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Agenda item 15 WACA Request

From: Barbara Cotterell
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>
Subject: Wildflower meadow

Hello Penny,
Re Wildflower meadows.

As you know Wem Area Climate Action/WACA has a trial wildflower meadow off Barleyfields which is coming along quite well. The yellow rattle we sowed last December with the help of Thomas Adams has successfully taken and can already be seen having reduced the grass across most of the area. We plan to scarify and re-sow areas missed by our seed sowing and plant additional plug wildflowers to augment that already in place. We would also like to chat with you about some kind of signage to inform.

I have been having a think about where we might be able to roll out another wildflower meadow. This might seem rather like me getting ahead of myself in that the wildflower meadow off Barleyfields is a trial and still a work in progress. We hope the council is open to the idea that we need to do more. Me and Wendy did a reki the other day and came up with a space off Trentham, the opposite end to your mow less areas, but without impact upon household views or possible dog walking areas. It is also bounded by a wall and small oak tree. Please see pic attached. This is a bigger space which may perhaps have a path mown through it to allow the public to appreciate and get into the meadow.

I would like to involve Thomas Adams again as a community project and this would not be far from the school. I would also like to encourage them to create a meadow on their own site.

We have been encouraged to be a part of helping to promote development of the wildflower meadow at the Whitchurch Road Cemetery, with some good responses and opportunities to raise the profile of wildflower meadows across the town.

Please let me know your thoughts. I am happy to meet up and chat through any of the above or if needed come and present a version to the council. We have a WACA meeting this Wednesday evening and I shall be attending the volunteer evening on Tuesday at the Town hall.

Yours Barbara C

