

Project Status Report for the Parish Council  
Prepared by EDFRA ecocare group.

Project		Status	Red	Yellow	Green
Creation of wild flower strip		Overall status			Green ✓
Date	01/04/2021 -01/08/2021	Explanation			Strip in process of maturing
Contact	Lesley Durso				Supplementary planting
Prepared by	EDFRA ecocare group				may be needed
					Ongoing maintenance
					required

#### Key accomplishments

The strip has been prepared and seeded  
 Netting that was in place has now been removed and an unobtrusive boundary marker erected.  
 Weeding and removal of Blackthorn suckers completed.  
 An inventory of species present has been compiled.  
 Current summary of progress to date published via the Parish Magazine article.  
 This project brought together a group of local volunteers during a difficult time.

Next steps	Action plan	Subsequent action
Interpretation board required	Budget needed. Design and production needed.	Submit design and cost to PC /RA for poss funding.
Autumn hand cut to be carried out in October by volunteers	Identify and confirm availability of volunteers	
Possible supplementary planting.	Monitor after October cut	
Management of any invasion of blackthorn	Monitoring by group and address as required	
Continuation of inventory		
Monitoring to determine the best form of maintenance - adaptive management.		

#### Objectives

Completion of the strip that sees the creation of a wildlife corridor that extends from the top left hand corner of recreation ground along the top end of the field. Establishment of a biodiverse habitat that is both environmentally sound and aesthetically pleasing.  
 Monitoring records showing significant variety and number of nectar sources throughout the year leading to an increase in the number of bees and other insects present.

#### Longer term objectives

Education opportunities. Encouraging more residents to set aside wildflower patches in their gardens.  
 Working towards the introduction of wildlife corridors across the parish.