

Report for the Council on Wildflower initiatives across the Rodney Stoke and Draycott Parish. September 2025

The Pound

This year I am pleased to say it has been the best year yet. The weather worked in our favour and with [REDACTED] help we were able to create the ideal conditions before sowing the seeds. The response from neighbours and visitors has been very positive and encouraging. As soon as the last flower heads have finished we will cut down the area leaving the seed heads enough time to release their seeds, then the area will be raked and the foliage disposed of. In the spring we will begin the process again, weather permitting.

The wildlife corridor

In the autumn a small group of enthusiasts will join me in planting 150 native bluebell bulbs and 50 wild garlic bulbs under the trees along the wild life corridor at the side of the playing field. We will plant them in drifts but to make it possible we would ask the Council if they would arrange for the area to be strimmed first. This will be the only occasion we would ask and from this year onwards we would expect to welcome bluebells and wild garlic to naturalise the area without further work.

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