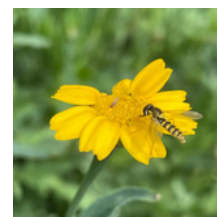
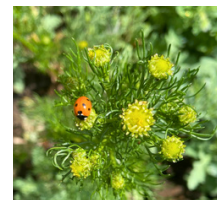


Meadows Newsletter

July / August 2025 ✦



Project Update

We have flowers on The Meadows! It has been a relief and a pleasure to see the wildflowers come up across the meadow area, looking beautiful. This is of course just the beginning and we have a long way to go. As we come towards the year anniversary of works beginning on site (we broke ground on the new paths in September 2024) it is worth a review of the successes and failures and the next steps for the project:

Successes:

After hard work through an incredibly wet autumn and winter (hard to believe now) the paths were completed and have now stabilised. The temporary fencing looks better than hoped and the signage is a celebration of local talent. The annual meadow seed (cornfield mix) has taken well, coming into bloom in early July.

Our volunteer team is growing and what a lovely bunch they are. So far they have: planted approx. 400 trees, cleared 4 tonne bulk bags of bindweed, kept the site clear of litter, begun the wood-chipping of the woodland path and begun clearing stone from the lawns.

Challenges:

The paths were delayed by the wet winter, but once the works were complete on 1 March the weather literally dried up overnight. This helped the paths to establish but had the opposite effect on the newly seeded areas. Unfortunately the perennial meadow seed mostly failed in the drought and the grass seed failed to come through on both lawns.

Next Steps:

The Town Council are working with Wildscapes, our contractor, to programme in the reseeded of the lawns and meadow to ensure we have a colourful show next year to match this year, with perennials forming a long-term role in fighting off the bindweed and nettle.

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or drop a note into the Town Hall.



Volunteers at work

Supplier Spotlight: TDP

In 2021, Wirksworth company TDP celebrated their 30th anniversary. First and foremost, they set out to be an ethical company that lives and works by a set of honest and sustainable values. Their outdoor furniture is made from recycled plastic waste, generated entirely from the United Kingdom (whilst it would be cheaper for them to obtain materials from abroad it wouldn't align with their sustainability objectives). TDP were recognised for their efforts in 2023 with the King's Award for Enterprise in the category of Sustainable Development.

TDP supplied the recycled plastic tops for the gabion benches on The Meadows, and is also the supplier of the other benches across the site. Long-term we plan to procure picnic benches from them too, once the lawn has developed.

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