

St
George's

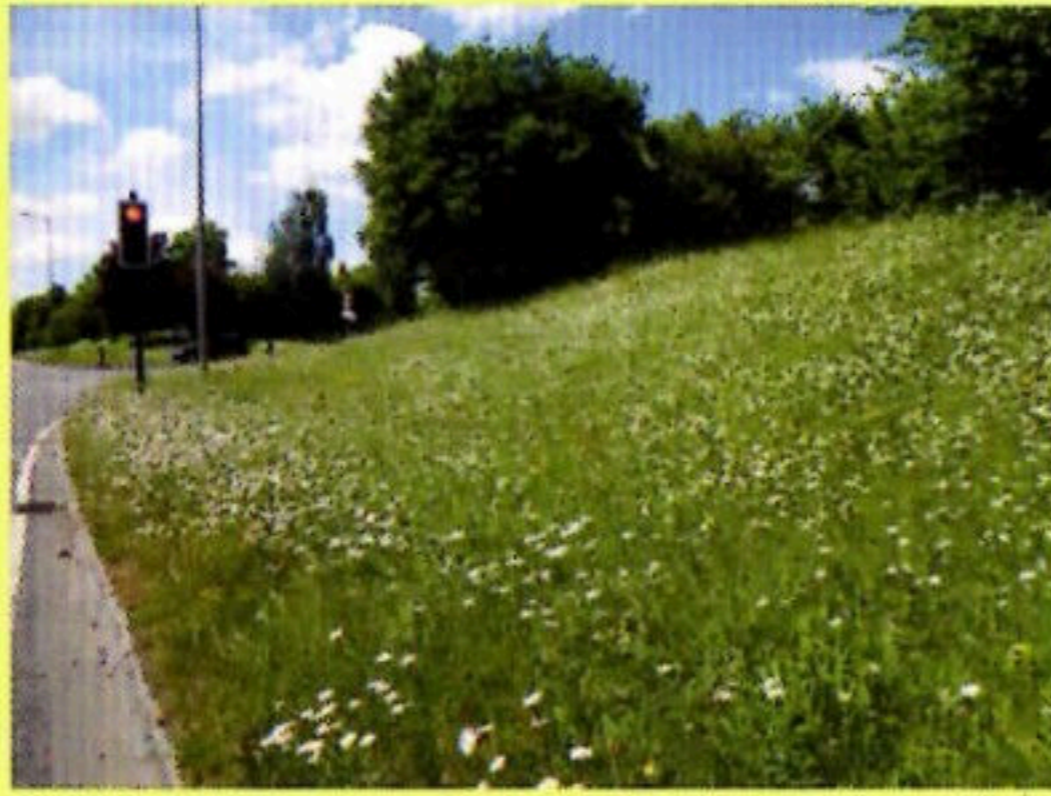


Flower Bank

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE
30 years of conservation success since 1990



A dazzling display of primroses



Since WWII lowland meadow in the UK has shrunk by 97%. It is now one of the most endangered habitats anywhere in the world. Development, roads, building and farming have all contributed to this.

Since 1990, from very small beginnings, volunteers have been caring for a stretch of roadside in North Somerset.



The dedicated team's work keeps the site in prime condition for an extraordinary amount of wildlife that is now in such short supply across the country.

The sympathetic management of the site creates the ideal conditions for a fabulous array of wildflowers and all the insects and other wildlife that thrive there.

"I wanted to reflect the pleasure you give us all as we use this stretch of our road. It never fails to uplift our spirits."



Being alongside a busy, fast 'A' road is not without difficulties!



This needs some special measures.

"It makes it a pleasure to wait at the traffic lights"

"a credit to you and the village"



However, large numbers of people pass by every day - and very much appreciate and enjoy the spectacle.

Sadly, though litter is a constant challenge, causing danger to wildlife and the volunteers who have to remove it!

"I'm really proud of the job you all do. A great asset to the village. Thank you."

WILDLIFE RECORDED

475 Plant species including:-

- 11 'Avon Notables' – locally rare
- 34 'Grassland Indicators' – found in 'unimproved meadows'
- 149 Fungi
- 18 Mosses and Liverworts

[full details on our website](#)

477 Invertebrate species including:-

- 2 'first for area'
- 2 'Red Data Book'
- 2 'Nationally scarce'
- 2 'of conservation concern'

50 species of bird

15 species of mammal

3 amphibian/reptile species

"an outstanding number of species for a relatively small site"



TIMELINE

- 1990 - It all starts - tending a small patch of Primroses
- 2000 - Millennium Conservation Award
- 2007 - Declared Local Nature Reserve by Natural England in conjunction with North Somerset Council
- 2010 - Delegate at UK Biodiversity Action Plan Conference [UN International Year of Biodiversity]
- 2013 - Finalist in 'Local Hero' category – Bristol Zoo 'Walk of fame' awards
- 2017 - RHS 'It's your Neighbourhood' – judged OUTSTANDING - Top category at first attempt
- 2017 - 12th in category Aviva Community Fund Awards - finalist
- 2018 - Affiliated to Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council
- 2018 - RHS 'It's your Neighbourhood' – judged OUTSTANDING



**WHEN YOU VISIT
TAKE NOTHING BUT
PHOTOGRAPHS**



Parking is limited -
check website for access

**BEWARE OF
FAST MOVING
TRAFFIC!**

St. George's Flower Bank is a voluntary association set up to maintain and conserve the roadside verges of the A369 near to Easton-in-Gordano as a nature reserve.

The site was designated a Local Nature Reserve in recognition of the richness of its flora - typical of unimproved lowland neutral grassland, a category that is increasingly rare.

These wildflowers flourish because of the management - none have been planted.

All the work is done by volunteers who are most grateful for the generous support received from the public and a number of organisations who have helped with significant grants.



Fundraising efforts include:-

- Monthly Walks
- Christmas tree shredding

details on website

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