Hope Bowdler Verges Project
Activities Calendar - October 2024 to March 2026

The Activities Calendar is designed to guide our ground work on the verges over the year ahead. The actual timing and detail of activities will very much depend on the prevailing weather conditions.

Timing	***Activities***
September 2024	Cutting and collection of verge vegetation
October 2024	Broadcasting purchased Yellow Rattle seed, enhanced with Meadow Cranesbill, Meadow Buttercup, Red Campion, Hedge Woundwort, Ribwort Plantain, Betony plus a few other bits
Over the winter 2024/2025	We may want to do one or more litter collections
March/ April 2025	Verge Walk, and plan for the year ahead. Verge survey to identify what is growing, recording and photography of identified species.
April/May 2025	Depending on rate of growth on the verges, further survey work to identify what is growing; recording and photography of identified species.
June/July 2025	Safety cut of the verges by the Highways Department if required. Removal (where required) of bramble, Hogweed, bracken …
July/August 2025	Harvesting of verge wildflower seeds and creation of ‘seed bank’ for later propagation and/or sowing
August/September 2025	Cutting and collection of verge vegetation
September/October 2025	Spreading collected seed. If available, hand raking of green hay in identified area of the verges to encourage wildflower diversity
Nov/December 2025	Planting of wildflower plugs, bulbs or plants to add diversity to the verges Verge Walk to review and plan for the year ahead
January 2026	Deadwood thinning and creation of deadwood piles as required
January/February 2026	A celebration event?
March 2026	Verge Walk to plan ‘Next Steps’ for the year 2026/27