



Wildlife Friendly Addingham

Old Station Way - making space for wildflowers, bees & butterflies

Four years ago this green space was mown regularly right through the summer. Since then the Garden Friends and Addingham Environment Group have worked with Bradford Council to change the way it is managed. It is being transformed from mown grass into a wildflower rich meadow, to attract pollinating insects such as bumblebees and butterflies.



- *Now Bradford Council only cut the grass once a year in September, allowing all the wildflowers to finish flowering & set seed, saving money & carbon emissions too*
- *Grass paths are cut so local residents can enjoy walking through the meadow*
- *Wildflowers thrive best in low nutrient conditions, so the Council collects the cut grass and takes it away for composting*
- *By taking off the 'crop' we are replicating traditional Dales hay meadow management*
- *To help with the transformation to a flower rich grassland Yellow Rattle has been sown. This is a northern hay meadow plant which is especially helpful as it is parasitic on the roots of grasses, so suppresses their growth and creates room for other flowers to grow*
- *We've also put in some native plug plants grown by AEG volunteers and lots of Ox-eye daisy transplants donated by an AEG member*
- *Last summer five different species of bumblebee were recorded here (White-tailed, Buff-tailed, Common Carder, Tree and Red-tailed).*



This is one of seven places around the village where AEG is working with landowners to change the management of grassland to increase wildflower and pollinator populations.

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