

Meadow Vetchling



Wildflower Spotter's Guide - Summer

We would love to know what wildflowers you have in your burial ground!

Please pop here to find out how to submit your records and get your burial ground on the map!

https://bit.ly/cfgarecords



Self-Heal







Red Campion





Buttercup



Dog Rose



Field Scabious





Knapweed

Red Clover



Fox and Cubs



Lesser Stitchwort



Common Vetch



Yellow Rattle

Churchyards, cemeteries and other burial sites are often the oldest enclosed piece of land in the parish, town or city. The grassland will have been relatively undisturbed, reseeding naturally for hundreds of years. It will also have been both mown for hay and grazed by animals during its time as a burial ground. A benefit of this continuity of management over a very long time is a rich diversity of grasses, flowers and animals. This old unimproved grassland was once widespread in the UK but is now rare.

Since the 1940s over 97% has vanished. Most burial grounds pre-date the 1940s so are now some of the few places it remains.

We would love to know what plants and animals you discover in your burial ground. If you send in your records, once verified, they will be highlighted on the UK's largest collection of biodiversity data: https://burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org/ We look forward to seeing what you find!