

Wildflowers: What do we sow in County Durham? – video transcript

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Headstone Testing' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Video clip of a roadside verge which shows the vast array of colours from the wildflower meadow created on it. A silver car passes on the road in the background.]

The flowers are blowing in the breeze and are in full bloom. The array of colours includes white, yellow, red, purple and blue, from the flowers planted amongst the many shorter green grass species.

The flower species in the planting include red poppies, orange poppies, white cow parsley, blue cornflowers, daisies - white with yellow centres, red campion, yellow buttercups, purple knapweed, yellow birdsfoot trefoil and curly dock. The plants are flowering above the height of the grass. The tallest plants are the poppies and cow parsley. Low growing amongst the all the different grass species are herbs such as plantain.]

[Throughout the video the camera pans and zooms into the various areas of planting to show the flowers discussed]

[Text: A blue band with yellow text reads 'Wildflowers']

[Text: A blue band with white text reads: voice of Oliver Sherratt, Head of Environment]

[Oliver Sherratt speaking. Only his hands are shown in the video as he indicates specific plant species.]

We include in every one of our mixes a good mix of those annual plants and the perennials as well.

If you look at many of our wildflower areas you'll of course see a number of poppies, you'll see other species like cornflowers with very blue flower heads to them. Perhaps the most eye-catching one is the oxeye daisy. Called a daisy because of 'daze-eye', daisies close up of course at night-time. Here those pinky-red ones, red campions, those will grow in the shadier conditions.

This is the birdsfoot trefoil, often known by its broader term eggs and bacon.

This one here is a knapweed. Again, a plant that really eh, looks bonny? You can see it's a relative of the thistle, but really, really does well in hay meadows.

[Text on screen: For more info: www.durham.gov.uk/wildflowers]