



Wem Area Climate Action has been working on a trial wildflower meadow at the site known as Wheatfields since Spring 2022. Last year we worked with students from Thomas Adams School to sow yellow rattle to weaken the grass and begin to establish the meadow. It was successful in flowering and we have added other plug plants to improve biodiversity. Work will continue to add to the planting and manage the area. WACA volunteers have learned from this trial and have also been able to engage positively with the community when they are working on the site.

We would like to establish a second site off Trentham Road at the Somerset Way end, in the same area as the mature oak. This would add to the work Wem Town Council has already put in place by allowing areas of grass to grow at the opposite end of the area. Creating a wildflower meadow takes biodiversity a step further and would add to the recreational and educational benefit for the local community. WACA will work with the Council to ensure the area retains a wide margin around the perimeter, with a mown strip along the edge of the path to maintain access. It may also prove desirable to have mown path through the area to encourage observation and engagement with the planting. It is envisaged that preparation would likely begin in late summer 2024.

WACA is working regularly with Thomas Adams School, Adams Aware Group. (ADA) The proposed site is very near to the School which would encourage ADA'S input with a valuable community project and help to address habitat loss across the town.

WACA may also work with Social prescribing in managing this site.

WACA is happy to be working with Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery on an exemplary site of biodiversity as recognised by the Charity 1155536, Caring for God's Acre.

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