

Proposed wildflower strip on Froyle recreation ground

Survey from Parish Plan in 2013 revealed that 161 residents would like a wildflower area.

1. Location of proposed area

Area, 5x20m rectangle with curved ends to aid grass mowing (area coloured in yellow below), northern edge of recreation ground with 5 m wide mown grass strip behind.

Soil samples examined, loamy soil neutral pH.

Details of seed mix and estimated cost, ensure native seed.

Spring/summer flowering with nursery annuals for first year.

eg Emorsgate Seeds, EM5-Meadow mixture £56/kg, EC1 Cornfield annuals 200g @ £16.

Benefit public, encourage bees and insects.

Community involvement, minimal cost to Parish Council.



2. Permission from Parish Council

Request agenda item at next meeting and present if required

Request PC pay for seed and volunteers will manage area for 5 years.

If agreement to proceed then ...

3. Implement the plan

Purchase seed.

Enlist volunteers.

Jul/Aug 2015 Information sign, corner markers.

Strip turf (machine if available or by hand), remove to stack nearby as 2 habitat piles.

Break up top 2" soil.

Leave bare 1-2 months, hoe regularly to remove weeds.

End Sept 2015 Cultivate seed bed, rake.

Beg Oct 2015 Sow seeds (+leave bare patch 2x2m to see natural germination).

Edging such as flush wooden boards or paving slabs would reduce invasive grasses but are not essential and are not in budget.

Spring 2016 Plant plugs if any, resow any bare patches.

Hand weed any docks, nettles, thistles etc.

June 2016 first annual flowers.
July 2016 cut, rake, remove.
Oct 2016 Mow

Spring/Summer 2017 first year of perennial flowering, will mature over several years.
Jul/Aug annual and cut, rake, remove.
Oct annual Mow.

4. Review

Jun 2016 Seek comments from PC, Maybe request to extend to double area.
Mar 2020 Ask Parish Council to decide whether to revert to regular short mowing or keep as wildflower strip..

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Sample images from Emorsgate
seeds.

First year only, cornfield annuals



Subsequent years perennial meadow mix

