

Olden Community Garden

Meadow Restoration and Biodiversity Enhancement - Project Update

With thanks for our grant from Groundwork's Our Space Award



PROJECT WORK AND ACTIVITIES

- ❖ New pathway through the meadow - created by a landscaper to discourage the footfall that damaged the meadow during recent years
- ❖ Volunteer gardening work in the meadow and butterfly garden - led by a professional gardener
- ❖ Meadow planting and seeding with native and drought tolerant species, attracting insects, pollinators and birds, including wild garlic, field poppy, wild parsnip, chamomile, ox-eye daisy, wild thyme, wild marjoram, corncockle, corn marigold, toadflax agrimony, yellow rattle, vervain, viper's bugloss, native euphorbia
- ❖ Native hedge planting along top of meadow
- ❖ Butterfly garden foundations created from materials excavated from meadow work
- ❖ Butterfly garden planting and seeding, including buddleia black night, thyme, sedum, marjoram, oregano, salvia, verbascum, gaillardia, bronze fennel, hebe, lavender, nasturtium
- ❖ Summer work controlling brambles, removing tree seedlings, cutting back bindweed
- ❖ Late summer meadow cut-back to promote seed spreading
- ❖ Two trees, shrubs and lower border flood resistance planting
- ❖ Table top tasks for less mobile volunteers
- ❖ Signage creation with children
- ❖ Children's activities and education programmes (ongoing)
- ❖ Celebratory events with families and volunteers (ongoing)
- ❖ Volunteer roles in planning and record keeping (ongoing)
- ❖ Publicity through social media, website, newsletters (ongoing)
- ❖ Instal handrails at top and bottom of pathway (to do)
- ❖ Autumn bulb planting (to do)