

An Overview of Plantlife's Grassland Work

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Who are Plantlife?

Our mission is to secure a world rich in wild plants and fungi.

Our work spans four strategic areas:

- **Protect and restore** a wide variety of wild plants and fungi in our countryside, towns and cities.
- **Connect people with nature** so they are inspired to help save species and habitats.
- **Work in partnership** to find solutions.
- **Collaborate and influence** around the world to protect plants and fungi.



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Network of 24 nature reserves across the UK, covering 4,500 acres.

2,336 Important Plant Areas in place in 34 countries, with 165 in the UK.

Four Leadership Programmes:

- Grassland
- Temperate rainforest
- Species recovery
- Global



Grassland

Impact: Species-rich grasslands are protected and valued to prevent further loss, ensure appropriate management, and enable restoration at scale and pace.

Outcomes:

- Direct restoration of 10,000 hectares of species-rich grassland.
- National and local government policy, strategy and legislation prevents the loss of and promotes management, restoration and creation of species-rich grassland at scale.
- A clear pathway for achieving systems change in the management of road verges and green spaces for nature is established.
- Plantlife's grassland Nature Reserves are influential examples of ecological excellence.
- The status of species-rich grassland is understood in terms of loss, appropriate management and restoration.



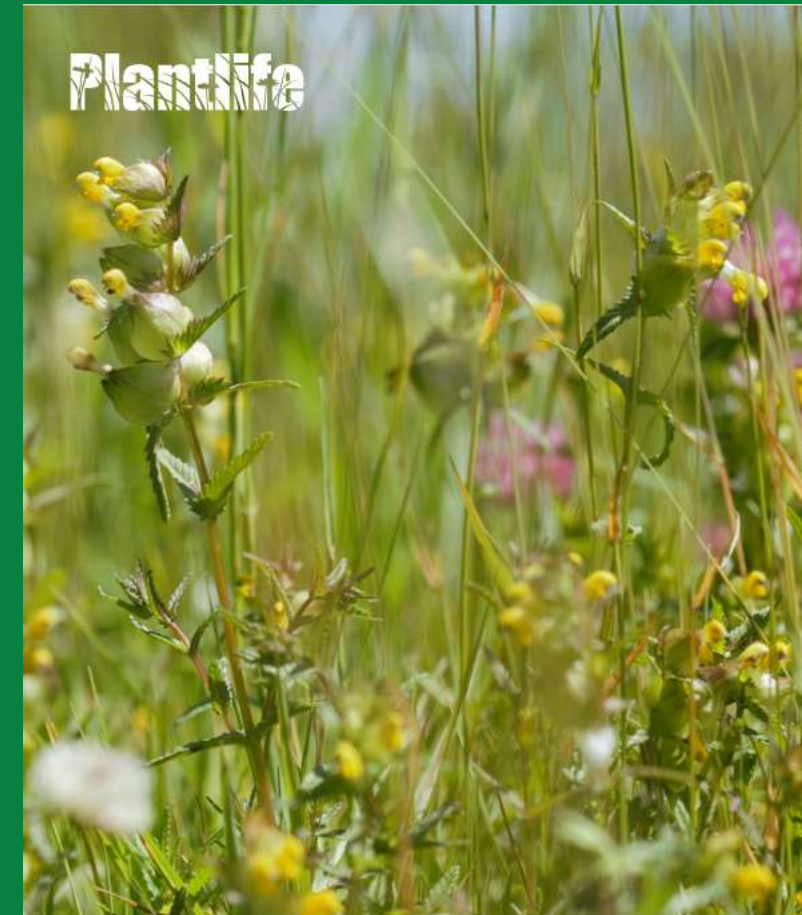
Restoration of 10,000ha

- **Save Our Magnificent Meadows** - 3460 ha restored
- **Coronation Meadows** – a meadow created in every county
- **Magnificent Meadows Cymru** - 222 ha restored & 58 community meadows
- **Green Recovery Meadow Makers** - 396 ha restored
- **Species Recovery** - Juniper and Pasqueflower reintroductions (working to restore Pasqueflower on 36% of the hectares where they occur in England)
- **National Highways Meadow Makers** - 132 ha restored through a long-term programme
- **Resilient Grasslands** – new partnership restoring protected sites across Wales



Policy, strategy and legislation

- Strategic policy, legislative and funding coherency to manage a national asset over the long-term.
- Realise untapped potential as a nature-based solution in climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- Shared evidence base and monitoring.
- Protection of existing species-rich grassland from inappropriate development and tree planting.
- Private and public funding for farmers and land managers to support management of grassland.
- Grassland Action Plans – on a par with Tree and Peat Action Plans.



Call for a Grassland Action Plan for England

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Road verges and green space

- Sustainable management of green infrastructure.
- Supporting local authorities with guidance and training.
- Bringing about systems change.
- Network of advocates.
- Building the evidence base.



Nature Reserves

- Understand the status of our grasslands.
- Evaluation of our management interventions and adaptation of our management plans.
- Species focus.
- Showcase ecological excellence and learn from others.
- Professional study days to share best practices and challenges.
- Three Hagges Woodmeadow.





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