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Species Survival Fund Wildflower Meadow Creation



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SSF Project Achievements

16 Soil tests

Meadows created by seeding and plug planting 26 acres

8-acre SINC meadow restored by removal of grey willow, rush and hemlock water dropwort management

Wildflower seed sown 225 kilos

22,400 Wildflower plugs planted

Hedgerows laid 185m

982m New hedgerow planted

10 Local contractors employed

7 Landowners involved



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Choosing the right seed



Soil Tests

New Forest slightly
acidic pH 4.5-5-5

Low nutrients

P = 0-1 and minimal N





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Damp or dry meadows



Bugle © Darin Smith



Cuckooflower © Alan Price



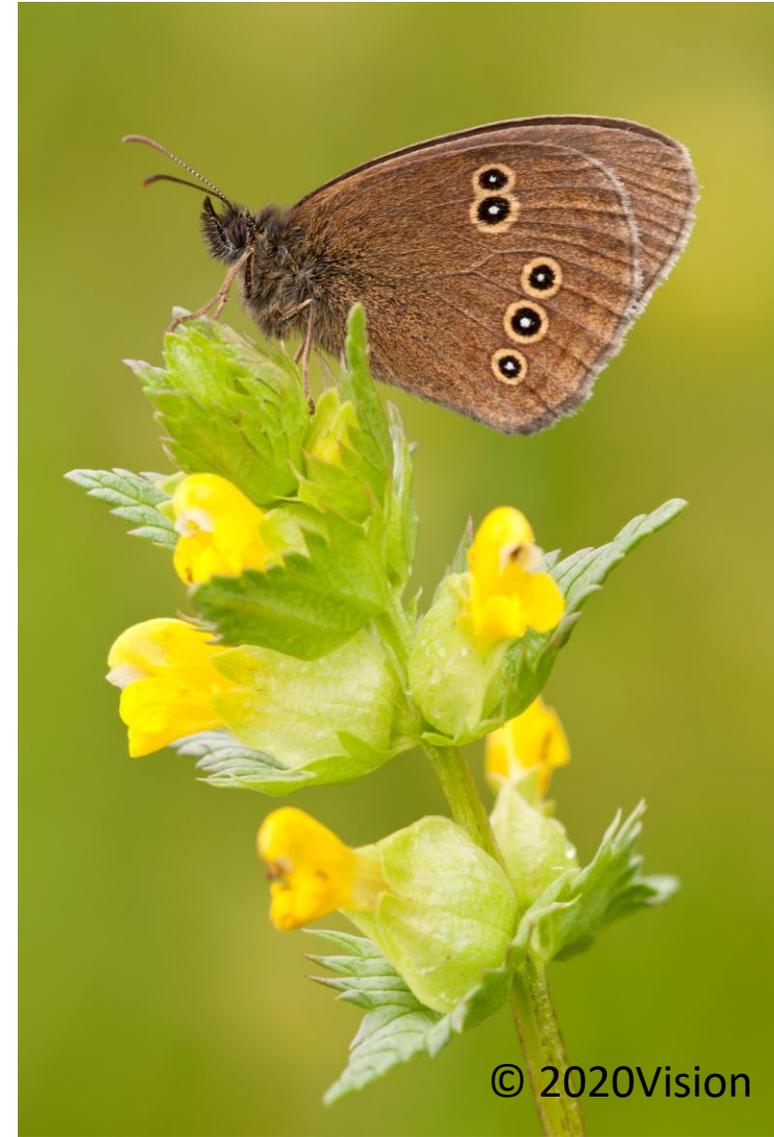
Ragged robin © David Kilbey



Common fleabane © David Kilbey



Marsh marigold © Steve Ederton-Ross



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Wildflower plant plugs

A great way to boost floral diversity quickly

Plants have a head start; we selected 65cc – 110cc pot sizes

See results earlier – better for smaller areas within existing sward

**5 plants / m² at c. £6,000 for 8,000 plants.
0.06 acres**





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South Gorley meadow complex

using Yellow Rattle & 12,000 wildflower plugs





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Wildflower Plug Planting





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SINC meadow restoration





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3.2 ha under restoration



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Wild New Forest



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amphibian and reptile
conservation





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Hedgerow habitat

**982 m new
hedgerows**

**185 m hedges
laid**

**6,000 whips
planted**



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Thank you to all the landowners who wanted to be part of the Species Survival Fund and wanted to boost nature on their land !

