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Wildflower Meadows in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield

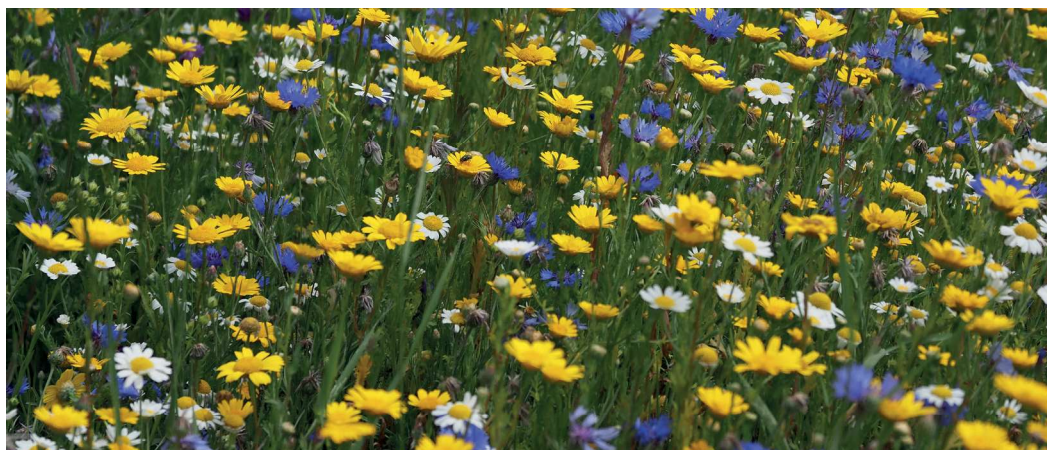
We have in Britain one of the most crowded, modified landscapes in the world. A destructive combination of modern agriculture, new roads, building developments, and climate change is fragmenting the habitats of wildflowers. This in turn is leading to massive reductions in numbers of wildflowers and pushing some species towards extinction. Wildflower meadows have been reduced by 97% since the 1930s and this in turn has huge implication for wildlife and consequently us.

However, not all the news is grim. Many national and local organisations have sprung up over recent years to address this pressing issue, looking to re-establish wildflower meadows in many areas – farmland, verges, local parks, community spaces and even in our own gardens. Bovey Tracey is fortunate to have its own Bovey Parish Wildflower group working hard behind the scenes to do its bit on a local level.

You may have noticed some of the ongoing projects such as the verge-side along Molay-Littry Way; the corner of Bradley Bends and the grass site outside the fire station. Teignbridge District Council has also prepared an area on Battle Road

Heathfield. Much thought and work has gone into the preparation, creation and continuing maintenance of these sites. The hope is that over the following years, rather than the previous flat and sterile areas of uninteresting grass, little pockets of rough grass and native wildflowers will re-invigorate the wildlife in these areas.

A National shift in attitudes is reflecting the need for change, as councils report receiving more letters of congratulation for not mowing until flowers have set seed, than complaints about untidy verges. There are numerous benefits to such wildflower projects of any size. Flower-rich grasslands store 500% more carbon than fields of pure grass; Well-being and health benefits such as lowering of blood pressure are well reported when admiring flowers on a regular basis; Plants in a flowering meadow support 1000's of species of invertebrates, as well as attracting birds, bats and other mammals. If that wasn't enough, they can demonstrate to passers-by that we are responding locally to the climate crisis and transforming pockets of the town and locality into beautiful flower meadows for us and the wildlife to enjoy.



Election of Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Committee Chairs

At the Annual Council meeting held on 9th May 2022, Councillors re-elected Cllr Sheila Brooke as Town Mayor and Cllr Debbie Fletcher as Deputy Town Mayor. Committee Chairs have been elected as follows:



Cllr Sheila Brooke
Town Mayor

Chairperson of the Recreation, Parks & Property Committee | **Cllr Eoghan Kelly**

Chairperson of Planning and Environment Committee | **Cllr Stuart Light**

Chairperson of Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee | **Cllr Robert Bradshaw**



Cllr Debbie Fletcher
Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor contact details can be found on the back page of this Newsletter or on our website www.boveytracey.gov.uk

Riverside Community Centre - The journey so far...

The Riverside Community Centre has been open for around 2 years now. It started to operate during the most difficult times, when the COVID pandemic had forced normal life to be suspended and daily routines turned upside down.

Nevertheless, the Information Centre and Library were swift in their responses, and services on offer have continued to increase and are now fully operational.

Catching up fast, the Riverside Community Centre now has a Manager and Caretaker.



A Facebook page has been created to promote the facilities and work is being undertaken to continually review and improve what is available.

Many groups are now hiring the main hall (Council Chamber) and the booking diary, which can be viewed online, is starting to look very busy.

Money raised through hiring the hall out, is used to fund the costs of running the Centre and develop this resource for the community.

Need Somewhere to Work? - Purpose built office space available for hire

Are you struggling to work from home? Would you like modern, clean and quiet office facilities within a stone's throw from where you live?

Here at the Riverside Community Centre we have 3 purpose built office spaces. These are designed for people who are developing their businesses and need an affordable way to provide a professional, working environment where businesses are accessible for staff and clients.

The Town Hall foyer provides a welcoming and comfortable waiting area for visitors to your office.



The kitchen affords the possibility of making teas, coffees and microwaved meals, and there is a separate staff toilet.

Initial hire rates have been kept deliberately low to encourage and support people to grow their businesses.

Currently the day rate is starts from £12.50 or the room can be booked by the hour at £2.50.

If you are interested in having a look, or have any questions, please contact Helen Tate (Centre Manager) t: 07946 059637.

Bovey Tracey
Help Hub
Riverside Community Centre



New to Bovey or been here a while?

Saturday 9th July
Riverside Community Centre
10am - 12.30pm

You are welcome
**to come in for a cuppa
and discover what's on
in your town.**

*Stalls and information about: Clubs, Societies,
Community Groups, Events, Churches, Sports, Arts,
Hobbies, Care, Children's activities... and more.*

For more info email: boveyhelphub@gmail.com

Mill Marsh Park - 5-Star Quality Park

In March of this year, at the South West in Bloom Spring Seminar, it was announced that Mill Marsh Park won a 5 Star award in the South West in Bloom Parks Competition.

It's a great achievement for Bovey Tracey and demonstrates just how well the park is maintained and enjoyed by all. Thanks go to all involved with the application and judging and also to the Town Council's Groundsmen (Peter Stanyon and Roger Rance) who keep the park to the standards we all enjoy.

Judging for the town's entry into the South West In Bloom competition is scheduled to take place this year on the 11th July 2022. Please help by making areas near you look as clean and tidy as possible.

In Other News...

The Community Centre will only work if it is providing what members of the Bovey Tracey Community want or need.

If you have any ideas about how we can best use the facility or indeed improve it, then please get in contact.

We are currently looking into extra storage for Community Groups to keep their resources ready to use, and creating a servery into the hall from the kitchen.

Bovey Tracey is full of talented folk with creative and original ideas. Please share!

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING HOURS:

Town Council: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

Library: Mon: Closed | Tue: 10am-6pm | Wed: Closed

Thu: 10am-5pm | Fri: 10am-1pm | Sat: 10am-1pm

Information Centre: Opening times vary throughout the year - Please telephone 01626 832047

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

You are welcome to join any of the council's meetings. All meetings usually take place in the Riverside Community Centre, please email info@boveytracey.gov.uk if you would like to come along.

Monday 11 th July 2022	Planning and Environment Committee	6.00pm
	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7.00pm
Monday 5 th September 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.00pm
	Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee	7.00pm
Monday 19 th September 2022	Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 3 rd October 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.00pm
Monday 17 th October 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.00pm
	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7.00pm

Don't forget to visit www.boveytracey.gov.uk for the latest news and events in and around the parish