

Brompton Wildlife Area Update

Dear Villagers- summer is upon us and a variety of wildlife is springing into life in our rewilding area at Water End top green.

A year on from 'no routine grass cutting' native species are thriving and previously lost species reintroduced in the roped off areas are coming into flower.

Bear with us!!!- it's been a trial and error experiment- the turf was stripped in a couple of roped off areas to reduce the fertility of this naturally nutrient rich flood zone meadow.

Some species seed can lay dormant for up to 10 years!! This is long term project that we are investing time, money and interest for the sake of Brompton's long term environment to benefit wildlife and villagers alike.

A **Wonderful BLOOM** of **dandelions** has fed our bees in a dry spring, the buttercups are taking over that role and the hover flies are milling a plenty.

Some of the wildflower species recently spotted are:

Valerian, cuckoo flower, yellow rattle (fantastic for moths) pink clover, daisy family, catch flies, yarrow, bull thistle, corn cockle, salad burnett, poppies, plantains, numerous grass species to name but a few!

If you have any more species you have spotted please get in touch as a comprehensive list is being compiled by a local resident.

BROMPTON SCHOOL children and **Sylvan Lore** outdoor education specialist **David Simms** are getting involved in the wildlife area!

An exciting collaboration with input from David Simms to help develop species habitats over time from bug hotels to bat boxes, hedgehog houses to bird boxes- can our village rewilding area become a beacon project for other villages and schools?- we do hope so.

CAN YOU HELP? We need volunteers whatever age or ability-to spare a couple of hours a month to help with weeding and maintenance- **Brompton Wildlife Area Working Group**- meet new people, form new friendships, put something back into your village for generations to come If you would like to be involved please contact bromptonpc@aol.com in the or 07943142355. We look forward to meeting you!! Become a **BWAG!!!** **Excuse the weeds- we are feeding the bees**