



Development of grass verge alongside the bus shelter



Cheselbourne Parish Council is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund via Dorset Community Foundation. 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 will support Cheselbourne Climate Action Group to develop the verge alongside the bus shelter into a pollinator-friendly wildflower strip.

This Autumn the invasive growth of brambles, nettles, cow parsley and the topsoil will be removed using a digger. This green waste will be taken away. The remaining ground will be raked over and a seed bed prepared. After this Heritage Hedgerow and Woodland Edge 80% Grass Seed Wildflower Mix will be 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 will be covered with a protective layer of 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 will be left along the kerb side of the verge to allow parents and schoolchildren to get in and out of their cars.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact cheselbournecag@gmail.com