

Water End Wildflower Planting and Bulb Sowing Day Saturday 30th October.

2021 saw the area provide a peaceful place for residents to wander, observe, sit and take time out during what has been a very stressful two year period in unprecedented times.

The Working Group volunteers received **many positive** comments about the area. However we do recognise that the Parish Council received a few repeated complaints and in order to address these a **New Management Plan** for the area has been put together. Through sharing this information it is hoped to provide you with information about future exciting collaborations and developments.

As a Council we wish to develop the diversity of land use within our village- providing something for everyone and every'thing! Brompton has in the past lacked any area designated specifically to allow wildlife to flourish. The top green area provided the perfect space adjoining countryside to begin rewilding & so works began in 2020.

Nature Boards

The recent addition of 2 **stunning** nature information boards provide a focal point of interest and information. Designed & specifically tailored by talented local nature artist Lorna Hazelwood and built by John Briggins (the reclaimed bricks donated by JT Atkinsons) these are the first of further planned information boards across the village.

WILDFLOWER & Bulb Planting Day 30th October (see noticeboards & website for further details)

WE really want to give a Big visual impact over the next few years & pull in the pollinators! Volunteer's of all ages will be busy on Sat 23rd Oct carrying out preparation tasks for planting & sowing **Sat 30th October** .

Turf will be stripped using a turf stripper (kindly donated by SHC Hire) This will be done in a series of swathes rather than the previous 'blocks' . The intention being to trial a range of professionally sourced wildflower seed mixes to see which fair the best on our flood plain soil.

WILDFLOWERS- 3 different seed mixes will be trialled this year

Bees & Butterflies Mix - to attract bees, butterflies and other insects- designed to provide maximum pollen & nectar and create beautiful swathes of meadow & wildlife habitat. Contains 24 species from the RHS "Perfect for Pollinators list. Annuals will provide colour in the first years and includes yellow rattle

A Dual Purpose Wildflower Mix-to create a diverse & colourful swathe of meadow with BOLD ANNUAL species for impact after sowing in the FIRST year then perennials to provide longevity flowering the second year.. 28 species including corncockle, poppy, self heal.

Restore & Enrich Mix- contains carefully selected UK native wildflower species. Choose this wildflower seed mix to restore biodiversity and improve habitat.

Wildflower Bulbs

Daffodils & snowdrops & bluebells will be introduced around the trees and along the roadside to produce a spring impact of colour.

Both bulb planting & seed sowing will be extended each year in Autumn & spring.

Future Collaborations

Northallerton College students are working on a series of Tree Identification Tags with interactive QR codes that will link to the Woodland Trust website. They are also working on flora & fauna labels from sustainable materials as the site develops,

Brompton School children & David Sims from Sylvan Lore are going to be using the site in the future for outdoor education visits & working on Habitat Creation projects such as bug hotels, hedgehog houses, log pile houses.

Watch out for an update in the D n S Times in November to thank Everyone Involved in the project and spread the word to other councils looking for some advice & inspiration in Rewilding a bit of their community.

Donations of native wildflower seeds, bulbs, plug plants, bird boxes hedgehog houses gratefully tool loans etc gratefully received.

Further information contact bromptonpc@aol.com

EVERYONE is welcome to come and help- many hands make light work- this is Your area- come and add to YOUR wildlife area- see posters for details

