

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Agreement-Village Green Wild Flower Planting

This is an agreement between Newton St Cyres Parish Council (hereinafter called the Parish Council) and the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group (hereinafter called NEW) for the maintenance of designated wild flower areas located on the Village Green in Newton St Cyres.

Scope and aims of the agreement

The Parish Council has, in agreement with NEW, designated specific areas of the Village Green as Wild Flower Areas as shown in yellow on the attached plan drawing. These Wild Flower Areas will hereinafter be called "the Designated Areas".

The Designated Areas have been established to support a rich biodiversity of plant life and improved habitat for pollinating insects. It is anticipated that for most of the spring and summer these areas will also bring about a significant enhancement to the visual attractiveness of the Green. However there may be times, particularly in late summer, when the Designated Areas may be considered by some as unsightly.

Terms of the Agreement

The Designated Areas will be maintained in the following manner to encourage the areas to thrive:

1. The first annual cutting of the Designated Areas will take place between the last week of July and the second week of October inclusive. No cutting will take place outside this period unless by agreement between the parties to this agreement. The timing of cutting will vary from year to year within these weeks depending on weather conditions and the growth of plants. The aim will be to maximise the opportunity that different plants have to blossom and set seed.
2. Both the first cutting and the collection and clearance of risings from this cutting will be the responsibility of NEW. Risings from the first annual cutting will be removed from the green by NEW within a few days of cutting.
3. After this first cutting and the clearance of the risings, the Designated Areas will be cut with the rest of the village green by the contractor employed by the Parish Council. The attached Plan Drawing shows a clearance of 1m between the Designated Areas and all surrounding footpaths which is to be maintained by the Parish Council's contractor.
4. The Designated Areas will not be cut by the Parish Council from the beginning of the calendar year until after the first cutting has been done and the risings collected and cleared by NEW as set out above.
5. NEW will regularly and routinely weed out invasive species that could otherwise dominate the wild flower areas (e.g., brambles, nettles, bindweed, dock, spear and field thistle, cleavers and some species of umbellifer including hogweed).
6. NEW will promptly weed out noxious species that might poison or cause harm to users of the Green including animals and children (e.g., Deadly and Woody Nightshade and giant hogweed).
7. NEW may, in consultation with the Parish Council, plant bulbs and corms of native wild flower species in the Designated Areas and also clear and resow the Wild Flower Areas with a suitable seed mix.
8. This agreement shall be subject to a review. This will be carried out by a full meeting of the Council and based on a report on the performance of NEW in implementing this agreement during the preceding two years . The first bi-ennial review was in 2025.
9. Should the Parish Council decide either following the review or at any other time, that NEW has not delivered on some or all of the terms of this agreement it shall inform NEW in

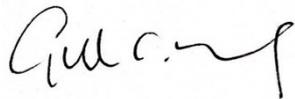
writing either of the steps required to remedy perceived deficits or of the termination of the agreement.

10. This agreement may be varied at any time on agreement jointly by both parties.
11. This agreement can be terminated by either party at any time given two months' notice in writing.

Signed on the day of. 2026

On behalf of Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Signed on the 26th day of February 2026

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On behalf of Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group

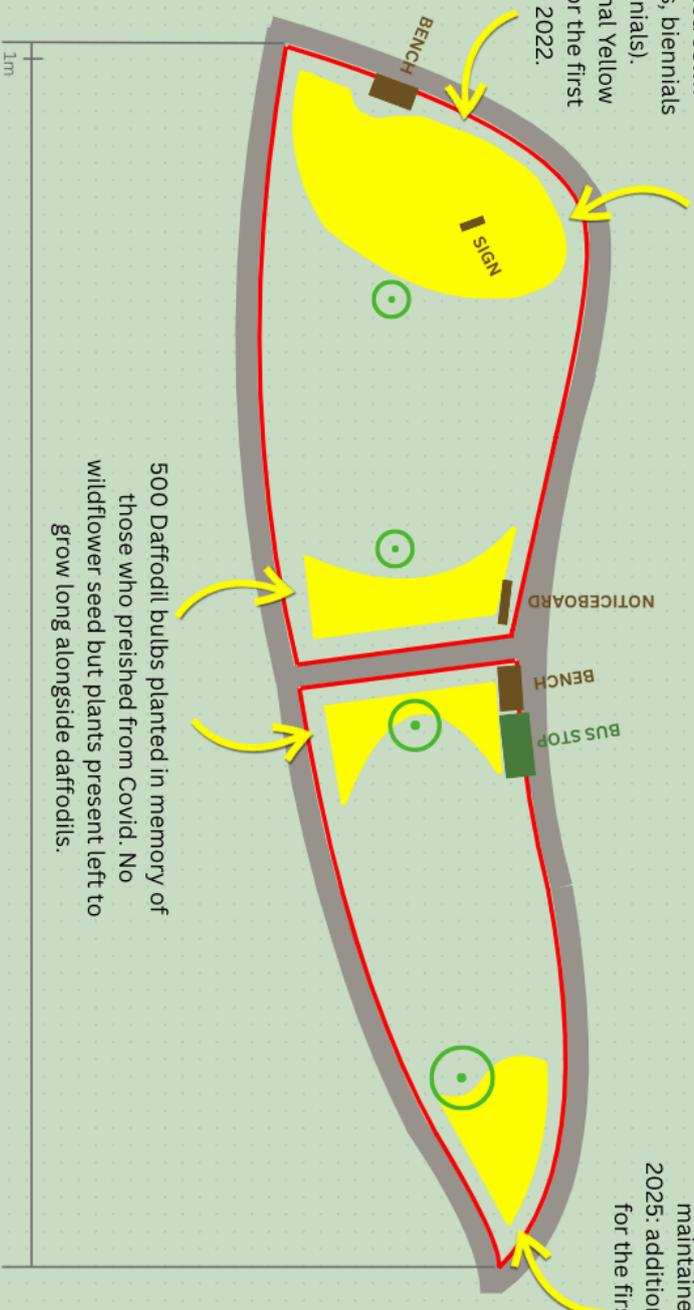
Newton St Cyres Village Green: Wildflower Areas

The creation and maintenance of these habitats are a step towards helping slow the decline of our food's main pollinators: **insects**.

Grass removed and wildflower seed sown (mix of annuals, biennials and perennials).
2025: additional Yellow Rattle sown for the first time since 2022.

2026: Shape of area to be kept long set back from the road to allow greater visibility to the A377.

A different mix of wildflower seed from the western end but maintained in the same way.
2025: additional Yellow Rattle sown for the first time since 2022.



500 Daffodil bulbs planted in memory of those who preished from Covid. No wildflower seed but plants present left to grow long alongside daffodils.

Please see the latest iteration of the agreement between N.E.W. and the Parish Council for more details on how the village green is maintained.