

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	11 th May 2021
Report Title	Wildflower Watch
Agenda Reference	14
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Officer's Recommendation

There are no recommendations and to note only.

Background

The land opposite Catherine Wyatt school was planted with wildflower seeds in the Autumn. The seed mix contained 26 varieties of native British wildflower species. The full list is attached. According to the accompanying guide, there should be 10 types of wildflowers should be beginning to appear in May.

Previous Experience

One lesson learnt last year from the site at Hyssop; tree saplings; so, at the Catherine Wyatt site, if you see any saplings developing under the trees located there, let me and POST know, so they can be dealt with - we are aiming for wildflower meadow, not forest.

Wildflower Watch

A polite request for Councillors to keep an eye on the wildflower areas and report any sightings of the wildflowers so that the trial can be monitored closely, and awareness can be shared on social media. Please keep Councillors S McDermott, R Hailstone and the Head of Parks & Open Spaces.

The flowers to look for are shown in the accompanying guide:

- Wild Clary - picture 3
- Red Glover - picture 4
- Corn Cockle - picture 6
- Ox-eye Daisy - picture 8
- Meadow Cranesbil - picture 14
- Musk Mallow - picture 15
- Common Poppy - picture 16
- Ragged Robin - picture 17
- Kidney Vetch - picture 23
- Viper's Bugloss - picture 24

As you can see from the pictures and the table on the accompanying guide, it is hoped there should a continually changing display of flowers and seed heads through the year.