



Bee on Marsh Thistle

All Saints (Ramblers) churchyard has been managed using God's Acre guidelines for 4 years. The aim is to encourage meadow grasses and flowers which attract butterflies, bees, other insects and dependent wildlife.

Most areas are managed as hay meadows which means an early cut in the spring then leaving them to grow until their seed has set and ripened. Then the 'hay' is cut with strimmers, rowed up to dry, raked into heaps and removed.

In 2018, it was pleasing to see less competition from aggressive grasses and hogweed. There's been a corresponding increase in meadow flowers such as Yellow Rattle, Ox-eye Daisy, Knapweed and Red Campion.

The core team of volunteers started 2018 pruning the hedges and clearing cuttings in 1 hour sessions. Not setting too ambitious targets means that volunteers are not over stretched and have time to enjoy the experience. It also helps the churchyard to appear managed rather than blitzed!

For health & safety reasons, volunteers usually work in pairs. It would be great to have some new members in the team who can be invited to assist occasionally

Please let David Thurman know if you can help; or e-mail a message to: joe@walesbyvillage.uk



Bluebells



Yellow Brain fungus



Bracket Fungus



Crystal Brain fungus



Fairy Bonnets fungus



Knapweed



Bee on Yellow Rattle



Meadow grasses



Frog



Mowing (strimming) hay



Hedge cutting



Rowing-up hay



Burning hedge cuttings