

# Thanet District Council



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# Foreness Point



# The Wildlife of Foreness Point

The management of the chalk grasslands at Foreness Point aims to increase and improve the richness and abundance of wildflowers and the insects, birds and other wildlife that use this designated Local Wildlife Site. The flower-rich grasslands are an important 'stepping stone' wildlife habitat to connect the site with other green spaces along the Thanet coast to encourage the spread and return of rare species such as the Shril Carder Bumblebee. Cutting and removing vegetation helps to reduce nutrient levels in the soil and encourages an abundance and diversity of wildflowers. Cutting is carried out on rotation to ensure that there are always areas of shelter and forage remaining for wildlife.



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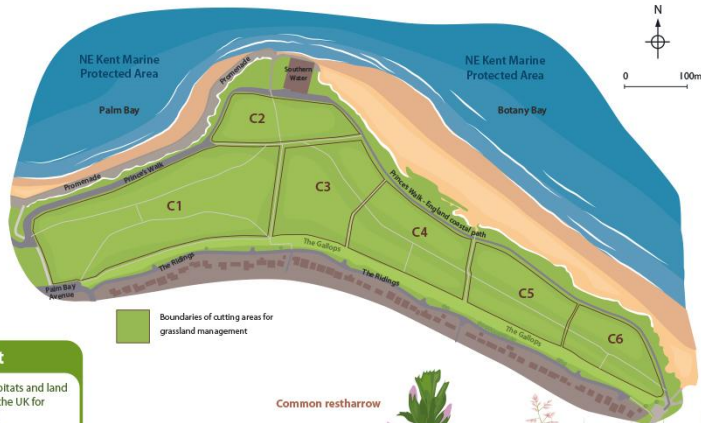
## Wildflowers to spot

**Yellow Rattle** - The 'meadow-maker'. This attractive annual plant takes some of its nutrients from surrounding grasses. It reduces their dominance and allows more wildflowers to grow.

**Kidney Vetch** - A low-growing plant that is often found in coastal locations and prefers chalk soils. Clusters of yellow flowers appear from May-Sept

**Pyramidal orchid** - The pink-purple flowers form a pyramid shape. It is attractive to a variety of insects including butterflies and moths.

**Common Restharrow** - A low-growing coastal and chalk grassland plant that produces attractive pink-white flowers in the summer.



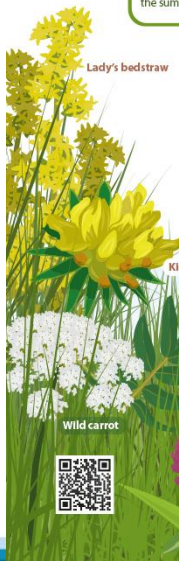
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## Bees of Foreness Point

Kent's bee diversity can be linked to its varied habitats and land uses and mild climate. Kent is the best county in the UK for bumblebee species with 22 of the 24 UK species.

As well as the common and widespread bumblebee species, Foreness Point is home to a number of rare and scarce solitary bee species such as the **Long-horned bee**.

For more information about bumblebees and the work of the **Bumblebee Conservation Trust** scan the QR code below.



Lady's bedstraw

Kidney vetch

Wild carrot

Red clover



Pyramidal orchid



Common restharrow



Long-horned bee



Red-tailed bumblebee



Yellow rattle

Common blue butterfly





# Management of Foreness Point



# Wildflower patches

## Current wildflower meadows:

Tivoli Park, Margate, and Lymington Green, Westgate.  
(Managed by Phoebe).

Ramsgate Cemetery (managed by Cemetery staff)



# Identified flowers



Ox-eye Daisy



Field Poppy



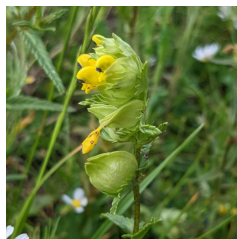
Cornflower



Corn Marigold



Corncockle



Yellow Rattle

# Insects



Soldier Bug



Marmalade  
Hoverfly



Common Blue  
Butterfly



Brown Argus  
Butterfly



# Biodiversity walks



# Mini woodlands and tree planting in Ramsgate

Forgotten Places Project in partnership with Trees for Cities funded by Green Recovery Challenge Fund and the Urban Tree Challenge Fund

- 100 Standard Trees (2m+ in height)
- 1000 whips (Under 1m in height)
- Planted across 3 sites in Ramsgate



## Standards

Sorbus aucuparia - Rowan  
Sorbus torminalis - Wild Service Tree  
Sorbus aria - Whitebeam  
Crataegus monogyna - Hawthorn  
Malus sylvestris - Crab Apple  
Pinus sylvestris - Scots pine  
Carpinus betulus - Hornbeam  
Ulmus 'New Horizon' - Elm (Resistant)  
Quercus robur 'Fastigiata' - Oak (Upright)  
Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' - Beech (Upright)  
Tilia Cordata 'Greenspire' - Lime

## Whips

Betula pendula - Silver Birch  
Corylus avellana - Hazel  
Crataegus monogyna - Hawthorn  
Malus sylvestris - Crab Apple  
Pinus sylvestris - Scots pine  
Prunus spinosa - Blackthorn  
Quercus robur - Oak  
Rosa (o) canina - Dog rose  
Sambucus nigra - Elder  
Sorbus aucuparia - Rowan  
Taxus baccata - Yew



# Already promoting wildlife

Ladybirds

Beetles

Ants

Caterpillars

Birds

Worms

Butterflies



# Next steps



**Any Questions?**

**(10 mins)**