

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Assistant Director - Place
to Leadership Panel
of 18 January 2022**

Subject: Improving Biodiversity in South Ayrshire

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to appraise the Leadership Panel of the outcome of the pilot wildflower meadows created in 2021, and to seek Panel approval for a phase 2 expansion of the project throughout South Ayrshire.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 approves the continuation of the wildflower meadows sown as part of the 2021 pilot, as detailed in Appendix 1; and

2.1.2 approves the development of the wildflower meadows identified in Appendix 2 for summer of 2022.

3. Background

3.1 On 09 February 2021 Leadership Panel approved a paper titled [Improving Biodiversity in South Ayrshire](#).

3.2 As part of the above paper, panel approved the creation of a number of pilot meadows in Ayr and Prestwick with a report to review the initiative be brought to panel in November 2021.

3.3 The meadows identified for the approved locations were one of three types:

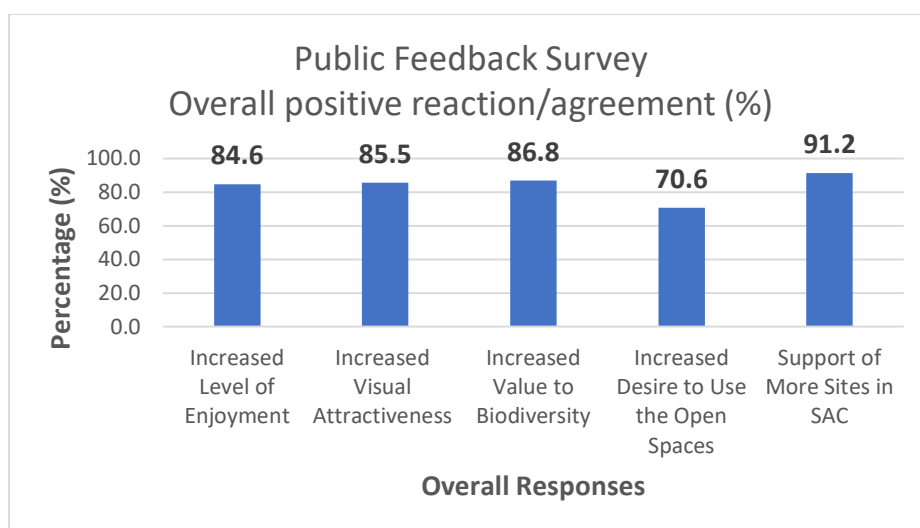
- Annual Meadow;
- Perennial Meadow; and
- Altered Grass Maintenance Meadow.

3.4 The Park Rangers undertook pollinator surveys of all the identified sites, Appendix 3. Their over-arching findings were that the annual and perennial meadows had a greater number of pollinators than the altered grass maintenance areas, however, even the altered grass-maintained sites had more pollinators than the short cut grass.

3.5 The annual meadows were by far the most colourful of the 3 different meadow types. The perennial mix was less colourful, as expected, as not all the varieties of

seed within this mix, flowered this year. As explained in the panel paper of 9th February 2021, it can take 3-5 years for a perennial meadow to become fully established. However, the perennial meadow sites now only need to be maintained and do not need any additional seed.

- 3.6 Due to the extremely dry summer and the sandy nature of soil within Prestwick Oval, this site did not flourish, though it still managed to produce a number of wildflower species such as yarrow, knapweed, and ox-eye daisy. Photographs of some of the pilot sites are shown in Appendix 4
- 3.7 The initial intention was the Park Rangers would be able to use these sites as an educational resource but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions this was unable to take place.
- 3.8 The service undertook a survey/consultation in November 2021 to gauge the success of the initiative from a public perspective and to determine if there was an appetite to expand the initiative. A summary of the outcomes of each question is included in Appendix 3 from pages 7 to 9.
- 3.9 The survey received 228 responses and was extremely positive with 91.2% of participants in support of more sites throughout South Ayrshire as shown below.



- 3.10 A full copy of the responses can be found at Appendix 5. Throughout the period of the pilot Neighbourhood Services did not receive any complaints relating to any of the nine sites, however the survey has highlighted a small number of concerns, e.g. dog fouling, litter, long areas look messy. It should be noted that we received numerous compliments throughout the pilot period mainly related to the colourful annual meadow sites. This was also reflected in the survey results.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that Grounds Maintenance further develops phase 2 of implementing meadows to a further 25 sites throughout South Ayrshire giving a total 34 sites.
- 4.2 The 25 sites will create 1.455 Ha of wildflower meadows. All the sites have been chosen in relation to their accessibility to be cut by tractor drawn machinery, their ground condition being suitable for planting, the visual impact that the location provides to communities and to provide sites within all Wards within South Ayrshire.

4.3 It is also proposed that a mixture of annual and perennial seeds is sown within each of the new 25 sites so giving the initial colour that the public enjoys, whilst having the perennial plants developing for subsequent seasons. This will remove the need for further over sowing on some sites in future years. Sites detailed in Appendix 2.

4.4 The service will also create a communications plan prior to spring to raise awareness of the initiative, the timescales involved, what to expect, and what we are trying to achieve.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications, however there may be potential issues relating to the procurement of wildflower seed to be able to sow in March 2022 for flowering in the summer of 2022 due to the current supply chain.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The financial implications for the continuation and expansion of the project are set out below:

Item	Unit Cost	Unit	Total Cost	Financial Year	
				2021/22	2022/23
Tractor Unit	£37,000	1	£37,000	£37,000	
Machine Seed Planting Ph 2	£2.50	14,550	£36,375	£36,375	
Annual Seeding 2023-2026	£1.03	14,550	£14,986.50		£14,986.50
Overtime	£1,000	1	£1,000		£1,000
				£73,735	£15,986.50

6.2 The costs of £73,735 for financial year 2021/22 can be met from the Scottish Government Biodiversity Funding of £105,000 to be spent directly on biodiversity. The annual seeding element will require a recurring spend thereafter of £14,986.50 per annum for 3 to 5 years until the perennial meadows have become established. As all sites will require to be cut at a specific time of year the service will need to work overtime to maximise resource at all the identified sites over a 3-6 week period. This will require an additional £1,000 overtime allocation in financial year 2022/23 and will be a recurring spend in future years.

6.3 There is currently no funding available for the expansion of wildflower sites for future years. The service will explore grant funding opportunities for the continuation and expansion of the scheme to £15,986 per annum based on planting 1.455 Ha of greenspace. If grant funding is not available in 2022/23, the budget of £15,986 will be met from within current resources with budgets for future years being considered as part of the budget setting process.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 There are no human resource implications related to the content of this paper at this time.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 Based on the consultation/survey at Appendix 3 there is a small risk that the Council receives negative feedback and complaints regarding perceived lack of maintenance. This however should be minimised through a communications campaign.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 There is a risk that in rejecting this proposal the Council will reduce the opportunity to meet our legally required Biodiversity Duty.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Process. There are no significant positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is shown in Appendix 6.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** It was determined that an SEA will not be pursued at this time due to the current status of the actions contained.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitment 6 of the Council Plan: A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities.

13. Results of Consultation

13.1 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Environment and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

13.2 Consultation has also taken place with the Elected Members from the wards in which the initial pilots took place and reflect any feedback.

13.3 Consultation on the pilot scheme was undertaken with the results available at Appendix 3.

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14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Assistant Director - Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>Managed by</i>
Prepare sites for sowing Wildflower seed	March/ April 2022	Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services

Background Papers **None**

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Open space adjacent to no 21 Castle Walk and 34 Greenan Road, Ayr



Area between 35 and 49 Glenalla Crescent, Ayr



Area at The Oval, Prestwick



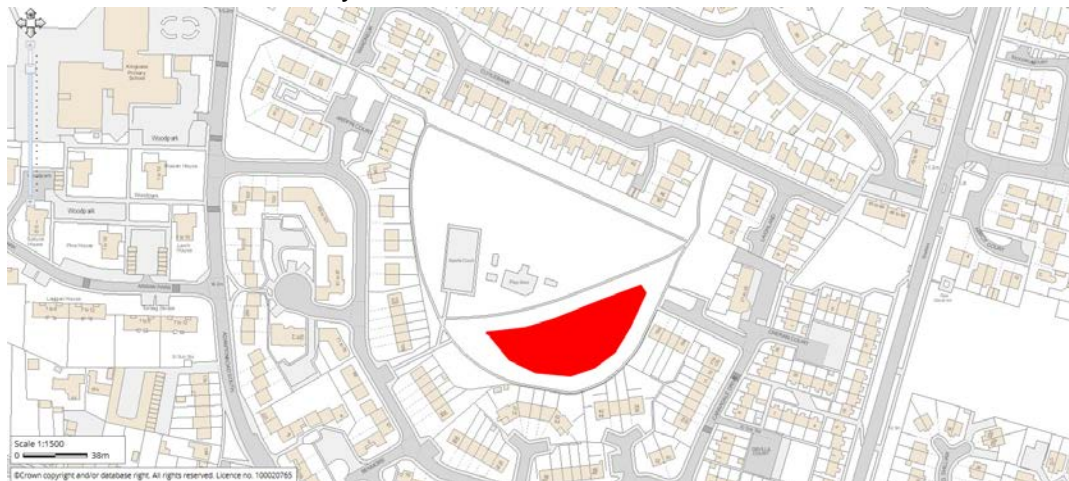
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Hayhill, Ayr



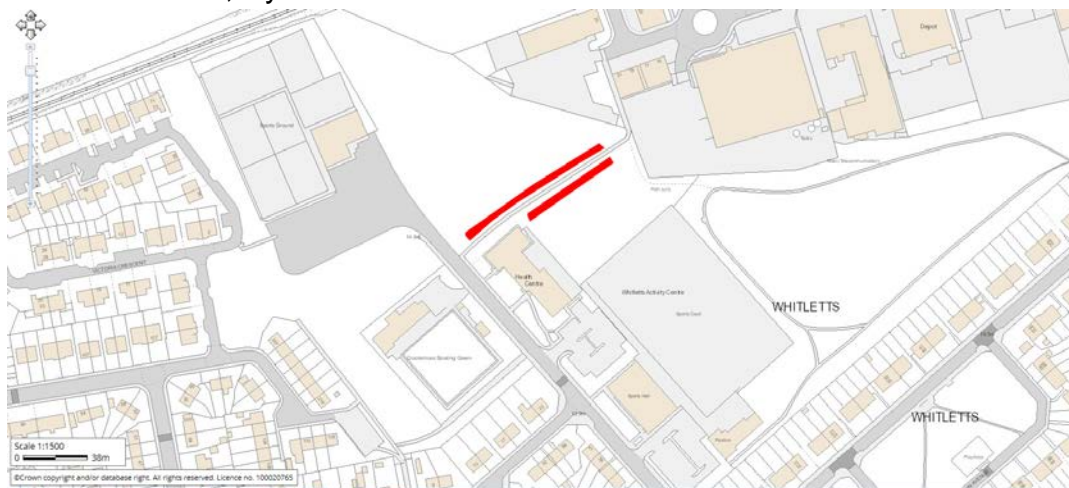
Next to Ardfin Road Play Area, Prestwick



Castlehill Estate, Ayr



Glenmuir Place, Ayr



Kingsmeadow Estate, Semple Road, Prestwick



Proposed Sites for 2022

Plateau Drive Troon



Adams Gate Troon



Kilmarnock Road Troon



Drybridge Road Dundonald



Shaw Park Symington



Recreation Ground Loans



Recreation Ground Mossblown



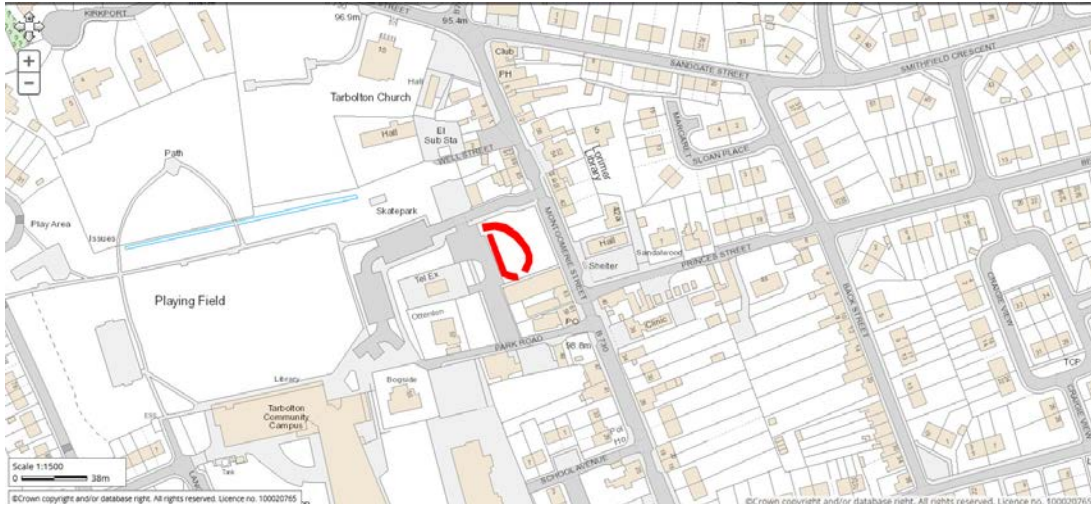
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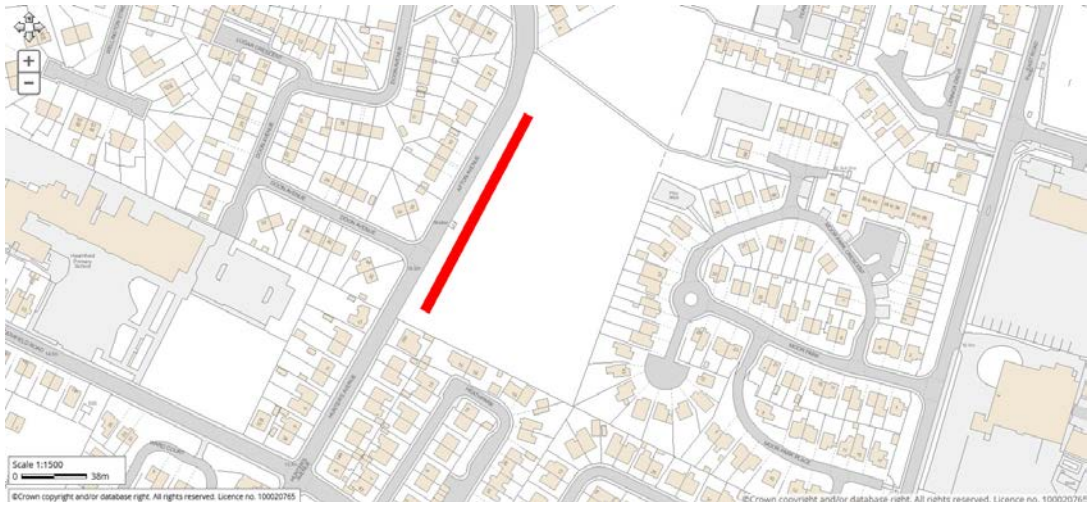
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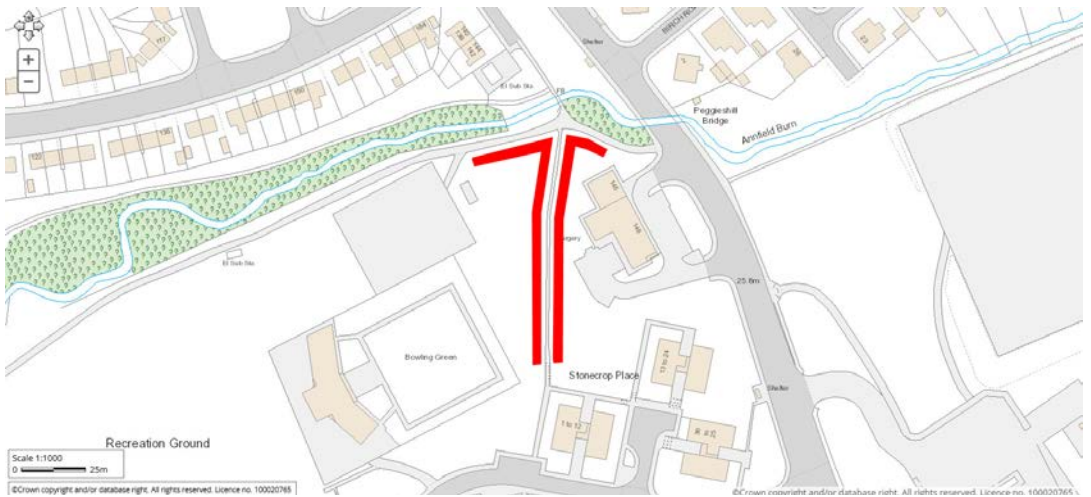
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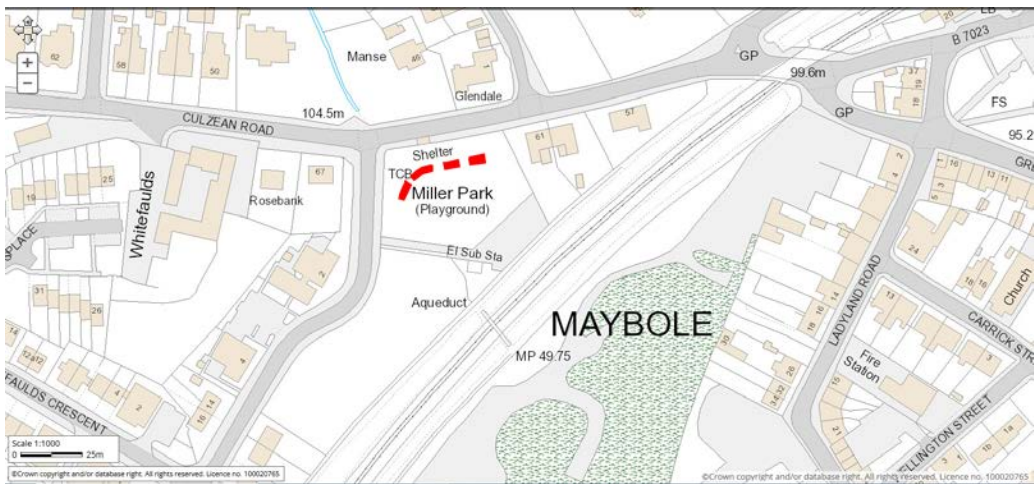
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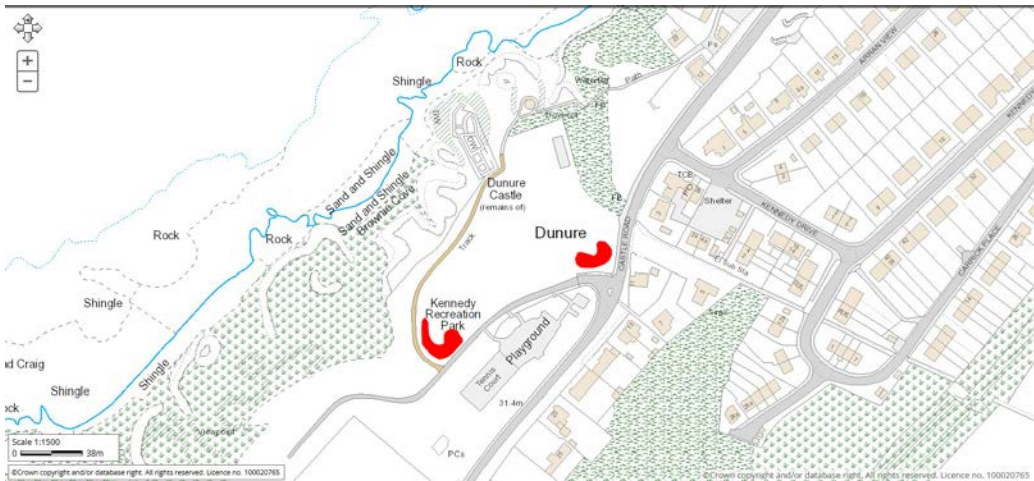
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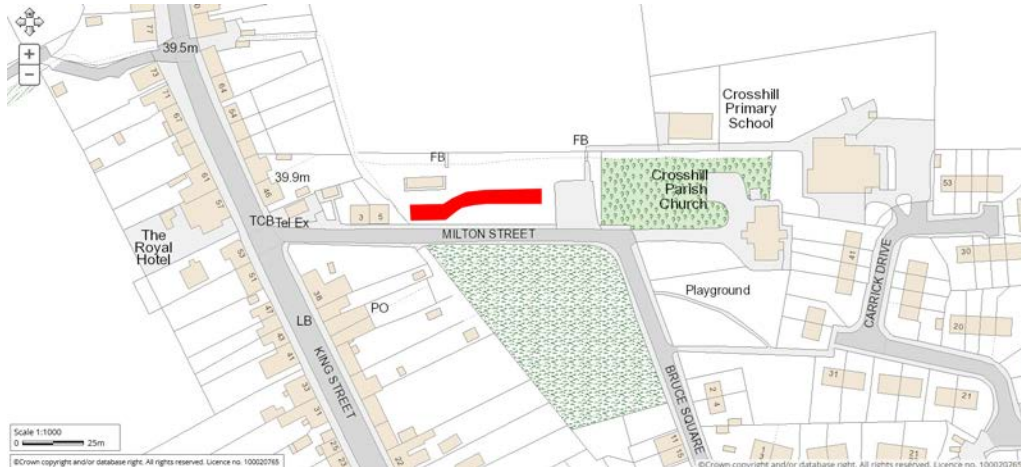
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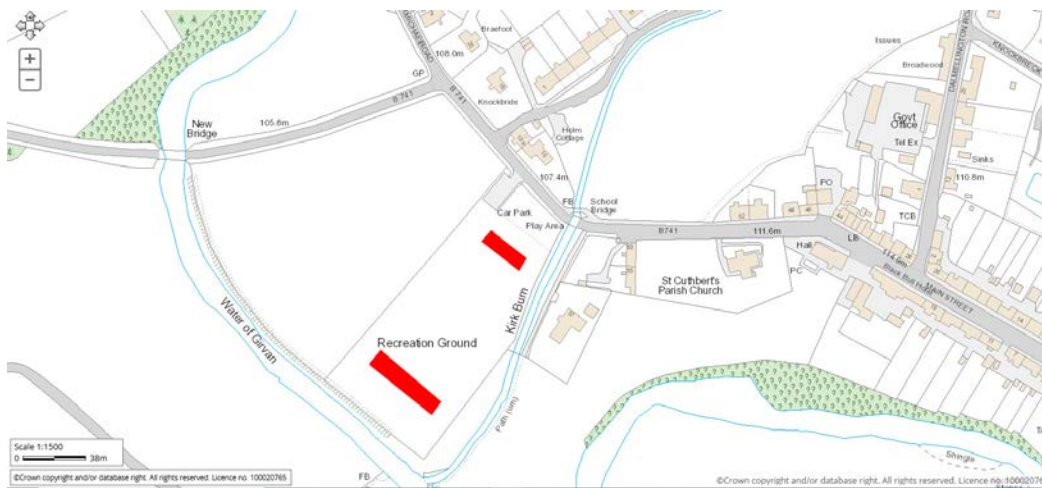
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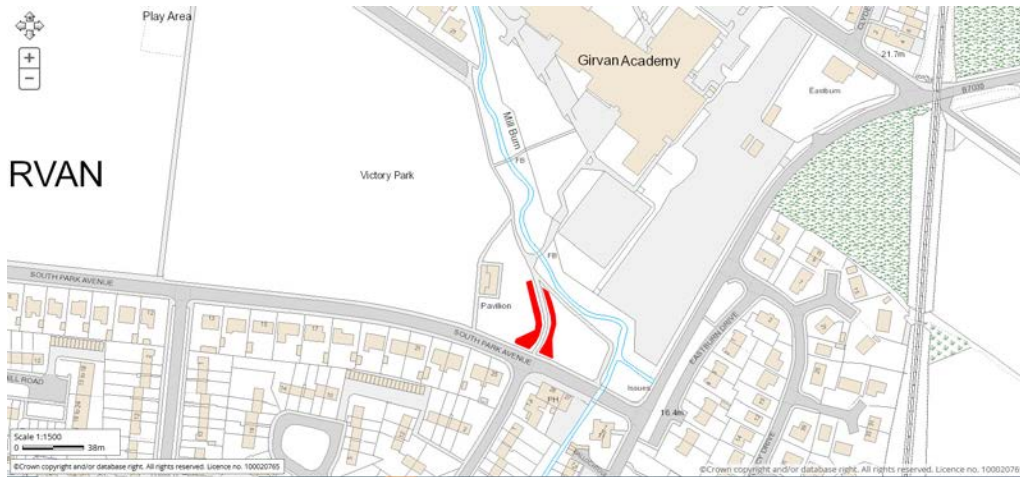
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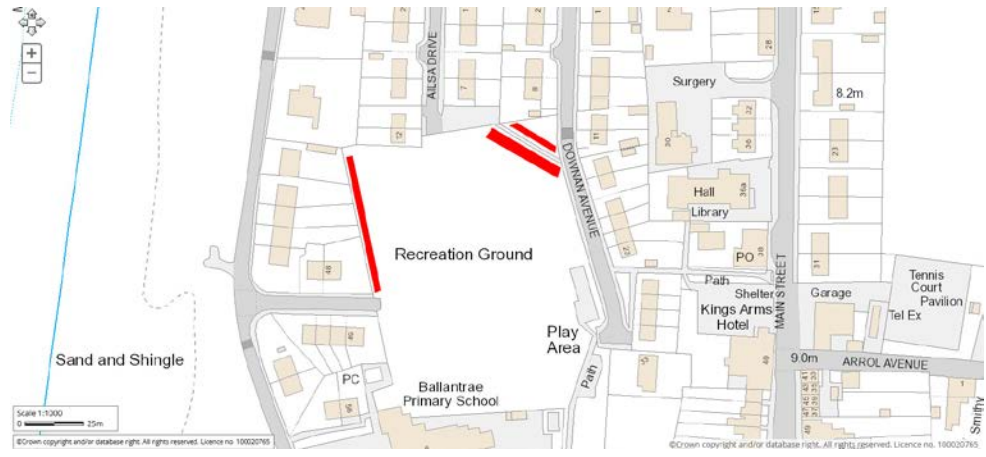
Victory Park Girvan



Ainsley Park Girvan



Recreation Ground Ballantrae



South Ayrshire Council Altered Maintenance - Wildflower Meadow Pilot Scheme

Survey Results



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Introduction

In 2021 nine trial grassland areas within Ayr and Prestwick were selected by South Ayrshire Council Neighbourhood Services to develop as either a perennial meadow, an annual meadow or altered maintenance with a feature cut. The purpose of this scheme is to improve local biodiversity (particularly pollinators) and to create a more visually appealing and diverse range of open spaces for members of the public to enjoy.

All nine of these trial sites were monitored for their ecological value via biodiversity surveys during August 2021 and for its visitor impact via a public feedback survey in November 2021.

The information gathered will help in the consideration and decision making process of the benefit and public support for this pilot to be expanded within South Ayrshire.



Figure 1: Annual Wildflower Meadow

Survey Methodology

All sites were sampled for floral data via 10 randomly selected 1m×1m quadrats. Pollinator and other invertebrate species were recorded by timed count at site. This survey period ran from the 30th June 2021 until the 20th August 2021.

A basic feedback questionnaire (see Appendix A) was developed to gauge overall thoughts and opinions regarding the nine piloted sites; covering points on visual appeal, overall enjoyment and perceptions on benefit to wildlife. Door stepping and an online form (see Appendix B), publicised via social media, were selected as the tools to which the feedback would be obtained.

The public feedback survey ran from the 15th November 2021 to the 28th November 2021.

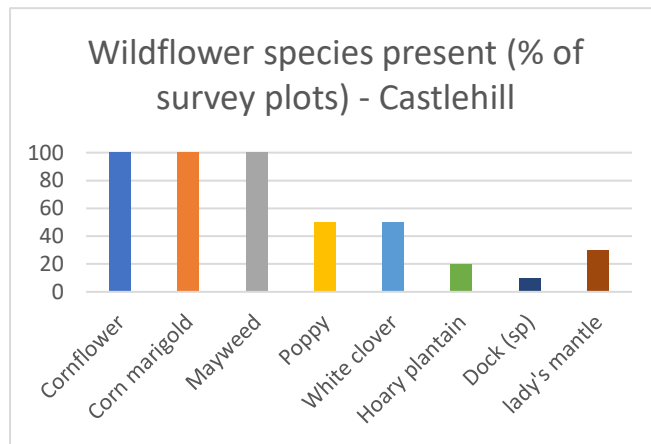
Site Survey Results

During the summer 2021 all nine pilot sites were surveyed to establish presence of wildflowers and invertebrates at each site.

Annual Flower Mix

The annual wildflower seed mix consisted of four species: poppy, cornflower, corn marigold and mayweed. All species were found at all the pilot sites, along with a variety of self-seeded wildflowers.

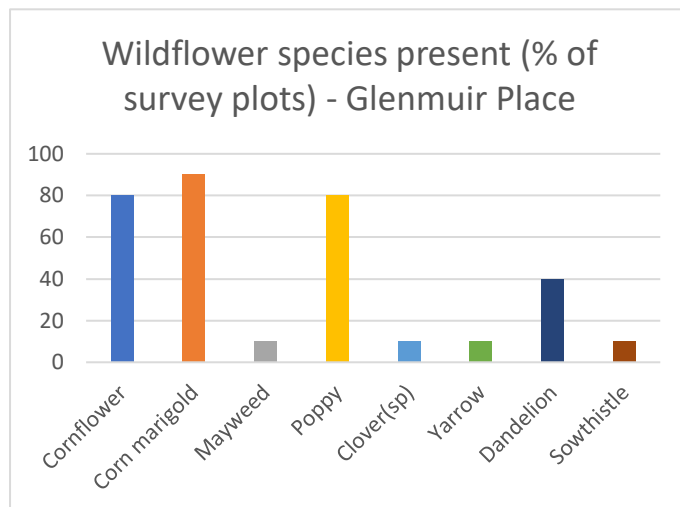
Castlehill



Castlehill was surveyed on the 2nd August 2021. All 4 wildflower species sown in the annual mix were present, 3 of these were recorded in all the survey plots. Poppies were only located in 50% of the plots however it is probable that their presence is under represented in surveys due to earlier flowering time.

Invertebrates recorded at site included hoverflies, true flies, wasps and bumblebees (not recorded to species level).

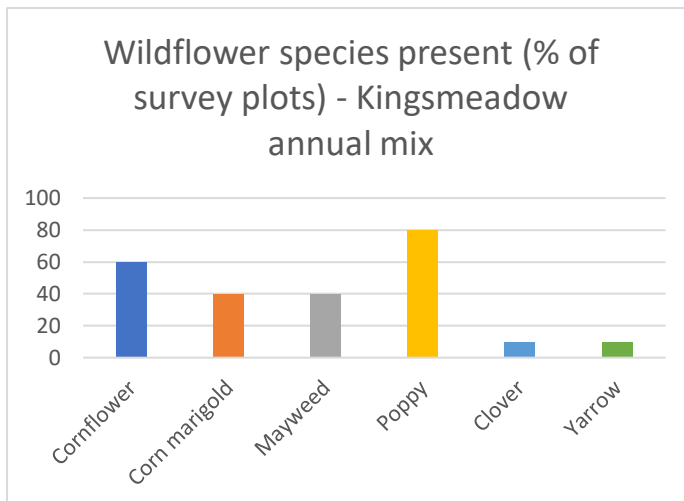
Glenmuir Place



Glenmuir Place was surveyed on the 20th August 2021. All 4 wildflower species sown in the annual mix were present, not all species were recorded in all the survey plots, possibly due to survey taking place later in the summer after flowering.

Invertebrate recorded at site included: wasps, hoverflies, true flies, solitary bees, buff/white tailed bumblebees, honeybees and ladybirds.

Kingsmeadow (annual mix site)



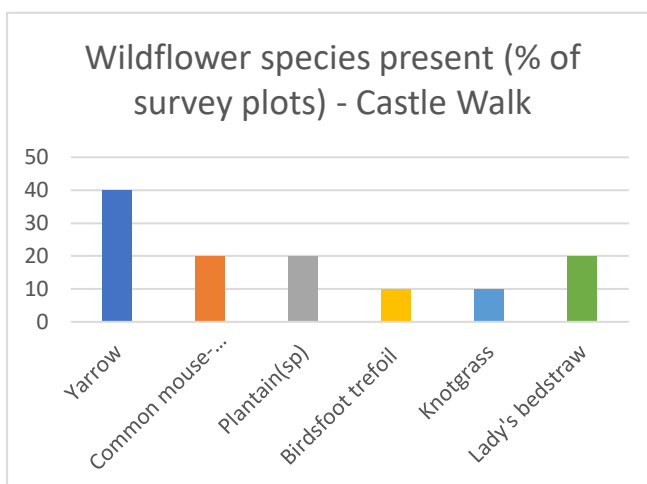
Kingsmeadow was surveyed on 20th August 2021. All 4 wildflower species sown in the annual mix were present, not all species were recorded in all the survey plots, possibly due to survey taking place later in the summer after flowering.

Invertebrate recorded at site included: wasps, hoverflies, true flies, common carder bumblebee, red-tailed bumblebee, buff/white tailed bumblebees, green-veined white butterfly and ladybirds.

Perennial Flower Mix

Perennial mixes include annual and bi-annual wildflowers, many of the species sown will only start to flower in their second year. Perennial flowers are an essential and reliable source of food for pollinators and other invertebrates and provide longer season of flowers once well-established.

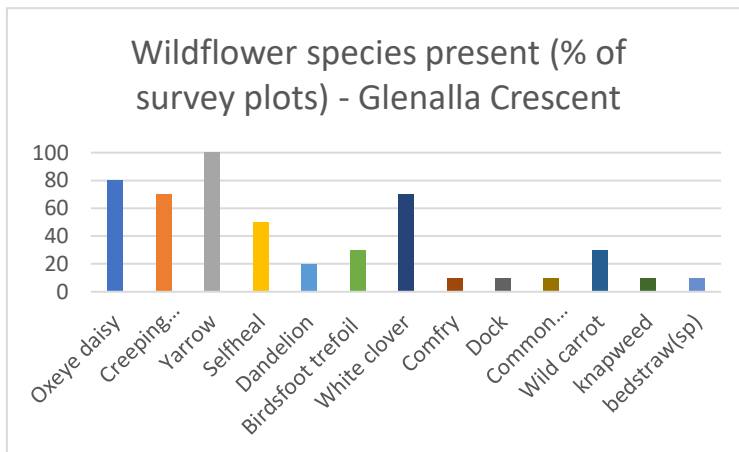
Castle Walk/ Greenan Road



Castle walk was surveyed on 30th June 2021, low diversity of wildflowers recorded with yarrow dominant species present.

Invertebrates recorded at site included bumblebees (species not recorded) and true flies.

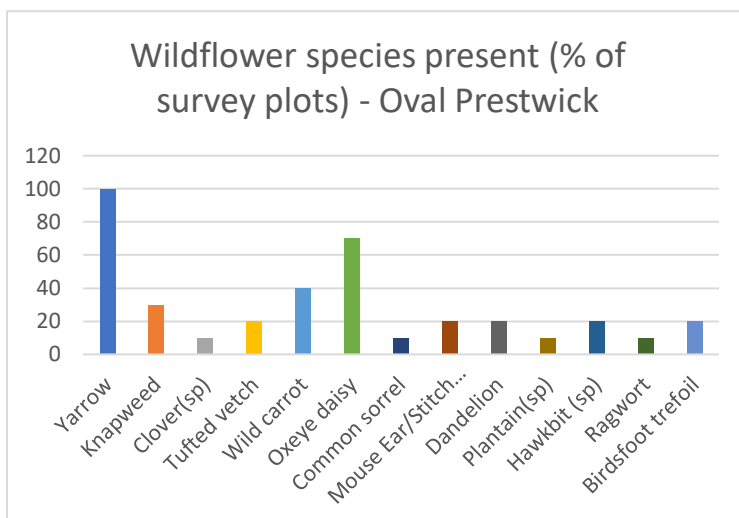
Glenalla Crescent



Glenalla Crescent was surveyed on the 2nd August 2021. Variety of wildflowers recorded from sown seeds and self-sown, yarrow was the dominant species present at 100% of surveyed plots, followed by ox-eye daisy and selfheal.

Invertebrates recorded at site include bumblebees (species not recorded), hoverflies, true flies and wasps.

Oval



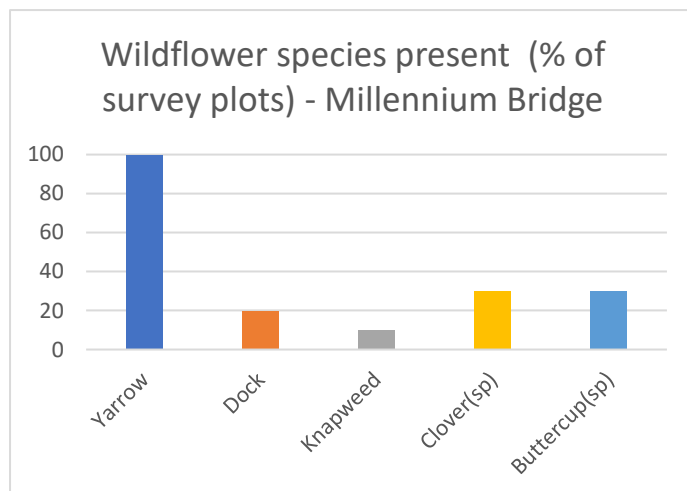
Oval Prestwick was surveyed on the 17th August 2021. Diverse range of wild flowers present although some plots had bare ground present. Yarrow was the most dominant wildflower, followed by ox-eye daisy and wild carrot.

Invertebrates recorded at the site include: common carder bumblebee, red-tailed bumblebee, honeybee, true flies, wasp, solitary bees and hoverflies.

Altered maintenance with feature cuts

No wildflower seed mixes were sown at the altered maintenance sites. Wildflowers present are self-sown from either surrounding area or seedbank in soil, if a cut/remove regime is followed the fertility of these sites will decrease lessening dominance of grasses and allowing for more diversity of wildflower species.

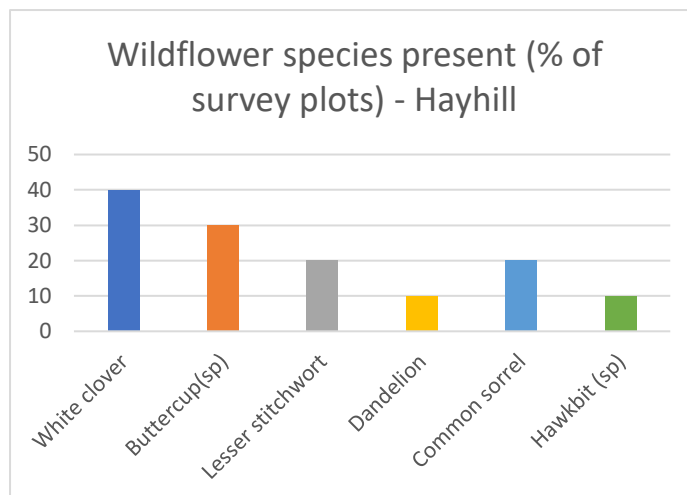
Millennium Bridge



Millennium Bridge site was surveyed on the 13th August 2021. Although unsown with wildflower seed mix yarrow was present in all survey plots.

Invertebrates recorded at site include: white-tailed bumblebees and bumblebees (species unrecorded).

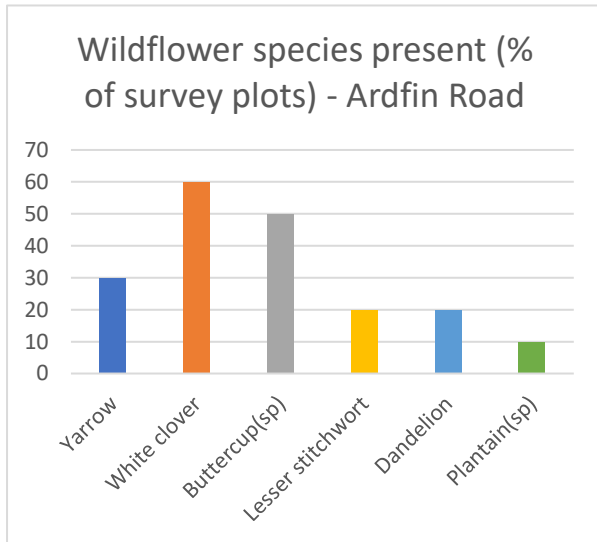
Hayhill



Hayhill site was survey on 20th August 2021. Dominant wildflower species found at site was white clover.

Invertebrates recorded at site include hoverflies, true flies, wasps, common carder bumblebees, solitary bees and ladybirds.

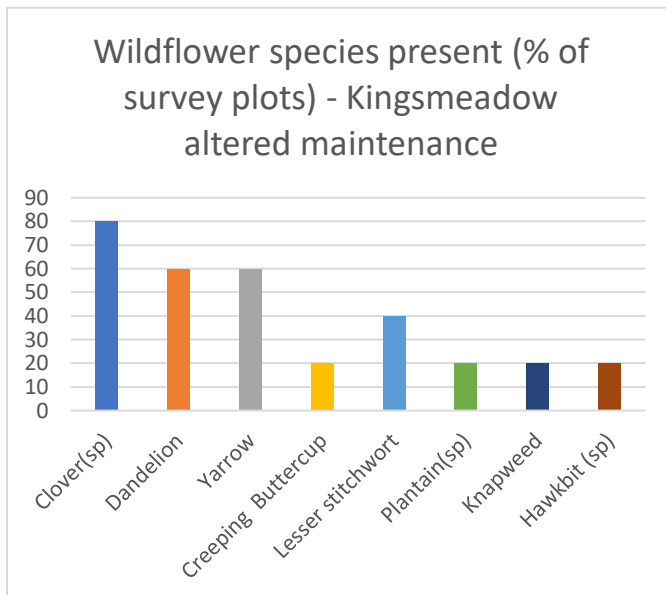
Ardfin Road



Ardfin Road was surveyed on the 17th August 2021, white clover dominant wildflower species present.

Invertebrates recorded at site included: common carder bumblebee, early bumblebee, tree bumblebee, red-tailed bumblebee, buff/white-tailed bumblebee, honeybee, true flies and ladybirds.

Kingsmeadow

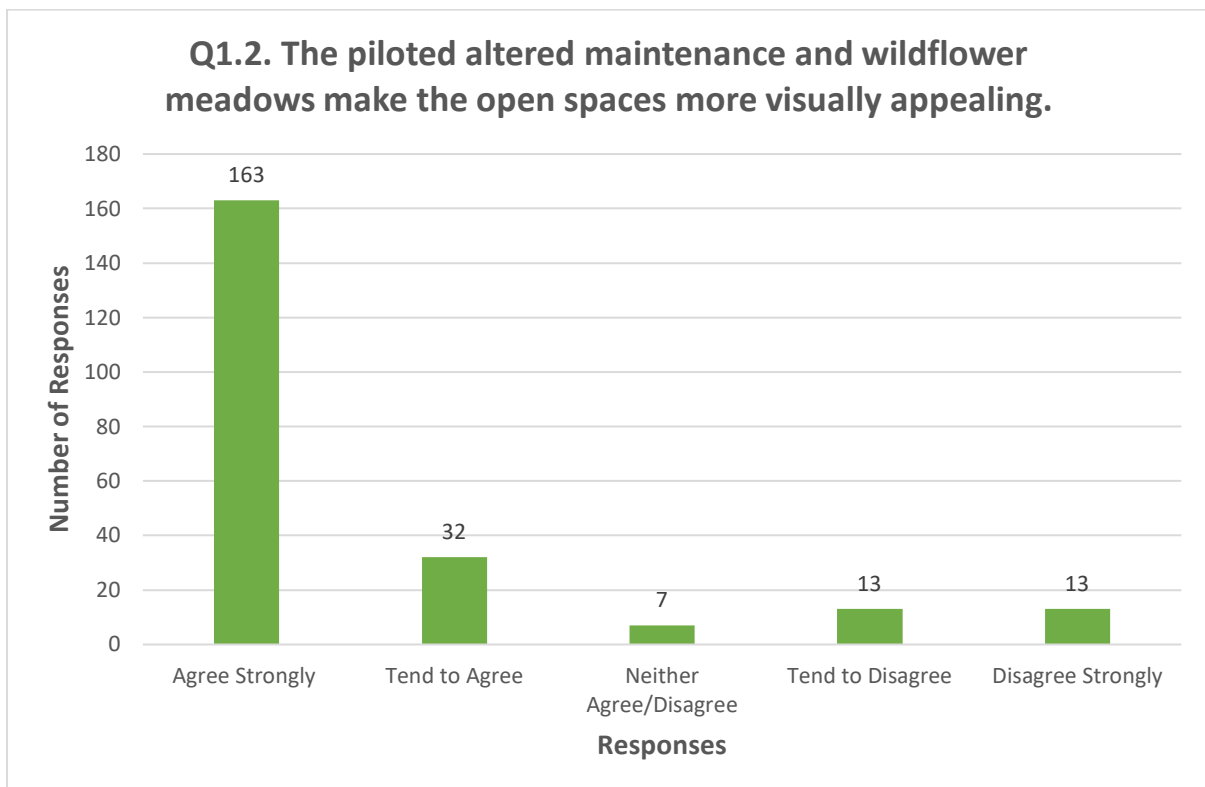
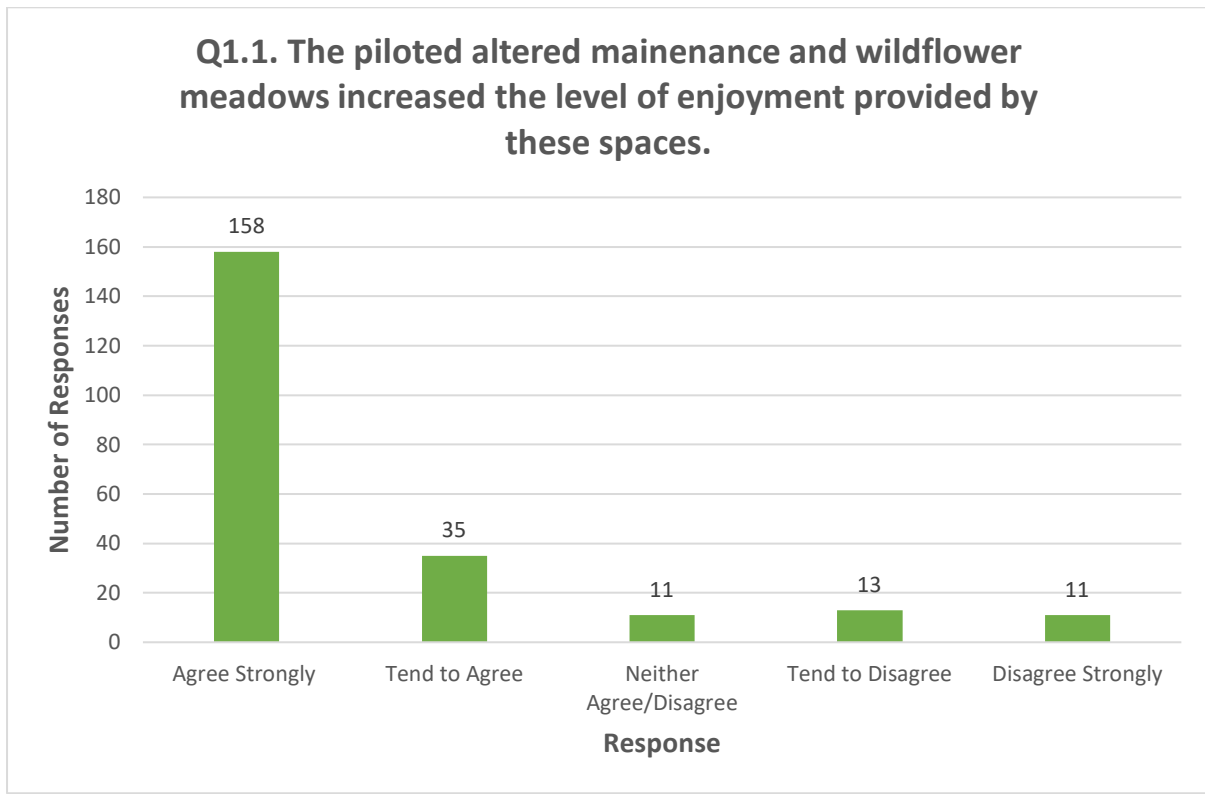


Kingsmeadow was surveyed on the 20th August 2021. Clover and yarrow present on most survey plots.

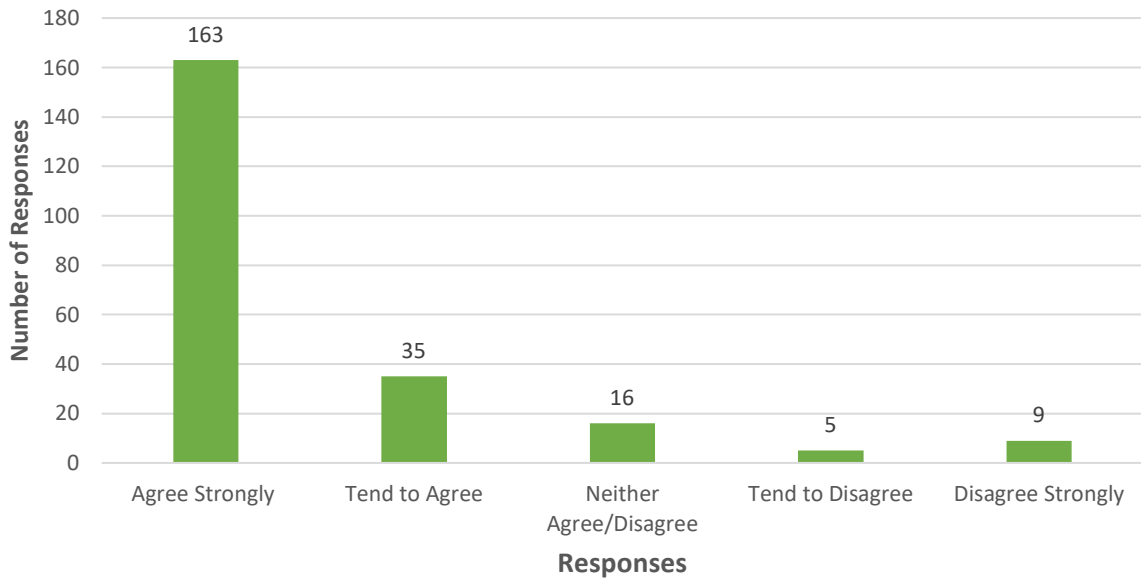
Invertebrates recorded at site include: hoverfly, true flies, wasps, green-veined white butterfly, buff/white-tailed bumblebees, common carder bumblebees, red-tailed bumblebees and ladybirds.

Public Feedback Survey

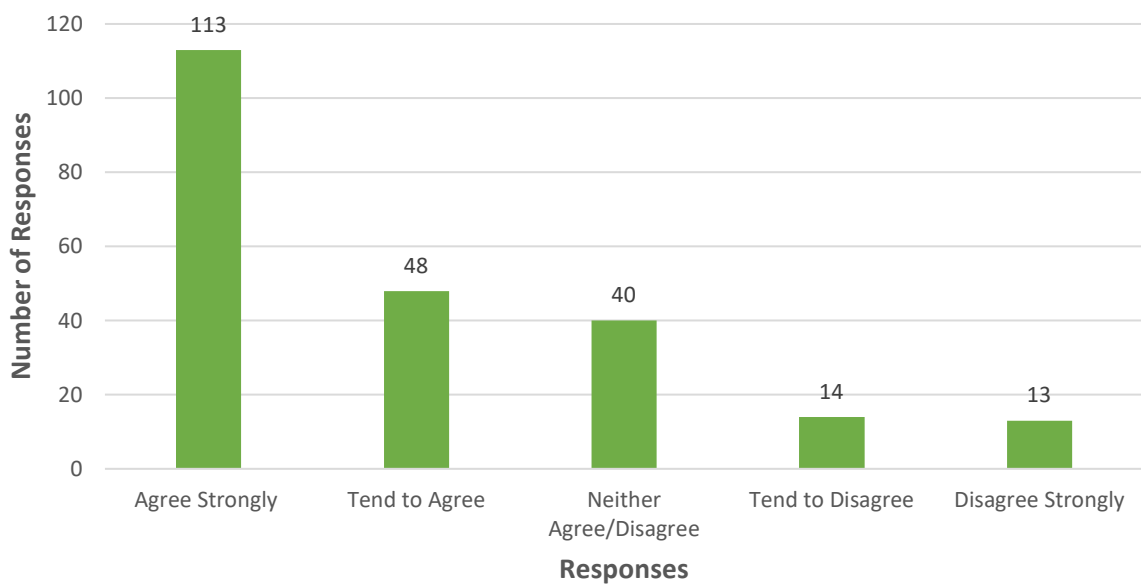
A total of 228 responses were received from members of the public. The responses to individual survey questions can be seen below.

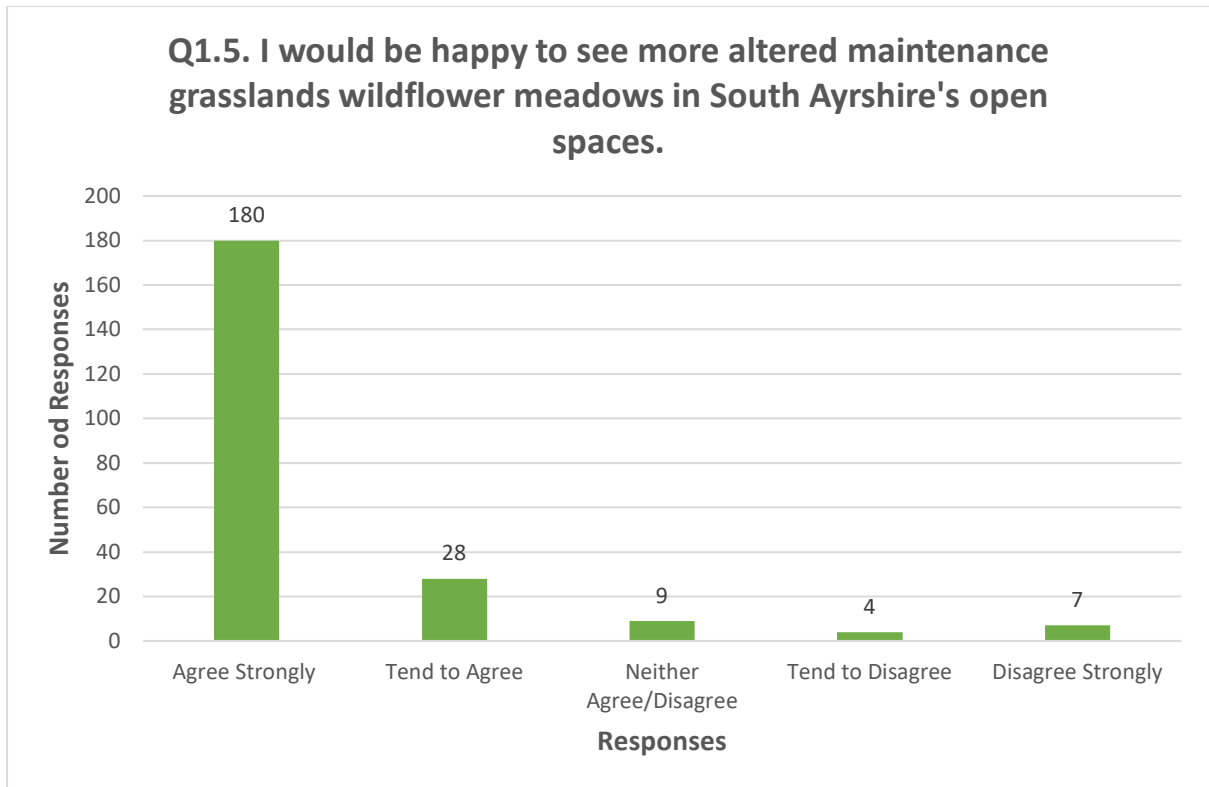


Q1.3. The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows appear to be good for biodiversity i.e. for butterflies, bees and other insects.



Q1.4. Has the introduction of altered maintenance grasslands and wildflower meadows increased your desire to use the open space?





See Appendix C for tabular data.

Local Ward Councillors Comments

Councillor Brian McGinley (Ayr East Ward):

“I am supportive of this initiative both in my local ward and across south Ayrshire. Future Sites must be chosen carefully though”.

Councillor Ian Cochrane (Prestwick Ward):

“All comments received from constituents were supportive and who express their approval and an aspiration to see the pilot extended. And I share their enthusiasm for this initiative.”

Great success, well done.

Discussion

Biodiversity

The annual seed-mix has come up well and all flowers were well represented. This was a mix that provided a welcome splash of colour for residents and people using greenspace.

The perennial mix had mixed results in the first year although this was to be expected as some perennials can take two years to flower and the true colour of these mixes can be enjoyed in subsequent years. Perennial mixes play an essential role in providing reliable food source to pollinators once well-established. Weather conditions earlier in the year affected the establishment of the perennial meadows, the spring sowing in late March/early April was followed by a prolonged dry spell in April resulting in droughty conditions for seedlings, followed by frosts in May that killed many tender young plants. Soil type is another factor that impacts the development of the seedlings, sandy soils (i.e. the oval) warm quickly allowing for early germination but as they are free draining are at risk of drought during periods of low rainfall.

Self-seeded wildflowers were present in both annual and perennial mixes.

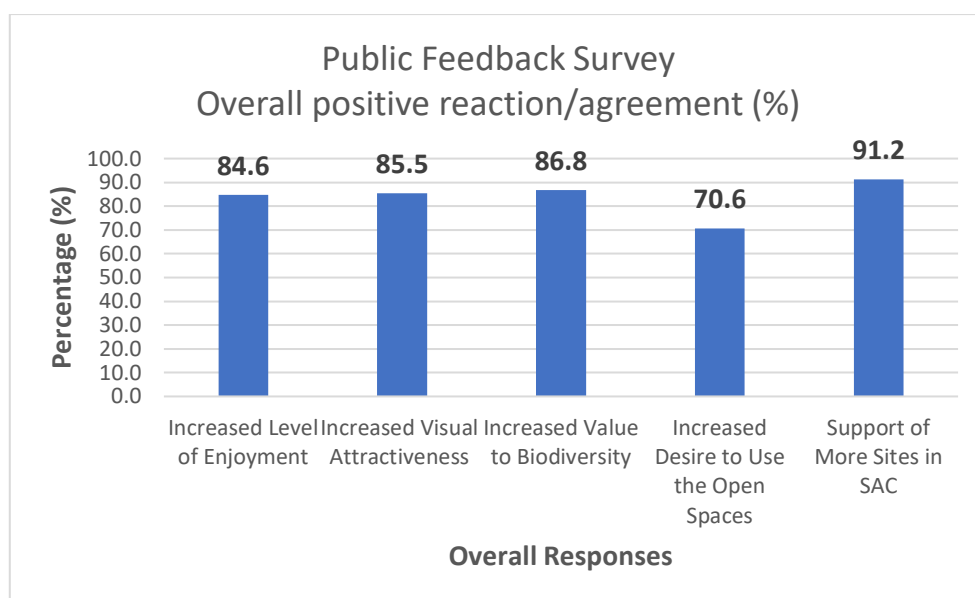
Altered maintenance sites consisted mainly of long grass, as was to be expected in the first year. As time progresses and nutrients diminish wildflower diversity and numbers should increase.

Insects were recorded at all sites, but fewer (abundance and diversity) on the altered maintenance sites.

Public Feedback Survey

Both the figures and comments received through the public feedback surveys suggest that the 2021 SAC Meadow/Altered Maintenance Pilot Scheme was generally well received by members of the public. The percentage of positive reactions is encouraging and show a strong support for wildflower and altered maintenance areas.

The vast majority of surveyed people think that the pilot scheme has increased levels of enjoyment, visual attractiveness of the area, value to biodiversity, desire to use open spaces. There is a strong will to see the project expand in future years.



The qualitative results (comments) show praise and support for the project with it being qualified as “forward thinking”, “positive impact”, “make a difference”, “popular”.

Here are a couple example of comments from the surveys:

*“I think this initiative demonstrates forward thinking by those responsible for its implementation. Apart from the obvious improved looks which I would argue will please the majority of people, the planting of these spaces will significantly and positively impact the wildlife and prevent further erosion of the pollinators.
This initiative needs to become “business as usual” within Council plans and not a one off project.”*

*“I am a resident of Kings Meadow, Prestwick and wish to congratulate the Council re this initiative. The difference that the piloted areas made, in particular the visual impact was widely appreciated. The benefits to biodiversity must be significant, I understand that there will be a technical evaluation in due course, or has this happened? While this is a personal opinion I saw little if any examples of vandalism and the creation of pathways through the areas of long grass was very popular with the children especially.
Please continue with the experiment---Hwyl am Nawr, Meic Evans Vice Chair Prestwick South Community Council”*

A few recurring observations can also be drawn from responses to the people feedback survey for future years:

- Increased awareness of the scheme is needed for all sites involved. This could be achieved through posting leaflets to nearby houses and/or providing information on a noticeboard close to the sites. This was a particularly prevalent comment for the Glenalla site.
- A number of the residents suggested that the perennial meadows were not as colourful/attractive as the other pilot sites and would benefit from a scattering of annuals within the perennial mix; this was a common comment made by residents at the Oval.
- The altered maintenance with a feature cut was well received by local dog walkers but other users/residents had dog fouling/litter concerns as children tended to run through the resultant long grass. However during the summer season no complaints were logged on the Councils Complaints System.

A few select constructive comments can be seen below:

“Some are wonderful and maintained others just look like someone couldn’t be bothered cutting the grass. If they are maintained nicely then yes I think they are a good idea. “

“Whilst walking at Doonfoot noticed that some of the grass area had been left. Thought it looks untidy until a friend informed me of the reason. Relevant signage would be helpful.”

“Great initiative. We need more of these areas to help pollinators. A good addition might be areas that also cater for caterpillars as these have often different requirements from their adult forms. This will also benefit birds and other wildlife. “

“A fantastic project, more perennial wildflower meadows and reduced cutting of areas across the whole of South Ayrshire to help pollinators and provide more local interest. Why bother with annual meadows i.e the annual sowing of seeds? it negates the point of a wildflower meadow as you're using more CO2 to make them each year rather than just one cut and collect plus the extra cost of buying new seed. A good mix of annual/perennial seeds will look great the first year then continue with just one end of season cut/collect. Informing the locals and education of what a wildflower meadow is will help win people over.”

Conclusions

Figures show that survey participants are firmly supportive of the creation of wildflower meadows and/or altered maintenance areas in South Ayrshire. Contributors have also highlighted issues that, if addressed, could improve the perception and effectiveness of the scheme. The project has proved successful in that most residents were seeing the benefit these sites have to wildlife. The vast majority also considers that these sites improve the visual aesthetic of the local area, particularly sites closest to the annual meadows. Many would quite happily see an expansion of this scheme across South Ayrshire.

When expanding this programme, a number of elements should be considered:

- Increase awareness of the project with local residents, bearing in mind that many do not follow SAC social media or website. Placing temporary interpretation at sites would improve public knowledge of the project.
- Consider adding an annual mix to the perennial mix to add a splash of colours whilst the perennial flowers establish. While annual mixes are visually appealing they offer less biodiversity value than perennial wildflowers. Perennials once established offer longer flowering periods supporting a wide range of pollinator and other invertebrate species which are necessary for healthy ecosystems and life on earth.
- Some people raised concerns that the long grass of altered maintenance sites may have litter and dog fouling issues, though no complaints were logged. In future years, this could be monitored by the Ranger team during biodiversity surveys and work could be undertaken with environmental health to resolve any issues.
- The surveying of sites should be used as an opportunity to engage with local groups and schools. The various surveying methods trialled by the Ranger Service this year will help produce clear and simple survey methodology in future years that can be undertaken by people with varying levels of identification skills. A programme of bat and bird surveys/walks could also be incorporated to help engage people with nature on their doorstep.

Appendix A – Member of the Public Feedback Questionnaire



South Ayrshire Council Meadow/Altered Maintenance Pilot Scheme

Autumn/Winter 2021 Questionnaire

In 2021 nine grassland areas within Ayr and Prestwick were selected by South Ayrshire Council Grounds Maintenance Team to develop as either a perennial meadow, an annual meadow or to have an altered maintenance with a feature cut. The purpose of this scheme is to improve local biodiversity and to create a more visually appealing and diverse range of habitats.

For each of the following statements please tick the box that is most relevant to you.

1.1. The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows increased the level of enjoyment provided by these spaces.

Agree Strongly

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree/Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Disagree Strongly

1.2. The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows make the open spaces more visually appealing.

Agree Strongly

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree/Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Disagree Strongly

1.3. The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows appear to be good for biodiversity i.e. for butterflies, bees and other insects.

Agree Strongly

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree/Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Disagree Strongly

1.4. Has the introduction of altered maintenance grasslands and wildflower meadows increased your desire to use the open spaces?

Agree Strongly

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree/Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Disagree Strongly

1.5. I would be happy to see more altered maintenance grasslands wildflower meadows in South Ayrshire's open spaces.

Agree Strongly

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree/Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Disagree Strongly

1.6. Please give your overall impression of the piloted areas.

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Should you wish to complete the survey online please use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zDL4Rs8QF0>

Appendix B – Online Feedback Survey Form

* Required

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1. For each of the following statements please tick the box that is most relevant to you. *

	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows increased the level of enjoyment provided by these spaces.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows make the open spaces more visually appealing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows appear to be good for biodiversity i.e. for butterflies, bees and other insects.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Has the introduction of altered maintenance grasslands and wildflower meadows increased your desire to use the open spaces?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be happy to see more altered maintenance grasslands wildflower meadows in South Ayrshire's open spaces.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Please give your overall impression of the piloted areas.

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Appendix C – Tabular Public Feedback Responses

Q 1.1.	
Response	Number of Responses
Agree Strongly	158
Tend to Agree	35
Neither Agree/Disagree	11
Tend to Disagree	13
Disagree Strongly	11
Total	228
Q 1.2.	
Response	Number of Responses
Agree Strongly	163
Tend to Agree	32
Neither Agree/Disagree	7
Tend to Disagree	13
Disagree Strongly	13
Total	228
Q 1.3.	
Response	Number of Responses
Agree Strongly	163
Tend to Agree	35
Neither Agree/Disagree	16
Tend to Disagree	5
Disagree Strongly	9
Total	228
Q 1.4.	
Response	Number of Responses
Agree Strongly	113
Tend to Agree	48
Neither Agree/Disagree	40
Tend to Disagree	14
Disagree Strongly	13
Total	228
Q 1.5.	
Response	Number of Responses
Agree Strongly	180
Tend to Agree	28
Neither Agree/Disagree	9
Tend to Disagree	4
Disagree Strongly	7
Total	228

April 2021

Castle Walk, Ayr



Hayhill, Ayr



Kings Meadow, Prestwick



June 2021

Glenmuir Place, Ayr



Millennium Bridge, Ayr



Glenalla Crescent, Ayr



Castle Walk, Ayr



The Oval, Prestwick



Kings Meadow, Prestwick



Kings Meadow, Prestwick



Ardfin Avenue, Prestwick



July 2021

Castle Walk, Ayr



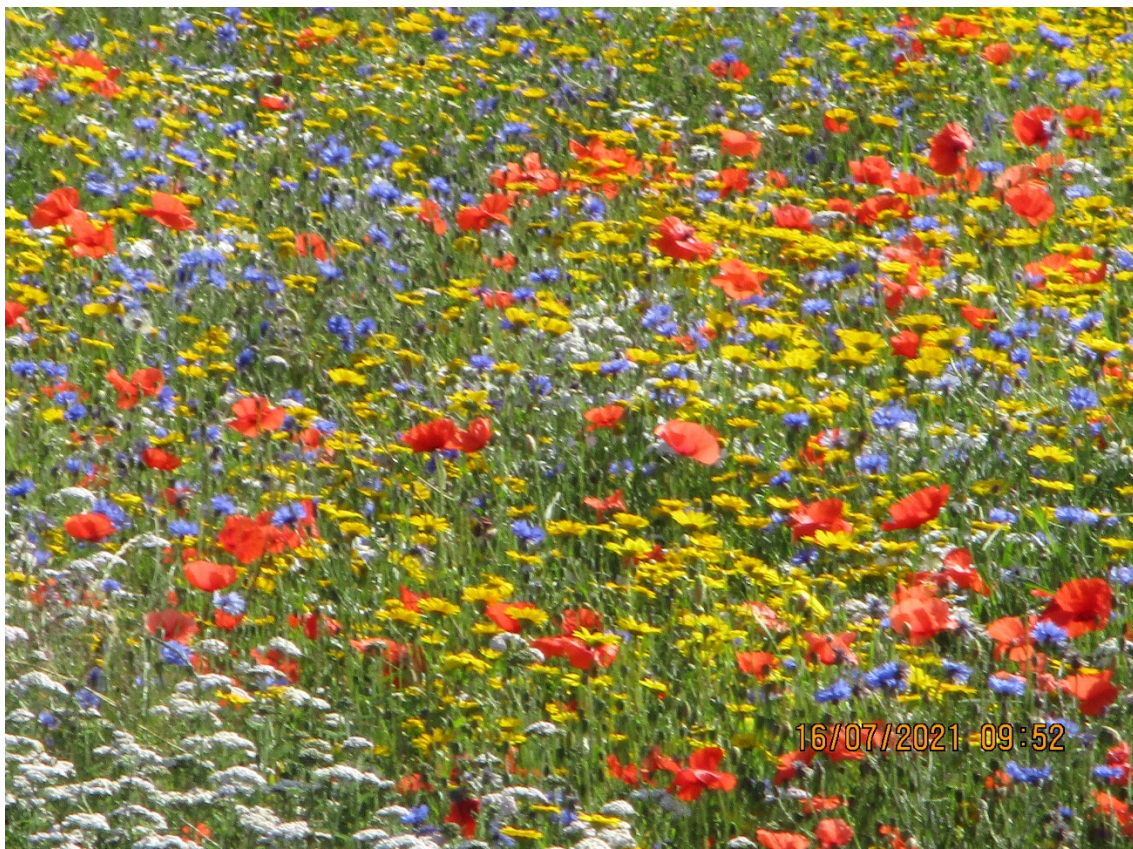
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Millennium Bridge, Ayr



Grangemuir Place, Ayr



Kings Meadow, Prestwick



Glenmuir Place Ayr



August 2021

Castlehill Estate, Ayr



Glenalla Crescent, Ayr



Castle Walk, Ayr



Grangemuir Place, Ayr



Millennium Bridge



Hayhill Ayr



The Oval, Prestwick



Ardfin Avenue, Prestwick



Kings Meadow, Prestwick



September 2021

Hayhill, Ayr

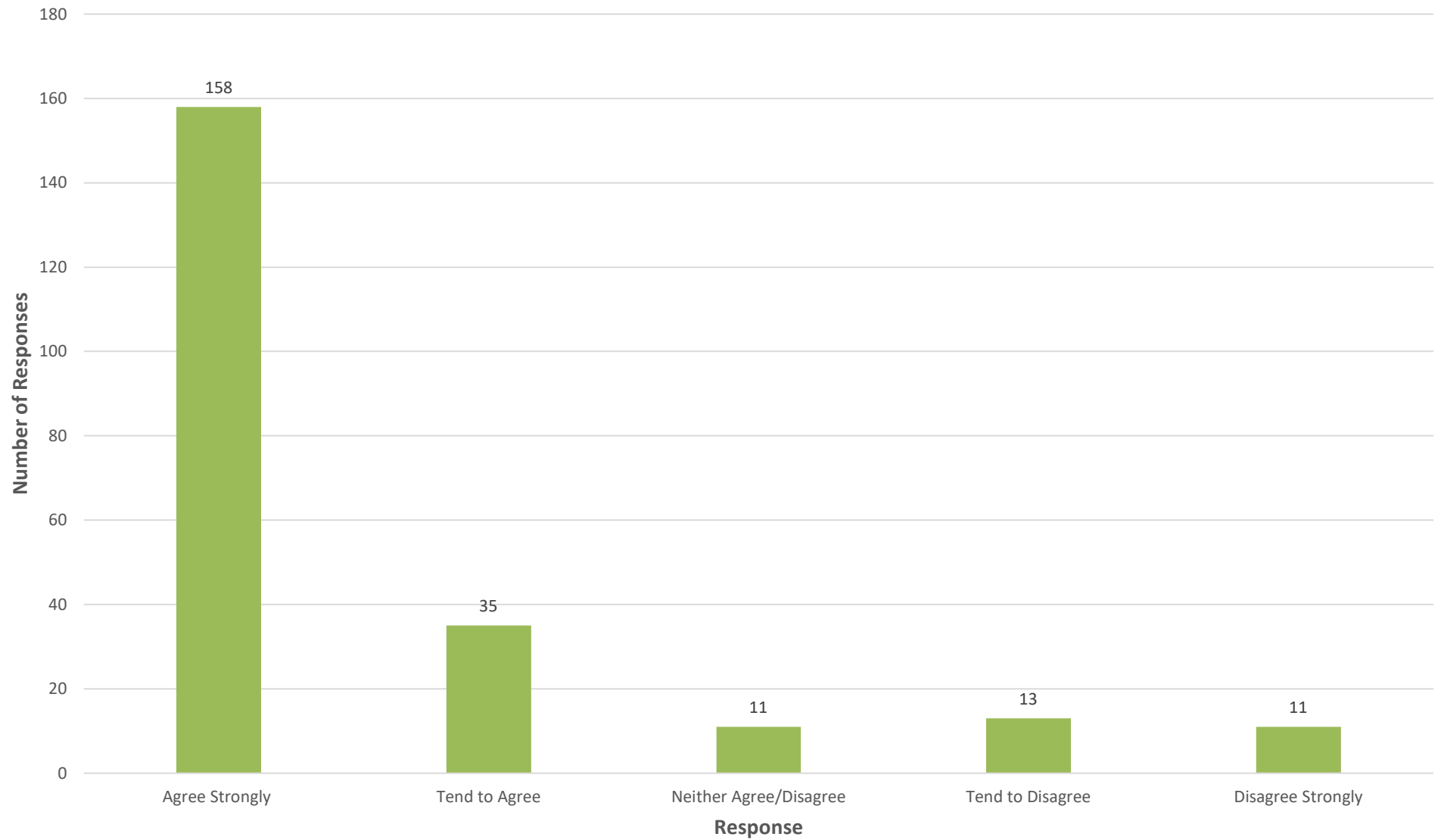


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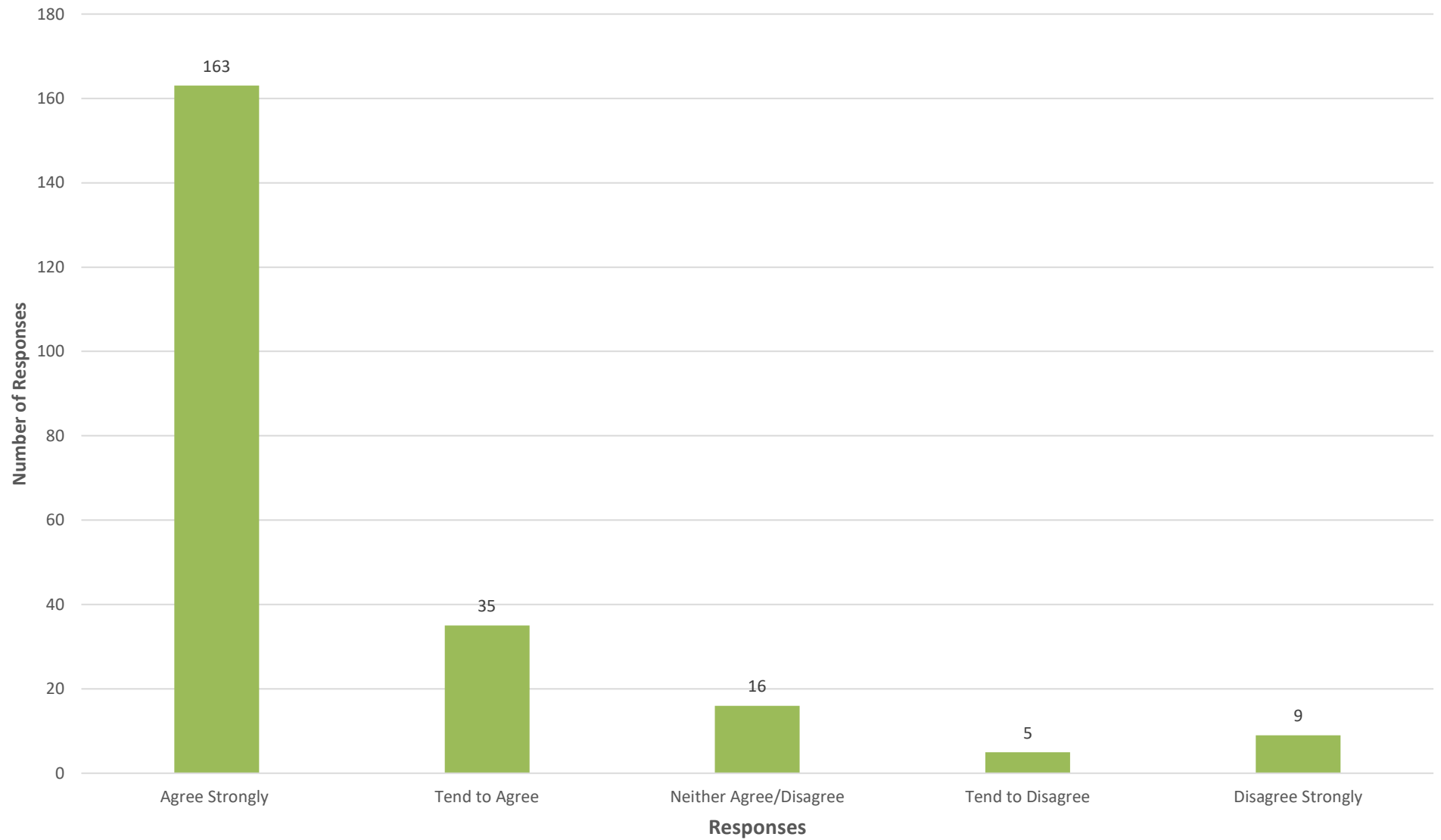




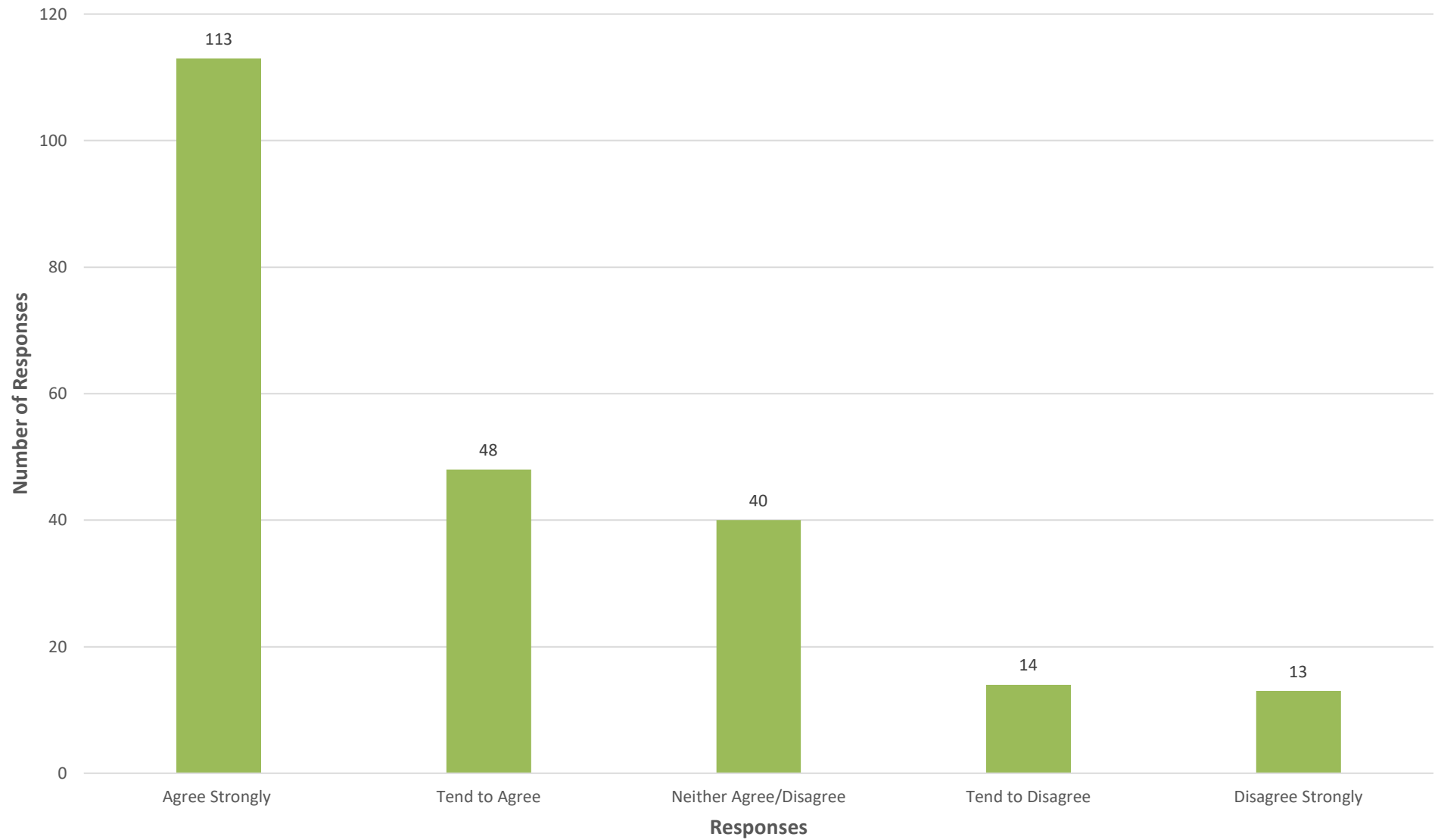
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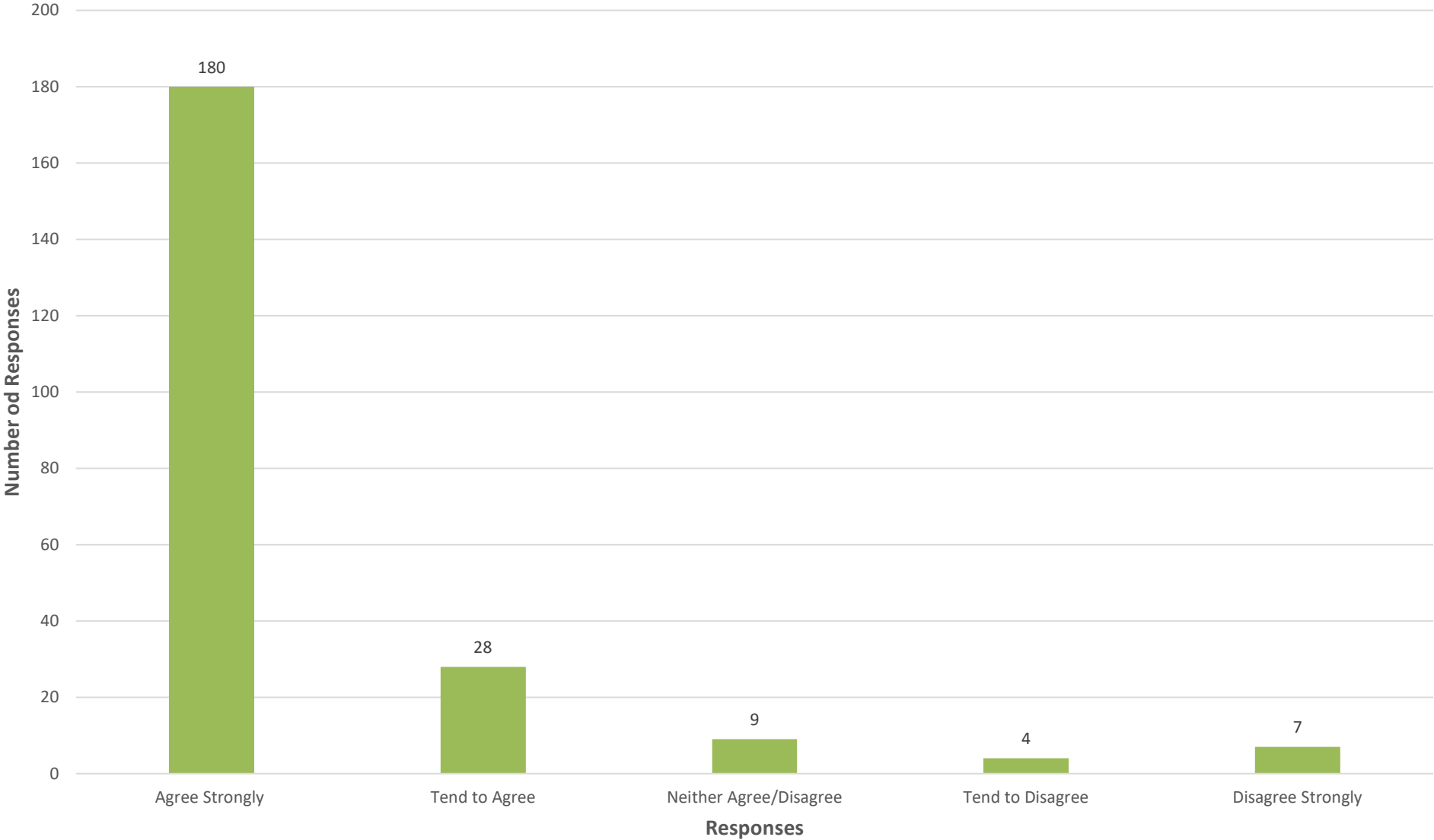
**Q1.3. The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows appear to be good for biodiversity
i.e. for butterflies, bees and other insects.**



Q1.4. Has the introduction of altered maintenance grasslands and wildflower meadows increased your desire to use the open space?



Q1.5. I would be happy to see more altered maintenance grasslands wildflower meadows in South Ayrshire's open spaces.



ID	Start time	Completion time	Email	The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows increased the level of enjoyment provided by these spaces.	The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows make the open spaces more visually appealing.	The piloted altered maintenance and wildflower meadows appear to be good for biodiversity i.e. for butterflies, bees and other insects.	Has the introduction of altered maintenance grasslands and wildflower meadows increased your desire to use the open spaces?	I would be happy to see more altered maintenance grasslands/wildflower meadows in South Ayrshire's open spaces.	Please give your overall impression of the piloted areas.
									A pleasure to see a bit of colour in an otherwise drab area of Glenmuir Road; I thoroughly support this scheme to reward underutilised spaces.
6	11/15/21 17:28:44	11/15/21 12:31:22	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Where these were properly in bloom in was wonderful!
7	11/15/21 17:46:38	11/15/21 12:47:19	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	
8	11/15/21 12:47:36	11/15/21 12:48:49	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	They created beautiful spaces, interesting and informative for kids, put a smile on my face every morning and helped biodiversity. What's not to like? More please!
9	11/15/21 12:56:39	11/15/21 12:58:06	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	I'm happy to see these areas as I realise that more insects and bees etc will thrive as a result.
10	11/15/21 13:09:14	11/15/21 13:10:15	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	The area on the Oval never really flowered like the Semple Road area for some reason.
11	11/15/21 13:49:57	11/15/21 13:51:32	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	I loved the Prestwick patch. It lifted people's spirits, as well as the biodiversity benefits. Awesome initiative.
12	11/15/21 13:55:04	11/15/21 13:56:55	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	I like the way the grass is selectively cut to make the wider areas well defined.
13	11/15/21 15:06:20	11/15/21 15:09:35	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	This was wonderful and so good for biodiversity, I walked in the park more often and enjoyed the little paths created on the hills. It was fascinating to see all the different insects that used it and it felt like something really positive for the environment. Please do more next year.
14	11/15/21 15:10:13	11/15/21 15:11:34	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
15	11/15/21 15:41:11	11/15/21 15:44:24	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	It was really lovely, please do it again. The areas that I noticed with the wildflower looked really vibrant with the colours. There was also more bee activity and it really lifted the attractiveness of the surrounding grassy areas. Great initiative. We need more of these areas to help pollinators. A good addition might be areas that also cater for caterpillars as these have often different requirements from their adult forms. This will also benefit birds and other wildlife.
16	11/15/21 15:52:11	11/15/21 15:56:01	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	
17	11/15/21 16:45:44	11/15/21 16:47:12	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
18	11/15/21 17:21:00	11/15/21 17:21:39	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Agree Strongly	
19	11/15/21 17:42:10	11/15/21 17:43:46	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	We would love to see more grassy areas turned into wildflower meadows in Prestwick and more marram grass appearing on Prestwick sea front. My local area at Hayhill had beautiful grasses in it and was much more interesting to look at than short grass. Although there were no wildflowers it would have been a good passageway for pollinators to get to flowered areas.
20	11/15/21 17:52:50	11/15/21 17:55:50	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Brilliant idea, would love to see them in other areas of South Ayrshire too.
21	11/15/21 18:51:55	11/15/21 18:52:44	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Great to see a proactive effort by SAC to enhance our local biodiversity. I hope the council selects more sites next year!
22	11/15/21 19:04:37	11/15/21 19:07:04	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	It's long overdue. It really brings a much needed bit of colour to our open spaces. It is really dull seeing just grass everywhere, not to mention how beneficial it is to the ecosystem. I would highly support implementing this across South Ayrshire and encourage residents to do the same. I grew one this summer and it was much less maintenance and I saw way more bees and butterflies.
23	11/15/21 19:11:51	11/15/21 19:20:34	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	I love wildflowers. The more natural the better, its unfortunate to see how well celebrated manufactured positioned flowers are when it completely takes away from the natural beauty a flower holds without being touched. Good for the bees too.
24	11/15/21 19:24:49	11/15/21 19:26:58	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	Have you honestly looked at the one in Glenalla Crescent? A joke at best which is such a shame. The space could be incredible. Why not leave it to the Nectar Network to create and engage with local residents to get support, buy in and volunteer support? Another spectacular failure by SAC.
25	11/15/21 19:26:44	11/15/21 19:30:09	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Agree Strongly	
26	11/15/21 19:30:12	11/15/21 19:32:42	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	I have seen a couple of these and they are lovely! Brightened up my day while walking the dogs
27	11/15/21 19:31:02	11/15/21 19:37:31	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	The wildflower gardens are so interesting and its nice to see all the different types of flowers. As well as being good for the butterflies bees and other insects. I love trying to identify the flowers and butterflies. A great idea - I loved seeing them. Felt they made an aesthetic difference to the area as well as increasing biodiversity etc. Only comment I would make is particularly in the king's meadows area that there's a designated path through as sadly many people were too lazy to walk round it, destroying some of the planting!
28	11/15/21 19:42:23	11/15/21 19:45:56	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	It's great to see South Ayrshire play their part in increasing biodiversity and promoting pollinators
29	11/15/21 20:11:46	11/15/21 20:14:06	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Brilliant.
30	11/15/21 20:29:11	11/15/21 20:29:56	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	The area at Kingmeadow looked really beautiful. It looked better than the one at the oval, but appreciate they were perhaps designed to look different. Or perhaps too many people/dogs walked over the bit at the oval.
31	11/15/21 21:04:24	11/15/21 21:07:35	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	
32	11/15/21 21:18:14	11/15/21 21:18:53	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
33	11/15/21 22:37:22	11/15/21 22:38:38	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	The flowered areas are nicer to look at over the wild grass. That would be my preference for further areas. More areas with Annual Meadows similar to Semple Road, Prestwick - would be amazing.
34	11/16/21 10:28:07	11/16/21 10:39:12	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Very attractive
35	11/16/21 10:54:10	11/16/21 10:55:21	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Strong advocate for these areas obviously there is still a maintenance burden with them that is different to maintaining as cut grasslands. Area which are difficult to maintain should be considered for additional areas such as the strip in the middle of the a79 at the airport. Low level Amenity greenspaces with trees could have the areas around the trees using hedgerow/shade loving species of wildflowers to reduce impact of cutting machines on tree roots and further allow a reduction in cutting of these areas. Should also make consider speaking with park groups (such as Newton park) who have had wildflower areas to see if these can be enhanced. Look at planting regimes across all sites and see if there are areas that could be suitable for wildflowers in future or look at formal plants that are currently planted and see if there are higher pollen producing equivalents available. Look at parks for pollinators project that was in Glasgow and see if there are any lessons to be learned from there. !!
36	11/16/21 12:22:31	11/16/21 12:34:35	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	A great initiative. We need more wild spaces for habitat restoration.
37	11/16/21 14:59:50	11/16/21 15:01:25	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Wildflower meadows at castle walk/green road have, in my opinion, deterred issues surrounding the travelling community who sometimes use the sites. Well kept but issues with dogs and dog fouling with meadows have been problematic. Would be in favour of expanding pilot sites into other areas
38	11/16/21 15:03:33	11/16/21 15:05:23	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
39	11/16/21 15:05:25	11/16/21 15:06:36	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	
40	11/16/21 15:07:24	11/16/21 15:08:09	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	
41	11/16/21 15:08:16	11/16/21 15:08:31	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	

42	11/16/21 15:08:34	11/16/21 15:09:39	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Would rather it was cut to normal grass level. Not keen on the mix of plants - looks weed like. Also their was no consultation with neighborhood regarding this.
43	11/16/21 15:07:11	11/16/21 15:09:53	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	I live near Castlehill woods and above applies to those 2 meadows. I am already out and about so the second last question did not really apply.
44	11/16/21 15:09:45	11/16/21 15:10:32	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Tend to Agree	For the right areas it is ok. However I do not think the site at the millennium bridge is appropriate
45	11/16/21 15:10:35	11/16/21 15:13:11	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Great if managed well
46	11/16/21 15:12:49	11/16/21 15:14:19	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Happy
47	11/16/21 15:13:13	11/16/21 15:14:53	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Not aware that this was a thing. No consultation. However it would be appropriate to have these things in a better area
48	11/16/21 15:14:42	11/16/21 15:15:39	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Millennium Bridge. All Fine.
49	11/16/21 15:15:03	11/16/21 15:16:14	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Encourages dog walkers to let their dogs go into the long grass and do not bother picking up dog foul. Kids sometimes play in this area around millennium bridge and so it is not great from a health and safety point of view
50	11/16/21 15:15:48	11/16/21 15:16:23	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Millennium Bridge. Happy with it all.
51	11/16/21 15:16:19	11/16/21 15:19:11	anonymous	Tend to Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	Site at millennium bridge is too exposed for grass skewed for insects/butterflies. I would prefer for it just to be cut. However, across Ayrshire I would support more wildflower meadows.
52	11/16/21 15:19:17	11/16/21 15:21:07	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	I am concerned by at Glenalla that this site will just be left alone and not looked after. Concerned that the weeds will take hold. No consultation regarding this as some members of the community would have brought into this.
53	11/16/21 15:21:14	11/16/21 15:21:50	anonymous	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	
54	11/16/21 15:21:55	11/16/21 15:22:51	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	Good for the community to see at castlehill. Would be in favour of more wildflower meadow.
55	11/16/21 15:18:16	11/16/21 15:27:47	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	We live opposite a site on Glenalla Cres. This site was first covered in weedkiller which obviously would not let anything grow on it. But that turned out to be no problem as the local birds ate all the seeds thrown down including the huge mound of seeds poured from the box. Let's just say Christmas came early for the locals. The seeds were not covered in soil so all rabbits birds mice voles rats and two local deer ate the seeds. We now have growing thistles and weeds which I wouldn't class as a tourist attraction or enhancing the local wild life or being very environmentally friendly. So my question to you is how are you going to fix this? Yes you..... before creating more disaster zones you need to check and maintain your current ones as well as manage the staff you have to do it.
56	11/16/21 15:52:20	11/16/21 15:54:26	anonymous	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Not many wild flowers - just looked over grown and untidy Castle Walk/ Greenan Road
57	11/16/21 16:02:20	11/16/21 16:03:32	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	They looked pretty once flowered and grown but not in winter they are an eyecore of dead / weeds
58	11/16/21 16:31:04	11/16/21 16:31:29	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
59	11/16/21 16:41:51	11/16/21 16:43:05	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	Glenmuir Place was beautiful whilst The Oval was underwhelming!
60	11/16/21 17:51:52	11/16/21 17:55:26	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	I live close to the Castle Walk/Greenan Rd planting. This year's has been dominated by one plant but hopefully going forward more flowers will fight through. Nice spot for this and thumbs up for biodiversity.
61	11/16/21 19:01:00	11/16/21 19:02:03	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	Nice
62	11/16/21 19:10:07	11/16/21 19:11:49	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	The wildflower meadow in Kings Meadow brought such enjoyment to residents. Everyone was commenting to each other when out and about how bright and beautiful they were. Put smiles on so many faces.
63	11/16/21 19:07:03	11/16/21 19:12:34	anonymous	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Agree Strongly	I live near the piloted area on Glenalla Crescent and this is the reason for my low score. Whilst pictures of other places show wonderful wild flowers and look great, ours has been a dismal failure. A tractor has been and turned over the earth a few times during the year and there's a few scraggy looking daisy like plants flowered but mostly it just looks a mess with no additional wildlife. I'd love the area to have been seeded properly with wildflowers as totally advocate the idea but in this instance it's just been a mess. I also think this large grass area would be an ideal place for some more tree planting to help biodiversity.
64	11/16/21 19:11:39	11/16/21 19:13:07	anonymous	Tend to Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Tend to Agree	The areas need to be maintained as wild, the area at Greenan is just weeds, no wild flowers were sown or took after planting and no maintenance was done to manage this.
65	11/16/21 19:18:23	11/16/21 19:20:07	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	
66	11/16/21 20:38:07	11/16/21 20:38:52	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	
67	11/16/21 21:53:48	11/16/21 21:59:27	anonymous	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	The meadow area at PrestwickOval doesn't seem to have taken off very well, maybe in a spot that is too 'open' - but I would like to see the programme extended further. Maybe asking the public for suggested areas!!
68	11/16/21 22:13:25	11/16/21 22:14:42	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Great idea and making space inviting and relaxing. I absolutely love it, seeing all the butterflies and bees in the sunnier months was lovely and it's great to see all the flowers and wild spaces, brightens up the area and makes for a lovely space
69	11/16/21 22:32:15	11/16/21 22:33:46	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	I think they are great and essential to maintain biodiversity locally. I would love to see grass verges and roundabouts cultivated as wildflower spots too.
70	11/16/21 23:31:35	11/16/21 23:33:17	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Saw the area at Temple Road and thought it was lovely and made sense. Made me want to try something like that in my garden.
71	11/17/21 7:07:26	11/17/21 7:09:21	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	I loved the wild meadows this year. My only gripe is, why remove them and then re-plant them. Surely a natural meadow should self seed. All the mini beasts who had made homes in the existing meadows were suddenly made homeless!
72	11/17/21 8:59:00	11/17/21 9:01:12	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Neither Agree/Disagree	Agree Strongly	
73	11/17/21 9:28:11	11/17/21 9:35:35	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	A fantastic project, more perennial wildflower meadows and reduced cutting of areas across the whole of South Ayrshire to help pollinators and provide more local interest. Why bother with annual meadows i.e the annual sowing of seeds? It negates the point of a wildflower meadow as you're using more CO2 to make them each year rather than just one cut and collect plus the extra cost of buying new seed. A good mix of annual/perennial seeds will look great the first year then continue with just one end of season cut/collect. Informing the locals and education of what a wildflower meadow is will help win people over.
74	11/17/21 9:47:08	11/17/21 9:52:50	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Was a pleasure to see the flowers grow and flourish and watching the butterflies and bees coming back and would like to see more of these meadows in parks and grassland areas.
75	11/17/21 11:45:43	11/17/21 11:49:05	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	As a volunteer I am helping create some of the meadows. I believe this is a fantastic way of bringing back much needed habitat for the pollinators and adding colour to otherwise uniform green areas.
76	11/17/21 14:05:17	11/17/21 14:10:02	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	I think this initiative demonstrates forward thinking by those responsible for it's implementation. Apart from the obvious improved looks which I would argue will please the majority of people, the planting of these spaces will significantly and positively impact the wildlife and prevent further erosion of the pollinators. This initiative needs to become "business as usual" within Council plans and not a one off project.
77	11/17/21 14:04:25	11/17/21 14:12:48	anonymous	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	Agree Strongly	
78	11/17/21 15:44:10	11/17/21 15:44:54	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	The more of these pilot schemes the better! Hay hill road
79	11/17/21 15:44:56	11/17/21 15:45:12	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	
80	11/17/21 15:45:13	11/17/21 15:45:28	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	
81	11/17/21 15:45:33	11/17/21 15:45:48	anonymous	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Neither Agree/Disagree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	
82	11/17/21 15:45:50	11/17/21 15:47:39	anonymous	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to Agree	Agree Strongly	Love to see more outdoor pilot schemes like the site at hay hill. Good for wildlife.

South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: [Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty](#)

Further guidance is available here: [Assessing impact and the Public Sector Equality Duty: a guide for public authorities \(Scotland\)](#)

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. See information here: [Interim Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018.

1. Policy details

Policy Title	Development of Wildflower Meadows in South Ayrshire
Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email)	Kenneth Dalrymple, Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services – kenneth.dalrymple@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

Community or Groups of People	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Age – men and women, girls & boys	N/A	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A
Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity)	N/A	N/A
Marriage or Civil Partnership	N/A	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	N/A	N/A
Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers	N/A	N/A
Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)	N/A	N/A
Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys)	N/A	N/A
Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight	N/A	N/A
Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights	N/A	N/A

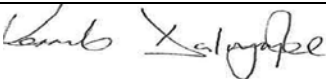
3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing	-	-
Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future	-	-
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	-	-
Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	-	-
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income	-	-

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty	Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low)
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation	N/A
Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	N/A
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?)	N/A
Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life	N/A
Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups	N/A
Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups	N/A
Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups	N/A

5. Summary Assessment

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Rationale for decision:	
<p>There are no equality issues relating to the electrification of small fleet vehicles by 2025 and the phased removal of grey fleet mileage. This process will be determined by the requirements of service provision and should not affect those with protected characteristics</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Signed : Service Lead</p> <p>Date: 15 December 2021</p>	