

Green Patch Wildflower Meadow

The River Nene Regional Park has just awarded £22,000 for the development of a wildflower meadow to be undertaken as community project through the Green Patch (a local horticulture social enterprise) and Groundwork North Northants. This recent award and associated wildflower meadow scheme is seen as a key part for launching the far wider and truly exciting Ise Valley Meadows enhancement project.



Have Your Say!

Part of our commitment to improving the Ise Valley is to listen to the views and suggestions of the communities within Kettering. Throughout the creation of the wildflower meadow there will be opportunities to voice your opinions, which will also be taken in to consideration when developing future projects along the Ise.

Ise Valley: *The bigger picture*

The 'Ise Valley Meadows' is an area of approximately 40 acres. It is half a mile wide & about three miles in length running to the east of the Kettering town centre. The area is popular with walkers and provides a pleasant 'parkland' experience for many local residents.

The area is comprised of a mixture of good quality natural habitat together with large areas of open mowed grassland. Cutting a swathe through the area is the river Ise which is in good condition and offers some good natural wildlife habitats in its immediate vicinity.



Kettering Council together with other partners, would like to see the area enhanced to improve bio-diversity and create far stronger natural habitat. This could include creating wetlands along the Ise & restoring structure to the river by re-establishing meanders, lagoons & floodplains. We would also like to see access improved with upgraded footpaths

Project Ideas

- ◆ To improve the bio-diversity habitat of the area through extending wildlife corridors and introducing new flora and fauna habitat areas
- ◆ To provide educational opportunities for all learners about bio diversity
- ◆ To provide a 'green highway' between the south and north of Kettering town offering effective walking and potential cycling links
- ◆ Providing local people with genuine opportunities to engage in quality environmental projects that will impact on their lives