

# Kirkbymoorside Town Council Grass Verge Trial 2024



Is this what we want?



Side of the A 170 between Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley



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Or, is this what we want?





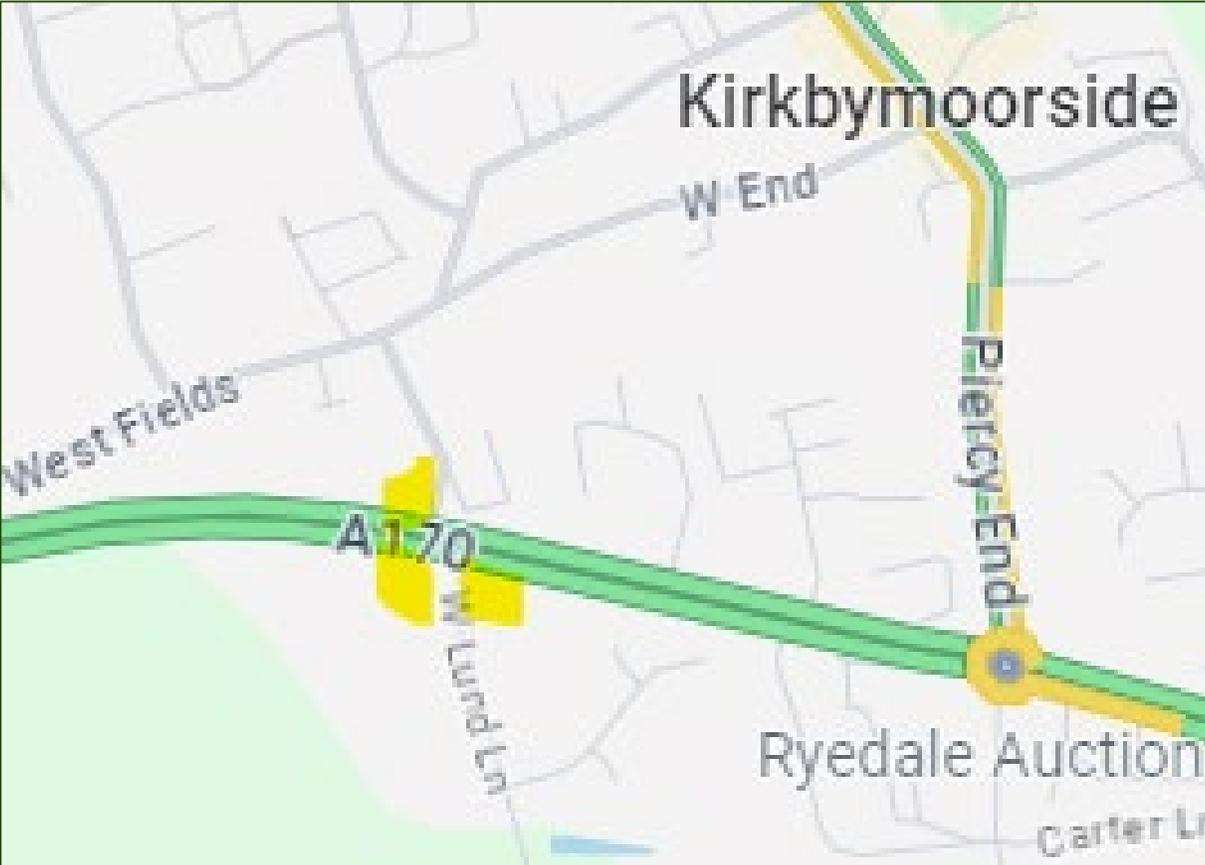
A24 bypass, Capel, Surrey



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# Location of trial



# Areas 1 and 2



April / May 2024  
Area 1 and 2 were cut, cuttings removed, and planted with Forest of Flowers Wildflower Seed Mix as plug plants grown from seed in compost. Some additional seeds were broadcast in Area 2

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April / May 2024  
Area 3 was cut as short as possible, cuttings removed, scarified to expose bare soil and planted with Forest of Flowers Cornfield Annuals Mix (+ some additional seeds).

# Existing Species

(just due to not cutting the grass)

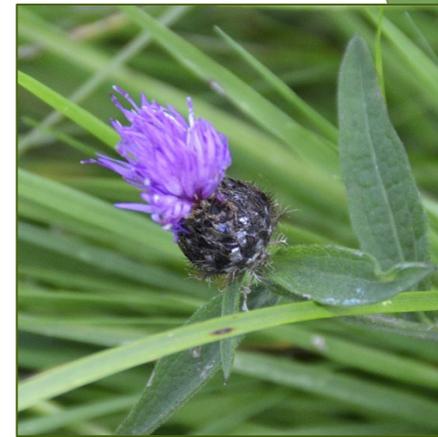




July  
2024  
(nothing  
much  
happening?)



# July 2024 Additional Species?



# And the grasses



# Uncut and unplanted area



- ▶ A 'control' area was planned, uncut and unplanted.
- ▶ Unfortunately, it was cut after the initial cut by mistake, but thereafter left uncut.
- ▶ Several plant species were identified, but not as many as the areas only cut once.

- ▶ For comparison, the dead looking cut safety strip of the same area



# Yellow Rattle



# Layby at Nawton (Helmsley) July 24







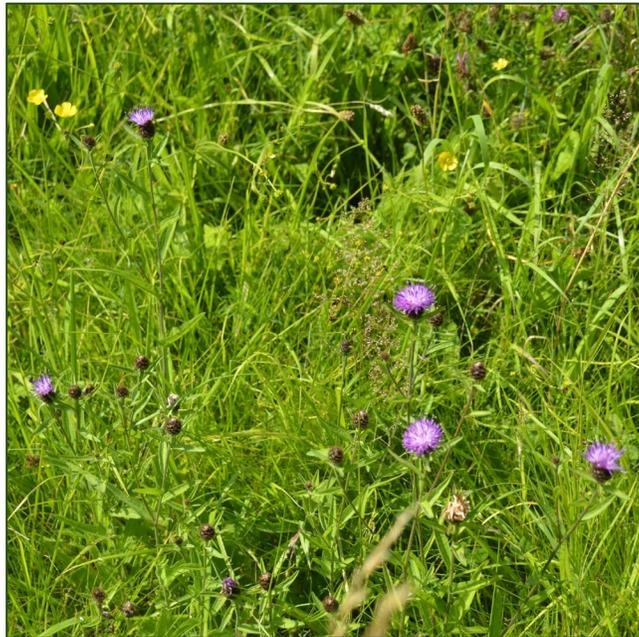


# A 170 Helmsley









# Cut 'Safety Strip'







# Conclusions

- ▶ Reduce nutrients by planting yellow rattle to weaken the grass and give flowers a better chance
- ▶ Use the right indigenous seed mixes for the areas to be planted
  - ▶ Consider how you water areas till seeds / plants are established
- ▶ Just leave verges uncut apart from a safety strip / footpath
  - ▶ Wildflowers are already there and more will come without further intervention

The background features a complex geometric design. On the left, there are overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in various shades of green and a dark blue-grey. These shapes create a layered, crystalline effect. The right side of the image is a solid, bright lime green. The text 'Thank you' is centered in the white space between the geometric shapes and the solid green background.

▶ Thank you