





**We turn this...**

...into this





...and this



# How to . . . *FlackWild Heath*



Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Choose Your location	Select your seed mix	Mark Out & Mow	Scarify	Sow the seeds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Find a grass verge in the village</li> <li>* Preferably close to your house</li> <li>* Think about consulting your neighbours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Is it in direct sunlight or partially shaded? - Choose the right mix!</li> <li>* Always choose NATIVE wild flower seed</li> <li>* 3 types of seed are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Mow a tidy grass boarder of approximately 1 metre around the edge</li> <li>* Mow everything else as short as possible</li> <li>* Remove all of the clippings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rake the mown patch really hard</li> <li>* Use a scarifier if possible</li> <li>* Expose at least 50% soil.</li> <li>* Do not dig</li> <li>* Do not rotovate</li> <li>* Remove all of the thatch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Scatter the seeds evenly across the patch</li> <li>* Gently rake the seeds and tread in into the ground</li> <li>* Water thoroughly</li> <li>* Put up your sign</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The location you choose will be your responsibility to maintain</li> <li>* The council will be asked NOT to mow it</li> <li>* You should be prepared to maintain its tidy appearance</li> <li>* The best time to sow is Autumn when it's not too dry, not too wet and not too cold</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <a href="http://www.wildflower.co.uk">www.wildflower.co.uk</a> (100% Wild Flower Mixes)</li> <li>* Type 1: Yellow Rattle - to compete with the grass</li> <li>* Type 2: Cornfield Annual - to provide colour in year 1</li> <li>* Type 3: Perennial Mix - to establish in year 1 and flower from year 2</li> <li>* 3-5g of seed per square metre is ideal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The grass boarder should be maintained for traffic safety and tidy appearance</li> <li>* Mowing the centre short allows the seed to establish into existing grass</li> <li>* Wild flowers prefer poor soils so remove the clippings to prevent nutrients going back into the soil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Raking &amp; scarification stresses the grass giving the seed a chance to germinate</li> <li>* Rotovating allows the grass to re-grow too easily, so don't do that</li> <li>* Digging removes the grass but we want to keep some grass to establish a meadow, so rake or scarify instead</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Mixing the seed with sharp sand helps with even distribution</li> <li>* Raking &amp; Teading helps with seed to soil contact</li> <li>* Request a sign from the FlackWild Heath Facebook page</li> </ul>