

# Wildflower Meadows

## Normanston Park



The area that has been planned for Normanston Park is at the top of the park. Historically, this was a tennis court so the area is completely flat which ideal for the preparation of a wildflower meadow.

<https://what3words.com/status.copies.grows>

In very close proximity to this is a wooded area. With an abundance of wildflowers and the accompanying trees, this will provide a contrasting, yet very appealing mix of habitats.

Damon, from the grounds maintenance team has been in contact with Meadow Mania who supply and provide advice as to what seed to use in which areas and what preparation work is needed.

Where the wildflower seed is to be used, the turf is needing to be lifted and rolled. The turf is going to be used to create a bund at the top of the wildflower area to help deter people from walking in the area.

Below is a link to the piece of equipment we are going to use to lift the turf;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zSnjpe\\_VU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zSnjpe_VU)

Below is a list of the mixture of wildflower seeds that have been recommended for use with in our parks and open spaces;

<https://meadowmania.co.uk/products/hardy-annual-100-wildflower-seed-mix>

<https://meadowmania.co.uk/products/cornfield-annual-seed-mix>

<https://meadowmania.co.uk/products/ox-eye-daisy-wildflower-seed-in-bulk>

<https://meadowmania.co.uk/products/instant-sunshine-100-seed-mix-annual-perennial>







Below is a plan for Normanston Park



**Key**

The pink area is the wildflower area. The turf will be lifted in this area, the green lines are a grass footpath through the wildflower area.

The brown rectangles are benches, these were originally at Sparrows Nest play area until the new equipment was installed in 2023. These are to be refurbished and installed in the circular area.

The blue circles signify where some signs will be. The signs will inform the public of what to expect of the area at certain times of the year and what wildflowers have been planted. Below is an example of what we could have

### Pegswood Wildflower Meadow

**Meadow**

Meadows are an intrinsic part of the UK's natural and cultural heritage despite being under threat. The meadow is a species rich grassland but today only 2 per cent of the meadows from the 1930s remain. Their survival is crucial as a rich source of nutrients for important pollinating insects.

Groundwork and community volunteers planted this meadow with a rainbow of native Northumberland wildflowers such as wood cranesbill, melancholy thistle, great burnet, devil's bit scabious, birdsfoot trefoil, lady's mantle, globeflower, common knapweed and yellow rattle which bloom in summer. Help reintroduce wildflowers and protect their future. Why not create a wild are in your garden or plant some in your local greenspace too?

Yellow rattle takes its name from the colour of its 'tube like' flowers and the sound made from the seed rattling in the ripened seed pods. It is a useful plant to sow in wildflower meadows as it helps suppress unwanted coarse grasses. It produces a valuable source of nectar for many types of bee, butterflies, hoverflies and moths.

**Wildflowers**

Please keep the park beautiful for everyone, take litter home and clear up after your dog. Thank you.

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# Clarke's Lane

The same seeds are to be used as at Normanston Park. The plan is to have the wildflower meadow either side of an established path. The wildflower area will also be next to the orchard which enhance an already flourishing habitat.

With the nearby 'scrape' that was formed in the Autumn and the recent planting of two 20ft/15 year old willow trees, the wildflower meadow will add to an evolving area of increased wildlife habitat.



The pink area is the area is the wildflower area. There will also be signage here to inform the public about the wildflower meadows.



# GELP

The area that is planned for the wildflower meadow at GELP is in the central section near Evergreen Rd  
<https://what3words.com/risen.straw.relay>

Signage will also be used here to inform the public



Once again, the pink area signifies the wildflower area.

# Gunton Community Park

The area planned for Gunton Community Park is on a grass bund next to the MUGA. As well as the wildflower seed, fruit trees are also soon to be planted in the same area.

Along the back of this area is already a row of 9 Austrian Pines.



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