

CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEERS

October 2025



Hello, we would like to update you this month on the Wild Flower Meadow project that we have launched on the east side of the churchyard.

Wild Flower meadows have importance to our eco-system. Their main role is to provide bees, butterflies and other pollinators with a source of food throughout the seasons, but they are also brilliant nesting grounds for birds. The meadow can also act as a welcome invitation for biodiversity to blossom within our urban environment, as well as give the people of our community a colourful reason to get outside and enjoy the natural world.

The meadow will be established with 28 wonderful native species of wildflowers, and a spray of spring bulbs to ensure colour through the spring and summer seasons.

A wildflower meadow takes time to establish and a full display of flowers wouldn't be expected until year 2, however, the cornfield annuals in the seeding mix along with the bulbs will give us some colour next spring... and hopefully look something like the computer generated image on the right!



Step 1 - During the first week of October, the volunteer group strimmed and mowed the long coarse grass that was established in the area, and raked away the cuttings.



Step 2 - During the second week of October, the volunteers managed to get their hands on some machinery to lightly rotavate and then scarify the area, ready for step 3... seeding and planting.



Step 3 - The final step for this autumn is to sow the wild seed and plant the bulbs.

Bulb planting is planned for our next Community Gardening day on Wed 5th November, so if you would like to lend a hand in the establishment of the Wild Flower Meadow please come along, we'd love to meet you.