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Residents of Glenfield Lane
And surrounding areas
Kirby Muxloe
Leicestershire

Dear Residents

Re: Wildflower Verge – off the Roundabout on Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe

We are writing to residents in this area, because a grass verge in the vicinity of your property has been identified by the Parish Council as a suitable location for a wildflower verge. For the exact location of the proposed verge, see the enclosed map.

This scheme has also been given the go-ahead by the Environment Team at Leicestershire County Council. We would like to keep you informed about the progress of the project, at every step of the way, and we welcome any feedback which you may like to contribute.

At some point we will also be seeking volunteers within the community to carry out maintenance of the wildflower verge, which entails mowing on an annual basis and removing all grass clippings (to reduce the fertility of the ground). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in getting involved in this process, as any help would be very welcome.

We hope that, in the fullness of time, this verge will provide an attractive and eye-catching natural asset to the village. As you may know, we are living at a time when populations of many pollinating insects and butterflies are in free-fall, due to lack of available forage. We hope that the wildflower verge will go some way to addressing that issue.

It may also be worth mentioning that converting a regular grass verge to a wildflower verge is not an instant process. It may take 2 or more years for the wildflowers to become truly established. At some point, later in the year, an Ecologist from Leicestershire County Council will do a baseline assessment of the area to establish how many species are already there. We may then choose to augment the variety of species with either plant plugs or wildflower seed.

If you have any further questions or queries about the proposed wildflower verge, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Kirby Muxloe Parish Council

Enc: Map of area



**Proposed wildflower verge
In Kirby Muxloe
OS Grid Ref: SK 52452 04872**

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