## Inspire a village and show others what can be done (all those car drivers who will see this and think.....could I?)

Step 1 Make the village green into a wildflower meadow

Our village green could look like this next

summer

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## How could we do this?

- Community effort with all ages of the village coming together to make this happen
- Lots of advance notice for the preparation, sowing, planting and making day(s), weekend(s) to ensure maximum participation
- Main work to be done in March with plenty of time for prep work during winter
- Those physically unable to be involved in the manual work can participate in other ways (refreshments, painting etc)
- Annual maintenance significantly less than looking after grass as much less cutting required, saving the council's running costs
- Trees, seeds etc can be sourced for free from The Woodland Trust etc
- Have paths running through meadow for people to walk to and from bus stop, dog walk and experience the meadow in all its glory by being in amongst it

## What could this do?

- Attract pollinators currently under threat from habitat loss (bees, butterflies etc)
- Grow fruit and veg for the use of the local community
- Reducing waste by providing our community an opportunity to put green waste in compost bins which have been hand made from pallets. Educating how to make compost by doing
- Provide beauty and will be a great help with all of our well being
- Show that NSC is very much in the forefront of all the efforts of local people to deal with the climate and nature emergencies
- Can be sowed and planted by the community to help bond us all together
- Children and school can be involved in the design and creation
- This will enhance our young peoples understanding of and relationship with the natural world
- This first step will show our community what we can achieve together in a very visible way
- Inspire a generation