**Herefordshire Meadows**

**Species rich grassland restoration** 20.4.17 **at Fawley Court Farm**

**Mark Wood** Introduction

**Geoff Newman** Agri environment context

2 areas: ***1) 4ha Permanent pasture*** - mainly grasses thick established sward

 ***2) 1 ha Reversion grassland 11yrs old*** - some herbs (sorrel, cuckoo flower, ribwort plantain)

**Discussion points:**

**A. Bare ground creation:**

How? What kit? Examples within group? ***Cultivation? Harrowing? % Bare?***

Need good seed / soil contact?

Agronomy: Weed problems?

**B. Type of seed mixture?**

Seed source? Local provenance? ***Purist approach? Hay strewing***

Wet grassland (MG4) or dry neutral grassland (MG5)

Level of seed? Grasses required?

**C. Aftercare?**

Topping? Grazing regime? Yellow Rattle? ***Hay yield vs successful wildflower estab***

**Further Information**

Rob Havard **Youtube videos** on enhancement[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmbdPnfmFwk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmbdPnfmFwk)and 3 months on[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfAtqOLh4yc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfAtqOLh4yc)

**Floodplain Meadows Partnership** – Beauty and Utility - Technical handbook 2016 download as pdf from <http://www.floodplainmeadows.org.uk/>

**NE Technical Information Notes on NE Publications pages of The National Archives and linked from** [**http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk/useful-information/**](http://www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk/useful-information/)

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| TIN060 | The use of yellow rattle to facilitate grassland diversification |
| TIN061 | Sward enhancement: selection of suitable sites |
| TIN062 | Sward enhancement: choice of methods |
| TIN063 | Sward enhancement: diversifying grassland by spreading species-rich green hay |
| TIN064 | Sward enhancement: diversifying grassland by oversowing and slot seeding |
| TIN065 | Sward enhancement: diversifying grassland using pot-grown wildflowers or seedling plugs |
| TIN038 | Seed sources for grassland restoration and re-creation in Environmental Stewardship |