



## A guide to wildflower planting at Barton Glebe

Barton Glebe is a very special environment. Although man-made, the aim is to create as natural a woodland as possible. All the trees are native not only to Britain, but to this very specific location. The Glades in which the burials take place are just open meadows amongst the trees.

For this reason, **ONLY BRITISH WILD FLOWERS** can be planted. Native plants are usually less 'showy' than their cultivated cousins but they're often tougher so fare better and support a greater variety of insects, moths and butterflies. . If you are in any doubt there are a number of wildflower guidebooks in the Lodge, including the *Collins Complete Guide - British Wild Flowers*.

Plants may be brought from home gardens [with only a little soil], bought from garden centres or wild flower internet sites or from Carole the plant lady. She comes to the Lodge on Wednesdays 11 – 12noon, other times by arrangement. Here are some general planting principles to follow.

- Wait for settlement of the soil after the funeral. This may take time and will depend on the weather and type of soil.
- Best time to plant is March/April or September/October. Plants grown in containers can be planted at other times providing the soil is friable and the weather is suitable. Seed should be sown following the instructions on the packet.
- Remember some tools, such as a trowel, small garden fork, kneeler, watering receptacle.
- Dig a hole larger than the plant, water the plant, and then water the hole. The tap is behind the lodge
- Place the plant in the hole, fill the hole and firm around the plant
- Water the plant and surrounding soil
- Ideally come back to water the plants if there is no rain. Subsequent growth will depend on the weather and the wildlife

Plant damp/shade loving plants on the south side of glades, in the trees and along the tree lines. Plant sun- loving plants in the open, middle or on the north side of the glades. Due North is looking from the car park up the main ride.

PLEASE NOTE **do not** create a border around a grave, and **do not** bring potting compost because it might change the natural pH of the soil. Manicured graves are not acceptable so please **do not** clear away ALL of the growth because the weeds help retain moisture. All the graves will be mown once in late September. Any labels, ornaments, ribbons, messages, cards, toys and pebbles will be removed as will any plant that is NOT a native wild flower.

**Warning** Some plants, particularly those from the Carrot family [which includes hogweed], self-seed extensively at Barton. They may cause skin irritation if pulled up by hand. If in any doubt, please wear gloves

The plants listed here have been selected as POSSIBLY being less attractive to the rabbits. There is no guarantee though: -

Ajuga reptans (bugle)	damp, semi-shady site.
Alchemilla filicaulis (lady's mantle)	any
Allium (ornamental onions)	sunny site
Aquilegia vulgaris (columbine)	damp, shady
Colchicum (autumn crocus)	sunny site
Convallaria majalis (lily of the valley)	shady
Cyclamen hederifolium (hardy cyclamen)	dappled shade.
Digitalis purpurea (foxgloves)	tolerates shade
Echium vulgare (vipers's bugloss)	any
Eranthis hyemalis (winter aconite)	woods and shady places.
Erythronium dens-canis (dog's tooth violet)	Semi shade
Fritillaria (snakeshead fritillaries)	grass, dappled shade and open woodland.
Galanthus nivalis (snowdrop)	grass, dappled shade and open woodland.
Helleborus foetidus (hellebore)	woodland, moist, dappled shade, drought-tolerant.
Hyacinthoides non-scripta (bluebell)	shade, woodland site
Lamium (dead nettles), mint family	any
Leucojum (snowflakes)	damp soil, shady site
Lychnis flos cuculis (ragged robin)	damp soil
Malva moschata (musk mallow)	sunny site
Myosotis arvensis (forget-me-not)	sunny site
Narcissus pseudonarcissus (wild daffodil)	grass, dappled shade and open woodland.
Nepeta x faassenii (catmint)	sunny site
Origanum vulgare (wild marjoram)	sunny site
Polemonium caeruleum (Jacob's ladder)	part shade, shade
Polygonatum multiflorum (Solomon's seal)	part shade, shade, woodland
Primula veris (cowslip)	sunny site
Primula vulgaris (primrose)	part shade, shade
Pulmonaria augustifolium (lungwort)	moist soil, dappled shade
Pulsatilla vulgaris (pasqueflower)	Sunny site, seeds
Tulipa sylvestris (Wild Tulip)	part shade
Verbascum thapsus (mullein)	Seeds, sunny
Viola odorata (violet)	Shade

These plants are just a selection of the most popular and are ones that seem to do well at Barton. If anyone finds other plants that the rabbits don't eat, please let us know. If you are in any doubt as to something's suitability, or need some information there are a number of wildflower guidebooks in the Lodge, including the *Collins Complete Guide - British Wild Flowers*. These websites are very helpful too

[www.ukwildflowers.com](http://www.ukwildflowers.com)

[www.thewildflowersociety.com](http://www.thewildflowersociety.com)

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