

GLORIOUS *Cotswold* GRASSLANDS

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Welcome to our second Glorious Cotswold Grasslands newsletter!



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NATIONAL MEADOWS DAY

WILDFLOWERS - WORKSHOPS - YOGA
GUIDED WALKS - WILDLIFE - EXPERT TALKS
PHOTOGRAPHY - ART - BBQ - BONFIRE

- EVERYONE WELCOME!
- 4 JULY 2020 | 1 - 7PM
- CONYGREE FARM, SHERBORNE PARK ESTATE, GL54 3PW
- ADULT TICKETS: £10* (INC. FOOD & ACTIVITIES), CHILDREN FREE
- BOOK ONLINE: [COTSWOLDSMEADOWDAY.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://cotswoldsmeadowday.eventbrite.co.uk)

Drawings by Sarah Horne sarahhornebotanicals.com
*£10 + £1.37 eventbrite booking fee



Coronavirus update

We are all currently working hard from our homes in these extraordinary times and wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our project. At the moment, following Government guidelines, all our site visits and surveys are on hold but we are keeping everything crossed that the situation improves sufficiently to allow us to carry out our planned restoration work later in the summer. You may have seen adverts for an **Equine Land Management Workshop** in May but regrettably we have decided to postpone this event until the autumn and will release a new date as soon as possible. We have not yet cancelled our National Meadows Day celebration at Conygree Farm on 4 July 2020 (details left) as it is difficult to predict how the world will look in 3 months' time but recognise that we may have to do so if the current restrictions continue and we advise that you wait until we confirm that the event is going ahead before buying tickets. We will continue to give further updates on the situation to our volunteer email group and on our website.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

We have now completed a very successful autumn/winter habitat management programme, with work completed at Seizincote Warren, Sherborne, Condicote Lane, Calmsden and a meadow near Stroud and we are looking forward to seeing the positive effects our work has on the wildflowers later this year. Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers – a core of whom have turned out rain or shine every fortnight. We could not have done all this without you!



Winter habitat management with our wonderful volunteers (Anna Field)



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A contractor harrowing a recipient site prior to seed sowing. Bare earth of around 50% is recommended to maximise germination (Anna Field)

New small grant scheme to be launched in May

We are launching a new small grant scheme to help support landowners, land managers and members of the community with their wildflower grassland projects. Grants of up to £500 will be available for capital items or works that improve the management of existing grasslands (for example by funding infrastructure to enable the introduction of grazing) or restore/create new grasslands (for example by funding a contractor to prepare the ground for sowing or to spread green hay on a site). More information on how to apply will go live on our website at the beginning of May – but please do send us an email if you would like more information or would like to discuss your project with us.

And finally some beautiful wildflower art by Sarah Horne to cheer you up...

The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed our new logo and a beautiful watermark on our last newsletter and we are delighted to announce that the drawings were created by botanical illustrator and florist Sarah Horne for use by our project – with my personal favourite featuring in this newsletter. She has also produced a beautiful range of fine bone china with her wildflower designs on. These are available to purchase on her website at www.sarahhornebotanicals.com/ and a percentage of the profits will be donated to support our project. Sarah has also agreed to attend our National Meadows Day celebration (if it goes ahead) and will be holding free wildflower drawing workshops throughout the day.

Please stay safe and if you are not already on our email distribution list and would like to be so you can receive updates about our project in the current situation, please do let us know.

Anna Field (Assistant Project Officer)

If you would like to get in contact with a member of the project team, please email [Anna Field](#) or [Harvey Sherwood](#).



Yellow rattle Rhinanthus minor by Sarah Horne



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