



## Update on grass verge alongside the bus shelter



Cheselbourne Parish Council has been awarded a grant from the Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund. The Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities across the region that have a positive impact on the local environment. The fund is part of the Wessex Water Foundation which provides dedicated funding for projects across the Wessex Water region every year. This grant is supporting the development of the verge alongside the bus shelter into a pollinator-friendly wildflower strip.

In October the invasive growth of brambles, nettles, cow parsley and the topsoil were removed using a digger and the waste taken away. The remaining ground was raked over and a Heritage Hedgerow and Woodland Edge 80% Grass Seed Wildflower Mix was sown. This is a mix of 80% Low Maintenance Grass Seed, Wood Avens, Hedge Bedstraw, Nettle-leaved Bellflower, Betony, Red Campion, Meadow Crane's-bill, Cowslip, Oxeye Daisy, Common Dandelion, Foxglove, Common Knapweed, Common Mallow, Great Mullein, Garlic Mustard, Common St John's Wort, Selfheal, Teasel, Hedge Woundwort, Yarrow and Rough Chervil. The area was covered with a protective layer of porous garden fleece, secured with pegs. A second sowing of grasses and flower seeds will be made in spring next year.

A mown grass strip about a metre in width has been left along the kerb side of the verge to allow parents and schoolchildren to get in and out of their cars. The development of a wild flower meadow like this is a three year project.

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