



Burntollet Wood and Meadow

Although wildflower planting schemes are very effective stand-alone projects they can also be incorporated into landscape designs that include other habitat types. This results in a more diverse ecosystem providing greater opportunities to support and enhance local biodiversity.

Burntollet Wood, Woodland Trust

Burntollet Wood is situated in the Faughan Valley and is close to Ness Wood - an Area of Special Scientific Interest. The Woodland Trust has established the new plantation primarily to act as a buffer for nearby areas of mature and ancient woodland. The area also links different habitat types together and provides wildlife corridors for the benefit of biodiversity. The wood is freely open to the public and includes riverside and woodland paths as well as a new pathway leading to Ness Country Park.



The development of the site includes the planting of many thousands of native trees. In addition - as part of the Trust's 'Forest of Flowers' initiative - eleven hectares of the site were sown with a mix of native wildflower species. We worked with the Woodland Trust to sow the entire area.



Barley and oats were also planted in the area primarily to provide a food source for local bird populations. Overall the Burntollet Wood project provides an excellent example of how a variety of species and habitats can be combined for maximum biodiversity benefit.