

How To Create Your Own Mini Meadow

Creating a mini meadow is easy! In fact, the less you do, the better. Follow these simple steps to get your mini meadow project started!



1. PICK YOUR SPOT

As the saying goes, it's all about location, location, location. Key things to look for when picking your mini meadow area:

- •A square metre area of grassland at the minimum
- •A sunny spot, ideally getting sun throughout the day
- An area that hasn't been recently returfed or treated with chemicals or fertilizer
- •Added Bonus! an area that you think already has a diversity of plants

2. HELP YOUR MINI MEADOW FLOURISH!

Do's...

- •Enjoy it! Meadows are great, for us and our local wildlife.
- •Let it grow. Species grow at different times, give your meadow a chance to show you what it's made of.
- •Keep an eye out for different plants growing in your mini meadow. Don't know what you're looking at? Get in touch with us, we can help you ID mystery plants.

DON'TS...

- Goes without saying, mowing or cutting back the meadow won't help it grow.
- Please don't put fertilizer on it find out what species thrive naturally in your garden.

• Don't be disheartened if your mini meadow site doesn't include a huge array of species. Long grass is a good habitat for your resident garden insects, and you could always add some native wildflower seed this autumn. There are ten times more insect species and 50 times more insect individuals in long grass than grass that's mown once a week!

Please share your mini meadow experience with us! We'd love to see meadow pictures, answer any meadow questions you might have. Get in touch with us on Facebook: @NiddAONB Twitter: @NidderdaleAONB Email: nidderdaleaonb@harrogate.gov.uk