

Wildflower Planting at Stanlake Meadow – February 2017

A group of jolly enthusiasts comprising members of TATA, TRHA, Twyford Parish Council and local residents and their children prepared the ground in the designated wildflower area at Stanlake meadow at the beginning of February half term. It was tough work as the grassland was unyielding needing brute force in some places to clear the way to the soil underneath.



'Team Wildflower' returned later during the week to plant perennial and biennial wildflowers including:

- Agrimony - medium to tall with veined pinnate leaves and a spike of 5-petalled yellow flowers.
- Chicory – woody herbaceous plant of the dandelion family usually with bright blue flowers.
- Cowslip - part of the primrose family with yellow flowers.
- Gipsywort – grows up to 1m with tiny white flowers nestled in ruff-like swirls at the base of each leaf along the length of the stem.
- Greater Celandine – detoxifying herb with lobed pinnate leaves and yellow flowers growing 30-120cm high.
- Meadow Buttercup – widespread and common in meadows and pastures with golden yellow flowers.
- Oxeye Daisy – a delicate wildflower measuring 30-90cm in height. Composite flower heads are positioned singularly atop the terminal shoot and look typically daisy-like, having a yellow central disk surrounded by white petal-like rays.
- Pale St. John's Wort - flowering clusters at the tips of the stem and lateral branches. Bright yellow, star-like flowers with 5 narrowly elliptic petals and a fountain-like spray of yellow stamens.
- Red Clover – dark pink flowers loved by bumblebees!
- Teasel - architectural plants with spiny pinkish purple flower heads rising out of the prickly rosette of leaves.
- Wild Parsnip – grows up to 1.5m tall with yellowish green flowers forming umbrella-shaped clusters 10-20cm across.
- Yarrow – a modern herb with clusters of white, flat-topped flower heads.

