

Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands



Achievements since June 2014 in the Cotswolds AONB



Over half of the country's flower-rich jurassic limestone grassland is found in the Cotswolds.

Since the 1930's 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost. Of those that do survive around 75% are small fragments and often isolated so wildlife can't move between them.



engaging
with over
1190
visitors

connected
with **261**
landowners

**723 people attended
29 talks celebrating
the importance and
beauty of meadows**

9 **154 participants at**
landowner
workshops
on grassland management best practice



286
People enjoyed
21 Guided walks
exploring flower-rich grasslands



103
advisory visits
for landowners
& communities



98.62 hectares
of grassland maintained
throughout the Cotswolds



4,753 HOURS
VOLUNTEERING
including scrub management
botanical surveys & scything



19 training
courses
for volunteers
186 attendees



580.9 ha
of grassland
restored
throughout the
Cotswolds



Equivalent to 600 football pitches!

Our SoMM Legacy

- 100 Landowners/land Managers
- 20 sites to monitor
- 16 active volunteers
- Seed Harvester
- An offer of money



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- ‘For the Cotswolds to be the largest connected network of flower rich grassland within the band of Jurassic Limestone between Portland and Hull’.



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- Expand – restore, create and connect
- Demonstrate best practice – landowner workshops
- Promote – importance and benefits
- Demonstrate - benefits to livestock
- Road verges & local grasslands
- Cotswolds Meadows Service

Current bids

- Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
- Nineveh Trust
- Thames Water
- Medlock Trust

