEGORY 3: URBAN GARDENING – CREATIVE GARDENING IN THE CITY



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The project „Münden blüht und summt“ („Münden is blossoming and humming“) was launched in 2015 as a voluntary citizens' initiative in close co-operation with the Municipality of Hann. Münden and the Municipal Utilities. Even the smallest flowering spots were intended to give the timber-frame city a new face. The purpose is not only to enthuse citizens for „Grün in der Stadt“ („Green in the City“), but also the plants should be of value for insects. Every flowering place starts with the application by an interested house owner of the city. Wherever the flowering place is „officially approved“, the pavement is opened and the sand lying beneath is replaced with soil. Subsequently, the plantings can start, taking into consideration the location and insect friendliness. The regular care of a flower location plays a decisive role for the acceptance by inhabitants and people passing by. Waste must be disposed, plants watered and kept in shape. Plant care takes place by taking into account ecological aspects without any chemical fertilisers or pesticides. After some initial scepticism, the number of official flowering places has meanwhile increased from originally 12 to 65 today. In 2019, the group even went one step further with the project called “XL-Blüte” (“XL Blossom”): Neglected flower beds are handed over by the Municipality to citizens, who plant and care for them. Furthermore, the municipal services themselves have started to turn parts of public institutions into blossoming meadows.

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