

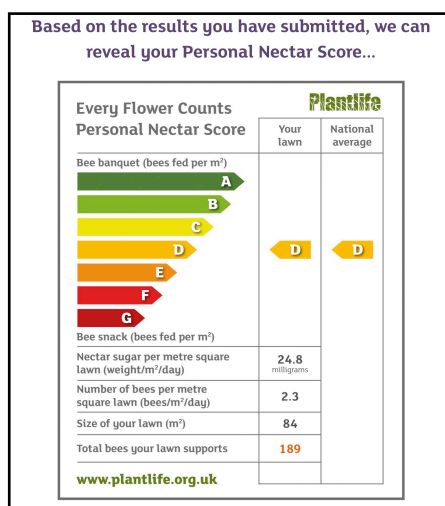
## Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group Report 8th June 2021

### Kings Road wildflower project

The flowers are abundant! The charity Plantlife organise an annual 'Every Flower Counts' citizen science survey, one at the end of May and another in July.

LT recorded prolific numbers of Creeping Buttercup, Daisy, Dovesfoot Cranesbill, Common Mouse-ear and Germander Speedwell.

Data for two quadrants, each measuring 1sq m, involved counting open flower heads for each species which, along with the approximate size of the area (84 sq m), gives a rough idea of how many pollinators are supported. Here are the results:



LT will repeat the survey in July, as there will hopefully be taller, later flowering species to record.

### BMSDC wildflower areas

The Public Realm team plan to increase wildflower populations across the district by over-seeding with yellow rattle or wildflower mixes this autumn, so wildflower patches are established for Spring 2022. Areas in Glemsford managed by the Public Realm team are coloured lime green on the digital map of the village (see attached screen shots). GG would like this item to be discussed at the next PC meeting in order to reach agreement with the Parish Council on which area/s are best suited for wildflower development.

### St Mary's Churchyard wildflower/environmental project



The grass is abundant! Following the sprinkling of spring colour there is an overall green look to the area. However, there are patches of interest; species currently in flower are Daisy, Creeping Buttercup, Germander Speedwell, Ox-eye Daisy, Field Forget-me-not, Greater Stitchwort, Cow Parsley and Ground Ivy. Stinging nettles are mainly along the hedge boundary, with a patch by the gravestones nearby. Hopefully, more species will appear as the summer progresses.

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## **Greening Glemsford Facebook**

This group is currently Private and has a small membership.

The administrators (LT and JC) would like it to reach a wider audience, as described in the 'About' introduction to the group: "The aim is to provide a platform where residents of Glemsford and the surrounding area can find information and engage in sharing knowledge/skills to help reduce our carbon footprints and improve biodiversity."

There are two suggestions to increase 'footfall':

1. Make the group Public
2. Add a link from the Parish Council website to Greening Glemsford Facebook

The administrators can achieve the first point easily. Point 2 would require technical support from the website designer, which may incur a small cost, however it would be appreciated if the council could look into the possibility.

L.Tunbridge  
*Chair*

*See Appendix 1 : digital map screen shots of areas of Glemsford managed by BMSDC Public Realm team.*

*Which areas would be most suitable for seeding with wildflowers for displays in Spring 2022?*

**Appendix 1**  
**BMSDC PUBLIC REALM MAINTENANCE DIGITAL MAP: GLEMSFORD**  
 Grass cutting contract areas in Lime Green.

