

# RESTORING SHROPSHIRE'S VERGES CASE STUDY

Bushmoor Verges Project 2025/26

Grid Ref: SO 43542 87649

**Restoration and management of a roadside verge as a wildflower meadow and wildlife habitat**

Partners/Funders: Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP), and the National Trust.

Costs:

- Volunteer time in 2025/26 estimated as 70 hours



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## RESTORING SHROPSHIRE'S VERGES PROJECT: Bushmoor Verges Project

The Bushmoor Verges Project, one of 40 RSVP Projects' across Shropshire, began in early 2021 with the formation of our enthusiastic Volunteer Group made up of around a dozen local residents. Our verges are approximately three quarters of a mile in length and cover an area of approximately 1400 square metres.

The Groups' activities are guided by an 'Activities Calendar' and are regularly posted on the RSVP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ShropsVerge>.

In April 2025 the Group gathered for their annual Verge Walk, an opportunity to reconnect with each other and make plans for activities over the next 12 months. Our verge survey in June is another annual activity and since 2021 we've identified over 140 species of wildflowers, demonstrating the diversity of this roadside meadow, and we have a growing catalogue of species photographs. This time we were delighted to spot our very first Snake's head fritillary!

The summer of 2025 provided opportunities for bracken pulling and Yellow Rattle harvesting, and in September our volunteers were delighted to receive a delivery of wildflower plugs and seed funded by the RSVP 3Ps project.

The Yellow Rattle and mixed seed delivered were broadcast in November following the end of the summer drought. The Agrimony, Oxeye, Meadow Geranium, Cowslip, Betony, Lesser Knapweed, Devils bit scabious and Primrose plugs will be planted out on the verges in the Spring of 2026.

In October 2025 following extensive negotiations with Shropshire Council's Highways Department, the Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project Board agreed the cut and collection of our 5 demonstration verges, and this included Bushmoor as well as our verges at All Stretton, Bishops Castle, Hope Bowdler and Wistanstow.

Our plans for 2026/27 are already in hand, as we continue our work to enhance the Bushmoor verges as a habitat for wildflowers, invertebrates, birds and small mammals.

### **The Bushmoor Verges Group**



**The Verges Group Walk in April**



**The Verges Survey in June**



**Bracken pulling in July**



**Cut and Collection in October**



**Plugs awaiting planting**



**Yellow Rattling in November**

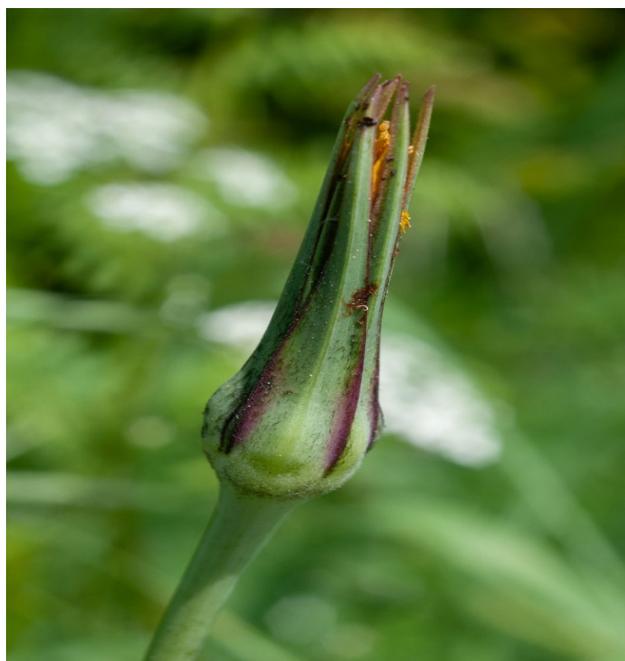


**A selection of photo's from our species catalogue**

**Greater Stitchwort**



**Goats Beard**



**Hedge Mustard**



**Lesser Trefoil**

