

Rural Verges Consultation.

Email	Are you happy for Battle Town Council to pursue the above changes to the grass cutting of rural verges?		Do you feel this will support bio-diversity within the parish?		Are you a Battle Resident	Comment
	Yes	No	Yes	No		
Deleted for GDPR	✓		✓		✓	
	✓		✓		✓	What will be done to prevent any build up of discarded rubbish etc on these verges? In what other ways will the verges be managed? I have no problem otherwise. I would like to see other initiatives in support of biodiversity and lobbying of parliament to halt the re-introduction of neonicotinoids.
	✓		✓		✓	Please also consider when and how hedgerows and trees are cut back for the same reasons
	✓		✓		✓	I hope that many Battle residents will support this scheme as we urgently need to restore some wild places for insects and other wildlife to recover from the great losses of wild flora in our area.
	✓		✓		✓	Look at the success of the Willingford Lane, Burwash Weald Verge Restoration project carried out in 2019. The 2 mile lane has been listed as a wild flower lane, due to us stopping highways from cutting it more than once a year. now only done in October. Increased wild flowers, bees, butterflies, & glow worms and a reduction in accidents.
	✓		✓		✓	Where brambles are a distinct problem on wider highways are these going to be dealt with effectively ? Currently it is a neighbour that keeps this area 'clear' so that access to the defibrillator is not impeded? This area has not been tackled by the council in the 4 years I have lived here?

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Please stop cutting the verges early so that the wild flowers do not get a chance to develop

My name is michael wachter, I currently work at Great dixter. I have in the past given advise on roadside verge management to help boost biodiversity. I have worked with battle as well as crowhurst on their verges. If at any point you need some guidance or advise on management please let me know. I am happy to help. Michael

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Great idea will save monies and help grow wild flower verges as they used to be Great for wildlife

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As long as it does not get like the junction at the end of North tradee Road as visibility has been poor since long grass

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Could a map be published of proposed area affected
Strongly support any bio diversity initiative!

No it looks untidy , encourage more fly tipping from cars ... cost cutting

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Could BTC consider including some of the areas they manage to enlarge the area where we will have greater opportunities for wildlife.

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Is it possible to stop the use of herbicides etc especially along paved areas. Dandelions are a delight and are often used frequently by pollinators. Locally, we had foxgloves growing from cracks close by a wall in one of the Twittens. No more as a council employee came and blitzed them with chemicals. Also one of our verges was full of magnificent Oxeye Daisies about 3 years agothe following day they were mown down and have never reappeared. Practical common sense is what is need.

Please note that when pulling out of Virgin's Lane onto the A2100 there is reduced visibility if these verges are left, particularly regarding southbound traffic from Robertsbridge end up into Battle.

Please do not cut the verges any less - they look an absolute mess for the town and create no more biodiversity - in case you hadn't noticed Battle is surrounded by fields, woods and wild meadows anyway and we do not need the verges being overgrown with weeds. Where we live the tiny tarmac path down Whatlington Road frequently gets overgrown because you do not cut the grass - this is dangerous for us pedestrians and we cannot push a pushchair along when this happens and have to step out into the road sometimes - which is awful! So please cut the verges and keep Battle looking good as well as safe!

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				<p>This with some more wildflower planting would be great particularly on the main access routes into Battle. eg London Road/Virgins Lane area, the bank area by Watch Oak, the green on Battle Gates, Telham Lane junction. These could just be small strips with some mown areas to enhance the effect perhaps</p>
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				<p>A great initiative and it would be wonderful if Battle's rural verges can be included in this trial. The scheme potentially extends the reach of our wildlife corridors in the Parish and into urban areas; building on the great work already done with the designated wildlife urban verges already in place within Battle.</p>
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✓			✓	<p>Excellent initiative</p>
				<p>I have several concerns. One is for the general untidiness lack of regular cut back results in, another is that as a hay fever sufferer it increases pollen and therefore the effects of allergies, another is for visibility, particularly if cutting is reduced any further than it is already on the roundabout at the top of the High Street at the junction with the London Rd and N Trade Road. This becomes very dangerous if vegetation obscures visibility. I have not answered the second question as I have no knowledge on which to base the answer - a don't know option might have been useful.</p>
		✓		<p>As a resident, it is great to see the town leading the way on managing verges for biodiversity. I support Battle participating in the trial.</p>
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Thank you for the maps. I note there is no designation for the bank in Marley Lane fronting Langton Close. This seems to be privately managed and is cut once a year in July. It is interesting in that it contains both ox eye daisies and goat's beard. There are very few sites locally where goat's beard blooms naturally so I hope it can be preserved.

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It is untidy and cutting promotes fresh growth and can also restrict vision when driving - this is all about saving money! I like tidy verges and there is plenty of habitat for insects etc.

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Although perhaps not dependant on visitors I do believe that their first impression of Battle is the the one they will take away with them. A scruffy overgrown roadside is not the place for preserving wild flowers. Past experience has shown that if the grass in not cut it collects rubbish and looks like we have a council that doesn't care and will encourage more rubbish.

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I would like to see a closer watch on residents cutting back hedgerows and removing front lawns to concrete over for patios or driveways.

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