

Pictorial Meadow in Priory Park

After seeing these fantastic flowers in other local authority parks we wanted some in our parks. At the same time our Arboricultural Manager wanted to create barriers around some of the veteran trees in the park to alleviate compaction and extend their life span, we looked at the possibility of installing fences but felt this was a little over the top and costly. Then we thought that sowing the pictorial meadow seed mix around the base of the trees would not only help reduce the compaction it would bring colour and interest to the park as well as increasing the biodiversity.

March 2018 we draw up a plan and sprayed off some areas of grass ready to cultivate for sowing.



Once the grass had died off we turned over the top 10cm of soil with the tractor and atillia, some minor tree works were required but the Arb team were on hand! We then we measured the area of ground so that we could work out the exact amount of seed to sow, the sow rate was only 3 grams per square metre so we mixed the seed with sand to help spread it evenly.



Then we waited.....



Week 1



Week 2



Week 3



Week 4



Week 5



Week 6



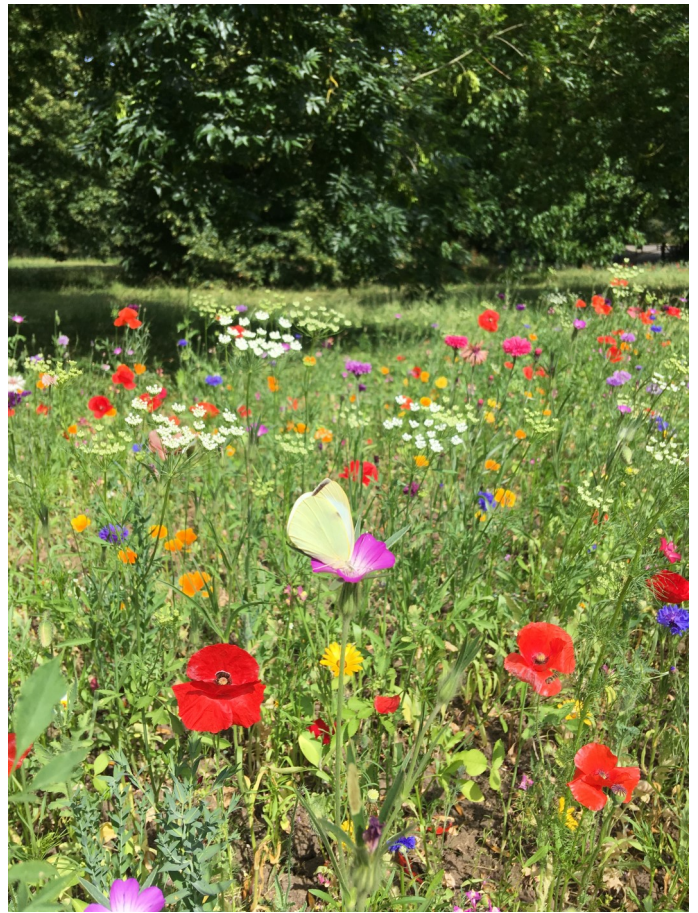
Week 7



Week 8



Week 9



Week 10



Week 10



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Week 11



Week 12



Week 13



Week 14

By week 14 St Neots had not had any rain for over 60 days! Things were starting to look a little dry but the flowers had been stunning until then. Some of the flowers are still going and we hope next year the weather will be less extreme and the display will continue well into the autumn.

For lovers of exuberant colour this is a particularly vibrant collection of bright sparkling flowers. Expect ever changing combinations of sweet purples, playful yellows, radiant reds and splashes of wispy whites and baby blues producing stunning “Eye – Candy” effects.

Recommended sowing time: **Spring.**
Recommended sowing rate: **3g per square meter.**



A taste of the Mix:
Agrostemma githago
Chrysanthemum carinatum
Escholzia californica
Linaria maroccana
Linum grandiflorum
Matricaria inodora

