

Hatfield Peverel's Rewilding Initiative Continues



Hatfield Peverel's rewilding efforts are set to continue this year, helping to bring more colour, life, and biodiversity to our village green spaces.

Last year, as part of Plantlife's No Mow May campaign, we trialled new measures by leaving some grassy areas to grow longer, allowing native wildflowers to bloom. The response

from the community was overwhelmingly positive, and following a consultation at the end of the year, the parish council has decided to continue this initiative in 2025.

By allowing wildflowers to flourish, we provide essential food for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators while offering shelter for small mammals. If

Did you know that 97% of flower-rich meadows have disappeared since the 1930s? The No Mow May movement aims to counteract this loss by encouraging people to let lawns, verges, and green spaces grow wilder—supporting wildlife, improving air quality, and even helping to lock away carbon underground. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest patch of uncut grass can make a real difference!

you have a garden, you might consider joining in by letting a section of your lawn grow wild this spring.

Where in the village?

The following areas will be left for No Mow May, after which they will be cut and maintained:

- Nounsley Priory Farm Road verges
- Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground: area beside MUGA pitch (south end)
- Cemetery – extension area.

Additionally, these areas will remain wild throughout the summer and be cut at the end of the season:

- The Green (middle area of large verge)
- Cemetery extension – following No Mow May maintenance, a cross pathway will be mown with the rest of the area left to rewild.
- Allotment site: the verge along the footpath from The Green to Church Road (a small margin by the footpath will be cut).



- Woodham Drive: The verge along the road at both sides of the entrance to Woodham Drive (a small margin will be cut by the footpath).
- Middle verge in Woodham Drive (a small margin will be cut).
- Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground: area beside MUGA pitch (north end); area at rear of Maldon Road cottages; Area at the front of the Village Hall; The verge along the driveway to the Village Hall; The verge at the back of New Road (a small margin will be cut by footpath).
- Nounsley – the middle of both verges by Nounsley Playing Field (a small margin will be cut around the edges)

Rest assured, we will always ensure clear sightlines at junctions for safety. To learn more, visit plantlife.org.uk