

**The Ivers Parish Council  
Wildflowers Project  
Community Board Update – February 2023**

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Attached is a summary of the Wildflower Project from 2022. (previously available)

We were amazed that with the good weather at the end of summer the blooming lasted significantly longer than we expected, and having taken advice, we delayed the strimming of debris until as late as possible to ensure residents and visitors could enjoy the 'show' for as long as possible.

Therefore, I can report that in November 2022 the Grounds Team in-conjunction with Blue Sky carried out maintenance work on the sites (strimming back the debris after re-seeding had occurred naturally) and scattered further sand and seed mix of a different variety that will enhance the re-seeding from 2022.

We are therefore anticipating a bloom this year from spring onwards and we are already seeing 'signs of life' developing currently.

We are grateful to the Community Board for the support of this activity.

**Jeremy Day**  
**Deputy Clerk**  
February 2023

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The Ivers Parish  
Council flowers  
verges project

The residents and community of The Ivers Parish Council have been overwhelmed by the success of the Wildflower Verges planting funded in part by the Wexham and Ivers Community Board.

A grant of £8,850 to support the cost of this project was awarded. The bid was made under the 'Improving our environment' and 'health and wellbeing' priorities.

There were several steps to go through to get the project underway and as the 'project manager' for the Parish Council I was significantly supported by Cllr Luisa Sullivan throughout the project. I am very grateful for her support and that of our Parish Council Councillor Wendy Matthews generally for encouragement and advice / guidance.

Once we had identified around 30 sites across the entire Parish we set about purchasing seed and sand and used the services of Steve Finn and the Blue Sky development team (a social enterprise) to prepare the areas. Once prepared, a few weeks later seed and sand scattering took place using a mix of wildflowers called Patriotic mix. Once scattered, it was left to Mother Nature to do her 'stuff'. Depending on when seeds are sown, bloom can happen early spring or early summer. In our case, with the timing of the seeding we were expecting the bloom for early summer to coincide with the Jubilee of the late Monarch. This was also planned to coincide with the installation of the yearly hanging baskets across the Parish. Best laid plans but unfortunately our Hanging baskets were a little later due to the sheer volume of work our contractor had and also a slight growing delay with the varied weather we had. Our Wildflower verges began to slowly bloom around the Jubilee but really came into their own from July onwards and have been amazing over the summer months.

When wildflowers are germinating and growing they like lots of water but once in bloom they thrive on sunshine and mild weather and we have had plenty of that this year. They have continued to bloom far longer than we expected. It's only now in November that we are looking to trim back and allow natural re-seeding for next year!

We have received amazing feedback, lots of comments and many residents sprawled on the pavements taking pictures of the amazing displays we received.

The project was a success and all but three areas were a 'blooming' success.

The Parish Council will consider the regular continuation of this project which brightened up the Parish and became a community talking and focal point.

Again, our thanks go to the Community Board for its contribution and support of this project. We hope some members of the Community Board were able to see these areas and that you have enjoyed viewing the images on this report.

**Jem Day**  
**Deputy Clerk**  
**The Ivers Parish Council**  
**November 2022**

