



Managing Harry's Meadow

More bees, butterflies, and insects, please!

Worplesdon Parish Council recently commissioned an ecology assessment for Harry's Meadow. You can view the report using the QR code below:



One recommendation was to plant a native species mix of meadow plants and flowers. The best time to do this is September. The most important plant is probably Yellow Rattle, also known as the "Meadow Maker". This is parasitic on grasses, weakening them, which in turn allows space for native meadow species to establish.

We are, therefore, going to trial seeding two small areas to see how we get on in early Autumn 2023, (about 300 square metres). These will be fenced off to give a chance for the meadow making to get going in 2024. Once established, we hope the Meadow Maker will do its job and gradually spread to allow the native meadow species to colonise Harry's Meadow more widely.

Do you want to get involved? Do you have any comments? Please let me know. Email: cllr.jonathan.snowball@worplesdon-pc.gov.uk