

Wildflower Restoration and Recreation Checklist



What type of grassland do you have?	Ryegrass ley, semi improved or unimproved pasture or meadow Limey, neutral or acid soils.
Nutrient levels of soils	Test – low soil available phosphorus – index 0 or 1. Past fertiliser and manures.
Is it species rich?	Look for indicator species and if few or none it could be a candidate for restoration
History	Archaeological/historic features? Past ploughing? Reseeding?
Future management	Meadow or pasture – machinery and stock - Infrastructure to support
Seed sources/donor site	Natural Regeneration Green hay Brush Harvested Seed Seed Mixture Plug Plants Feeding herb rich hay <i>100% wildflower or 80% grass:20%flower mix</i>
Ground Preparation	Weed control – create short sward Scarifying to achieve 50% bare ground at least – machinery or stock to achieve this
Seed spreading	Depends on seed source - timing
Post sowing management	First year management On- going management
<p>How to do a rapid Baseline Survey before any works start. Provides valuable information for the future and enables you to watch the progress of your project and guides management. See our RESOURCES page for more information</p>	