

This meadow has been planted as part of the Norwich B-Lines – a partnership between Buglife, Network Rail and Railscape to enhance the line-side area for nature. We have created this meadow to provide a wildflower-rich habitat for bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other pollinating insects. The meadow will also benefit grasshoppers, birds, small mammals and other wildlife..

## WHAT HAVE WE PLANTED?

We have planted a mixture of native British wildflowers and annuals and perennials which will add colour to the meadow whilst providing an important source of nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects. The mixture of flowers is likely to change through the seasons and from year to year. See if you can spot these native wildflowers:



### Lesser Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*)

Flowers from June to September, Lesser knapweed flowers are a reddish purple and attract hoverflies, honeybees and bumblebees. It is also a favourite of many butterflies including Meadow brown, Ringlet and Small tortoiseshell.

### Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*)

Flowers from July to September. One of our most beautiful native plants with delicate mauve flowers which are made up from 50 densely-packed small flowers. It is a fantastic source of nectar for a range of insects.



### Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*)

Flowering from May to September, these plants have small pom-pom like red/pink flowers, which are a really good source of nectar for bumblebees.



### Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*)

Flowers from June to August. Yellow rattle is a parasite to grass and has been sown to help the wildflowers to establish. Not only does it help regulate grass, it is also a great nectar source for bumblebees.

### Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)

Flowers from May to September. This largest member of the daisy family has large flat flowers which provide a useful landing pad for hoverflies and beetles.

### Viper's Bugloss (*Echium vulgare*)

Flowering from May to August, this tall plant has violet/blue funnel-shaped flowers with red stamens and a hairy, spotty stem. A range of bees such as Buff-tailed bumblebee, Red-tailed bumblebee and the Red mason bee love this flower. It is also a favourite of the Painted lady butterfly.

### Wild Carrot (*Daucus carota*)

Flowering from June to September, these white, flat umbrella-like heads of flowers are ideal landing pads for hoverflies and flower-visiting beetles.

### Birds-foot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)

Flowering from June to September, these yellow flowers are a favourite of solitary bees such as the Ashy mining bee.

## WHO MIGHT TURN UP?

Keep your eyes out for these Plymouth pollinators, and let us know what you see!



Red-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus lapidarius*)



Brown-banded carder bee (*Bombus humilis*)



Ashy mining-bee (*Andrena cineraria*)



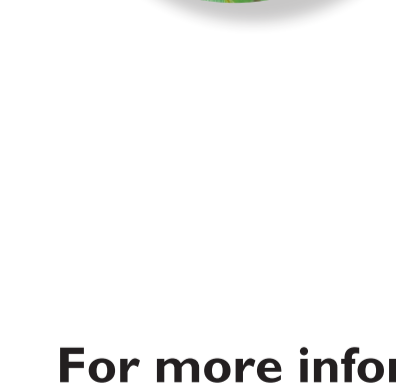
Marmalade hoverfly (*Episyrphus balteatus*)



Orange tip butterfly (*Anthocharis cardamines*)



Small tortoiseshell butterfly (*Aglais urticae*)



Thick-legged flower beetle (*Oedemera nobilis*)



For more information and ideas how you can extend the B-Line into your own garden visit [www.buglife.org.uk](http://www.buglife.org.uk)