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# GLORIOUS COTSWOLD GRASSLANDS

PROJECT NEWSLETTER



## Summer events

We have a range of events and training days planned for summer 2022 which we'd love to welcome you to:

### Equine Workshop

Thursday 19th May | Farm Ed, near Shipton-Under-Wychwood  
A one day workshop looking at how to manage grasslands for horses and biodiversity.

[More details & booking here.](#)

### Wildflower Identification Training Day

Monday 20th June | Whittington Lodge Farm, nr Cheltenham  
A one day session learning to identify some of our calcareous grassland wildflowers and grasses in a beautiful Cotswold meadow.

[Click for more details & booking info.](#)

### Wildflower Identification Training Day

Monday 27th June | Whittington Lodge Farm, nr Cheltenham  
A one day session learning to identify wildflowers, but with a little more focus on vegetative characteristics and grasses.

[More details and booking info.](#)

### National Meadows Day guided walk & lunch

Saturday 2nd July | Venue TBC

Please email [anna.field@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:anna.field@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) to register your interest or check our website for more details soon

### Moreton Show 2022

Saturday 3rd September | Moreton-in-Marsh

Come and say hello to us at the CNL stand at the Moreton Show



Horses grazing



Wildflower ID session at Whittington Lodge Farm



# A HUGE thank you

After what feels like a very long winter, the bird nesting season is now upon us and our programme of winter habitat management work has come to a close to ensure we do not disturb any nests.

Our wonderful volunteers have turned out every week come rain or shine and together we have made some fantastic improvements to ten sites throughout the Cotswolds this winter.

Our work will benefit a wide range of species including the rare Fly Orchid and Marsh Fritillary butterfly. Our volunteers are now enjoying a well-earned break for a few weeks until our seed harvesting starts in earnest later in the summer – please do get in touch if you are interested in volunteering with our work.



*Fly orchid*

## GCG art exhibition!

Last summer we appointed an arts coordinator, Katherine Glynn-Jones, to run a schools art competition, hoping to inspire the next generation to learn about the importance of wildflower grasslands, and why we need to protect them.

Katherine has done a fantastic job organising the competition and the winners were announced in the autumn. The winning piece (pictured) was by Ruby Pritchett. The judges found her work uplifting, and loved the inclusion of wildflowers such as wild carrot and oxeye daisies. The inclusion of seed pods and seed dispersal was also acknowledged as a great nod to the seed collecting work carried out by the Glorious Cotswold Grassland project.

The winning entry, along with many other entries, will be on display at the Nature in Art Gallery in Twigworth for 2 weeks from Tuesday 5th to Sunday 24th April.

**More details can be [found here](#).**



*The winning art competition entry by Ruby Pritchett.*