

Update: Environment & Sustainability

Grips and Drainage on the back lane from Meeting Green to Boyden End are in a poor condition at present, particularly the drain in the vicinity of Nunnery Green. This has been reported to Suffolk County Council and escalated by the Clerk through our County Councillor, Bobby Bennett.

A day for planting the Cherry Trees in the Cemetery has been agreed – Saturday 25th February.

With the clerk, I'll be trialling the first Wednesday of the Month (from March to October) as a day for tidying the cemetery.

Litter Picks this year are planned for:

- Sunday March 26th
- Sunday 23rd July; and
- Sunday 29th October.

We would like to try planting some wild flower seeds for parts of the cemetery, to encourage insects and other wildlife. Advice from one of our Cemetery Records volunteers is:

Based on what grows locally and to get a variety of colours over the summer I would suggest some of the following:

- Field Scabious: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/field-scabious>
- Oxeye Daisy: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/oxeye-daisy>
- Red Clover: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/red-clover>
- Knapweed: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/knapweed-common>
- Agrimony: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/agrimony>
- Wild Carrot: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/wildflowers/wild-carrot> ...
- or Pignut which are shorter: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/wildflowers/pignut>

To encourage the grass to grow less rigorously then some Yellow Rattle will help:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/yellow-rattle>

There is already a good 'colony of cowslips' for early colour and for pollinators. All the flowers above can be sown during the autumn. Some may not flower until their second year though.

The addition of a mobile sign explaining why certain areas of the Cemetery are not being cut at certain times would help with messaging.

Recommendation:

The Estates Committee authorise the purchase of Wild Flower seed at a cost of not more than £100 plus VAT.

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