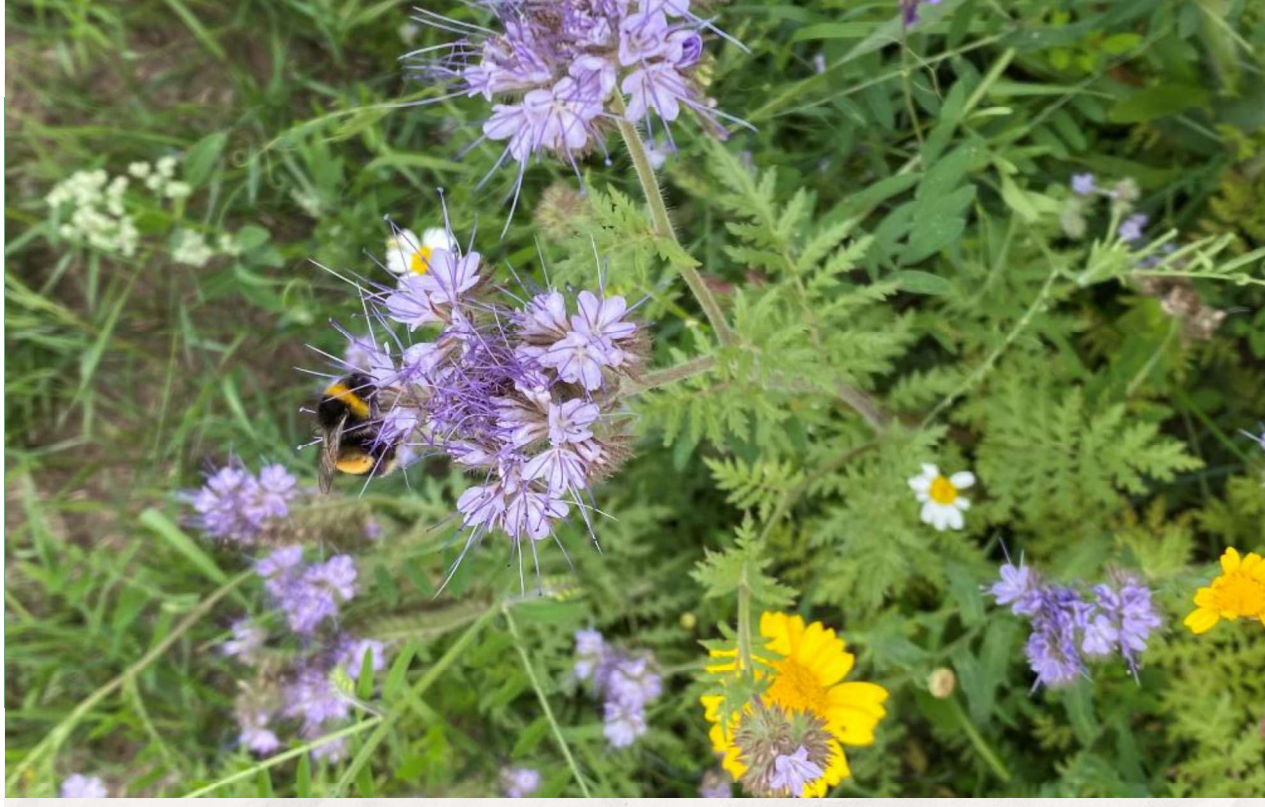
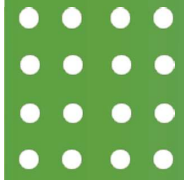


Greener Gateways

Farnsfield Proposal





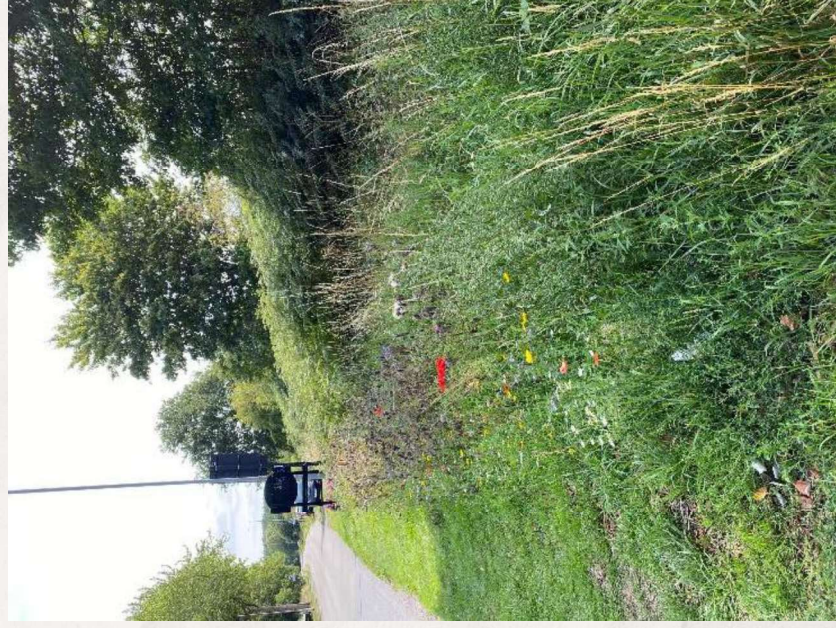
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Greener Gateways Initiative



As part of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Community Plan, we aim to enhance gateways into towns, villages, and estates by introducing wildflower planting.

Why this matters:

- **Boost biodiversity** and create attractive entrances for residents and visitors.
- **Improve wellbeing:** colourful flowers can lift moods and help reduce stress.
- **Cut maintenance and emissions:** wildflower zones need only two cuts a year, reducing mowing time, carbon emissions, and soil compaction.
- **Free up resources:** less mowing means more time for other essential maintenance.



Pilot Scheme

April – August 2025

Before launching greener gateways across the district, we ran a trial to test feasibility and impact.

The pilot includes three representative parishes:
Bilsthorpe, Blidworth, and Boughton.



Landscaping at Mansfield Road/ Cockett Lane



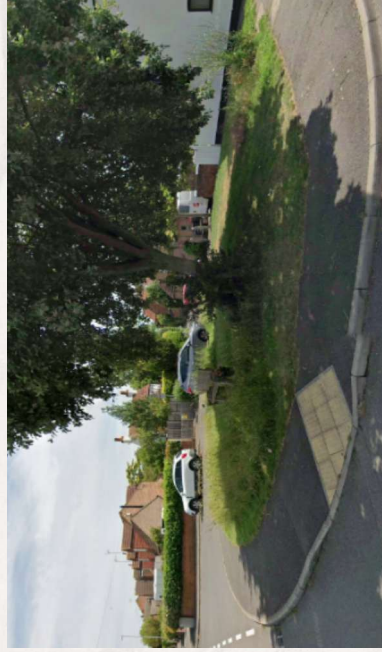
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Images above: Proposed landscaping to include wildflowers and bulbs for year-round colour.



Landscaping at The Ridgeway/ Main Street



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Land Ownership

Cockett Lane

HM Land Registry Ownership

- The proposed site (Title Number: **NT4653333**) is under the proprietorship of **Nottinghamshire County Council**.

- Title Number: **No Register** has no ownership details attached.

Permissions and Authorisation

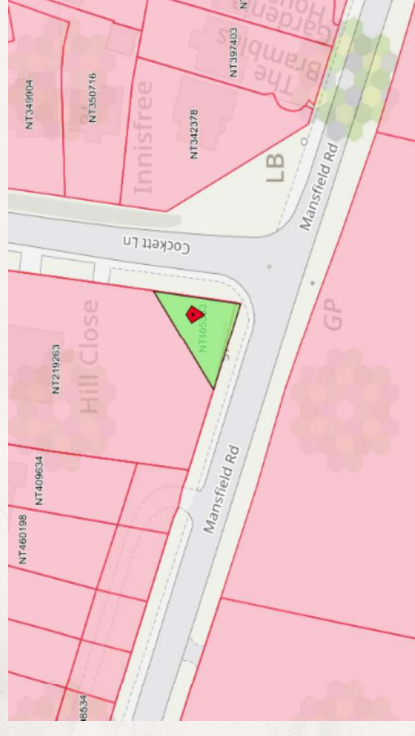
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- Authorisation will be confirmed before planting begins in **February/March 2026**.

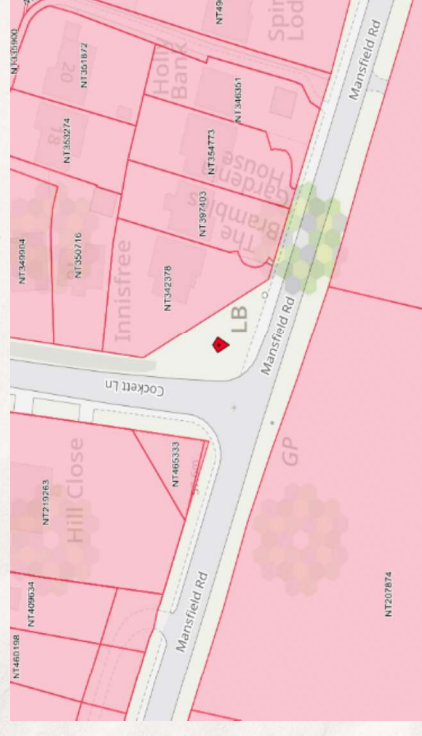
Safety Requirement

- All planting sites must be located within **30 mph** zones to comply with safety regulations.

Title Number: **NT4653333**



Title Number: **No Register**



- ## HM Land Registry Ownership
- The proposed site (Title Number: **NT465341**) is owned by **Nottinghamshire County Council**.
- ## Permissions and Authorisation
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Wildflower & Grass Seed Mix

Wildflower and grass seeds will be sown together in a mix of **80% grass** and **20% wildflowers**. To enhance the overall colour and increase the number of wildflowers, we recommend adding extra seeds consisting of 100% wildflowers. This is because when grass and wildflowers are sown together, their distribution is harder to control.

AP2 Eco Wildflower & Grass Seed Mix (80:20)

Wildflowers 20%: Corn Chamomile, Corn Cockle, Corn Marigold, Corn Poppy, Cornflower, Common Vetch, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Buttercup Mix, Common Knapweed, Hairy Vetch, Ladys Bedstraw, Lucerne, Oxeye Daisy, Phacelia, Red Campion, Sainfoin, Salad Burnet, Self Heal, White Campion, Wild Carrot, Yarrow and Yellow Rattle).

Grasses 80%: Crested Dogtail, Chewings Fescue, Slender Creeping Red Fescue, Hard Fescue, Browntop Bentgrass, Yellow Oatgrass, Small Leaved Timothy, Meadow Foxtail.





Bulb Mix

To add year-round colour, bulbs can be planted among the wildflowers. If the parish council wishes to include these, planting should take place between September and December.

Bulb mix:

Galanthus nivalis (snowdrop)

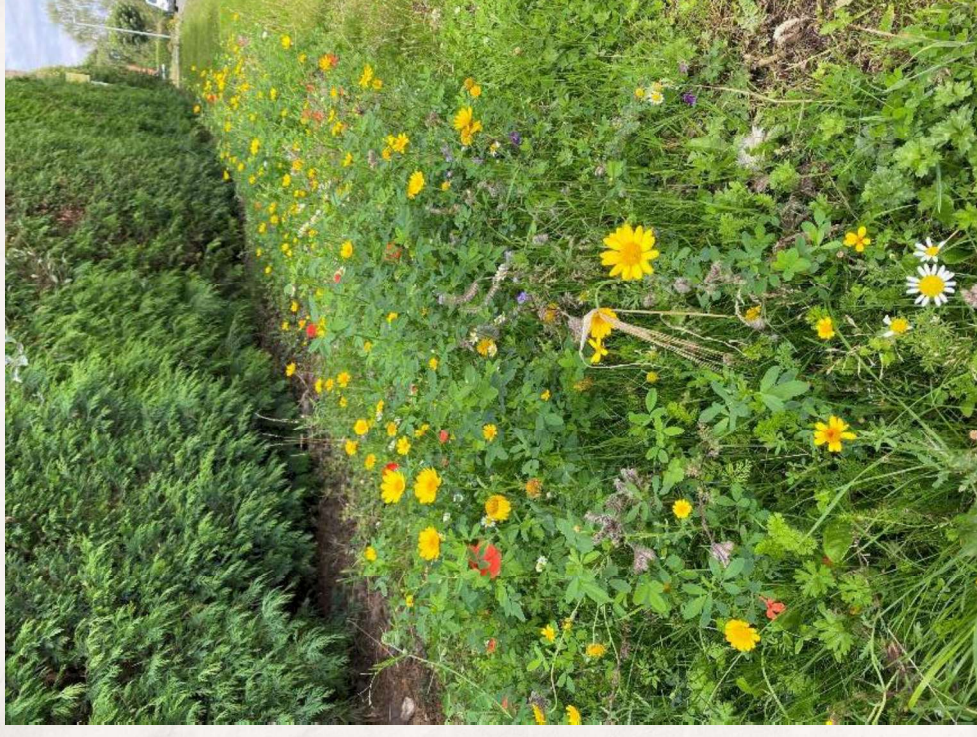
Narcissus 'Tete-a-Tete' (daffodil)

Hyacinthoides non-scripta (bluebells)



NSDC Responsibilities When Working with Parish Councils

- **Check land ownership** via HM Land Registry.
- **Provide visual mock-up** showing wildflowers in situ.
- **Submit documents** to Via East Midlands for consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council.
- **Purchase & install planting:** wildflowers, grass, and bulbs.
- **Water areas** from installation until end of August (first year) to establish seedlings.
- **Return in autumn** to add bulbs if requested.
- **Request parish councils:**
 - Cover seed costs (NSDC will invoice).
 - Plan for ongoing maintenance in future years.





Maintenance

Installation

- NSDC will install wildflower areas as part of the Community Plan.
- Keep soil moist for the first **6 weeks** to help seedlings establish.
- Water **1–2 times per week** during spring and summer; increase in hot/dry conditions.

Cutting / Strimming

- **Via East Midlands** or the **parish council's maintenance team** will need to strim **twice a year** to maintain diversity and prevent grasses dominating:
 - **Late summer/early autumn.**
 - **Late winter/early spring.**
- This mimics natural meadow cycles and is **more cost-effective** than mowing four times a year.

Ongoing Maintenance

- Carried out by **Via East Midlands**, the **parish council's maintenance team**, or **Newark and Sherwood District Council's maintenance team**, depending on contract arrangements.



Maintenance Cont.

Reseeding

As some wildflowers are annuals, they will not return the following year. To ensure a healthy and varied mix of wildflowers yearly, reseeding should take place each year, or every two to three years if yearly is not an option. Reseeding is easier and cheaper than the installation process as the area will need to be raked over, seeded, and watered regularly during spring and summer that year.

Watering

Watering the area in subsequent years during extremely hot, dry weather will need to be factored into maintenance costs. Parish council's maintenance teams could carry out the watering if they have the resources to do so. Alternatively, Newark and Sherwood District Council's team could water the locations three times a week during extreme heat. Please get in touch to find out more for your locations.



Costs

The following table displays the current prices for seeds and bulbs. Please note that these prices are accurate at present but may rise if the supplier adjusts their rates.

You may instruct us choose to purchase wildflowers and bulbs together or individually, depending on the desired outcome.

Seeds and Bulbs	Cost
5 KG bag wildflower/ grass seed	£222
1 KG bag 100% wildflower seed	£118
1 x snowdrop bulb	£0.17
1 x bluebell bulb	£0.15
1 x daffodil bulb	£0.16

Estimated Costs for Areas Proposed: Approximately 410m²

Costs for adding wildflowers, grass, and bulbs to the proposed areas will be invoiced based on actual usage at each location.

This option uses premixed seed. To increase the number of wildflowers as the seed distribution can't be controlled, we would recommend adding a few bags of 100% wildflower seed to the mix, but you don't have to. Number of bulbs selected will create natural pockets of flowers.

Seed and Bulbs	Cost
Wildflower/ grass seed	£153 (3kg)
100% wildflower seed	£236 (2kg)
COST:	£389
Mix of bulbs	£787.20 (4920 bulbs)
COST:	£787.20
TOTAL COST:	£1176.20

Note: Wildflower and grass seed costs are estimated per m² with a contingency to allow flexibility in adjusting the wildflower-to-grass ratio if requested. Costs for bulbs are calculated at 12 bulbs per m² to create natural drifts and can be removed from the proposal. Costs are approximate.



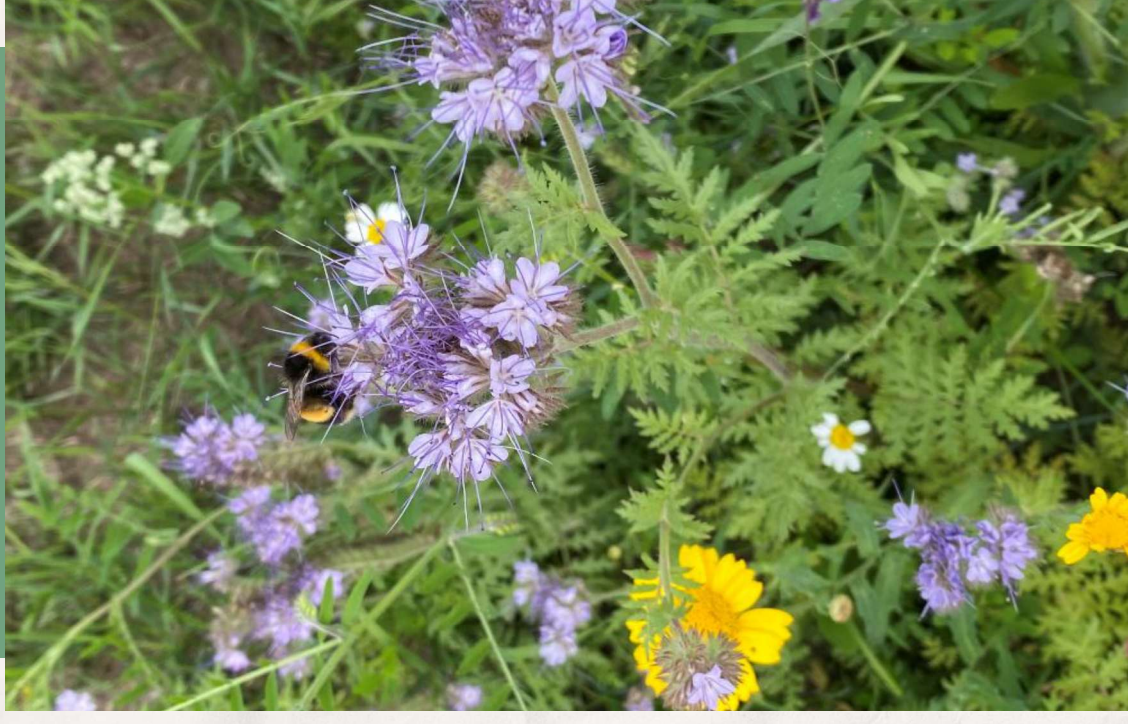
NSDC- Maintenance of the newly planted areas will be within the current contract 2x a year strim

Watering during hot weather 3x a week at cost of £150 but on a ad hoc basis

Reseeding. Annual or biennial. Approx cost £800 for seed and a days work by NSDC to prepare the ground .Raking and sowing

NSDC have access to standpipes by paying a yearly subscription and water by the metre. This is factored into the watering charge

Less travel time by team. Greater efficiency and lower carbon emissions . @**SUSTAINABILITY**



Thank you for your time.