

Wildflowers in Saltash

Saltash Town Council are working in partnership with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) to ensure Saltash leads the way with the establishing of wildflower areas in Saltash.

Seven dedicated volunteers from SEA have taken on the big task of planting wildflower seeds at St Stephens Churchyard with the support of Saltash Town Council who are responsible for mowing the Churchyard.

Three areas of the Churchyard have been cut back and planted with the North side being left untouched as it already had many native wildflowers. The team have worked very hard to ensure the area was ready for planting including picking up a lot of litter in the area.

The planting of wildflowers is part of the Town Council's aim to have areas across the town left wild to encourage bees and other insects to the area. Other areas underway are Pillmere and the area around the Celtic Cross which marks the Cornwall Devon boundary at the entrance to the Tamar Bridge.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Saltash who donated the yellow rattle sowed to SEA through the Rotary's Billion Seed Challenge and to a member of the public who donated daffodil bulbs which have been planted alongside the benches.

Yellow rattle seed is an attractive grassland annual that suppresses the growth of grass giving other wild plants the chance to flourish. It will take two-three years for the plant to dominate and the wild meadow to really flourish. The wildflower meadows are maintained by Saltash Town Council's Service Delivery Team.

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