

Church Meadow



Visit in early summer for a display of musk mallow.

Working Land

This grassland was once part of the wider estate supporting Great Linford Manor as grazing for animals or for crops. It is now managed as a wildflower meadow.



Encouraging Diversity

Wildflower meadows thrive when soil nutrients are low and there is less competition from grasses, docks and nettles. We cut the meadow in summer, taking away the resulting hay to feed our cattle over winter. This stops those nutrients from returning to the soil.

We wait until late summer to cut the hay, until all the flowers have dropped their seeds. We also help things along by bringing seeds from the more mature meadow at Stonepit Field to scatter here. This helps to establish a greater diversity of species.



Yellow Rattle, often known as 'the meadow maker', suppresses vigorous grasses and allows other species to thrive.

