

## PLANT A WILDFLOWER GARDEN



In the Letters to the Editor this month, there is a letter from John Ryland suggesting a green agenda for the village and Jim Blainey has written about how we are going to lose another wildlife area in the village when the new housing development to the north of The Hardings goes ahead. It is a great shame to see wildlife areas replaced by bricks and mortar. Even though the developer intends to do a bit of planting around the new development, there will still be more bricks than flowers, more mortar than wildlife.

One couple in the village has decided to do their bit to redress the balance, though. When their lawn was destroyed by chafer bugs a couple of years ago, instead of reseeding the lawn they decided to plant wildflowers, which in turn attract other wildlife such as bees and butterflies. You can see some of the results of their work in the photos here.



I know of at least one other house where lawn was replaced by wildflowers. I tried to do my bit in my small back garden but must have bought the wrong kind of seeds as I seem to have more weeds and grass than flowers and have only seen the occasional bee or butterfly attracted by the little bit of clover that grew there.

What about you? Have you got a space in your garden, no matter how small, where you could grow flowers that will attract insects and other wildlife?

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