

Coton In the Elms, Pessall Brook Restoration Project.

**Information for South Derbyshire District Council  
and Coton Parish Council regarding management.**

Trent Rivers Trust

October 2023.

Dear SDDC/CPC,

Trent Rivers Trust will be undertaking further management of the Coton Brook scheme on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 23, or if the weather is poor the next reasonable day. The management will consist of planting of wildflower bulbs and sowing seed mixes. The plan below indicates what is being planted and an estimation of where – the plan is indicative at this stage as we will respond to on-site conditions when undertaking the work and some specific detail may be subject to change. The species and seed mixes selected are recommended based on TRT experience with what would be suitable for the site, and following consultation and recommendations from South Derbyshire District Council's Biodiversity Officer who visited the site on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Seed will be scattered using a handheld seed disperser which will spread the mix evenly into the existing ground flora. It is not expected that any ground cultivation will need to take place as seed will fall amongst existing grasses with the aim of enhancing the existing vegetation and not replacing it. Ground conditions will be responded to, and localised cultivations made if required. Bulbs will be dug in by hand. Trent Rivers Trust will continue to monitor the site and we will see what grows and what doesn't to inform future management.

The development of the management plan is in its final stages and talks with the council to implement it are ongoing.

Please contact Amy Wheelton if further information is required on this activity, or on the management plan **Tel: 07973 909 509 email: [amy.wheelton@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:amy.wheelton@southderbyshire.gov.uk)**

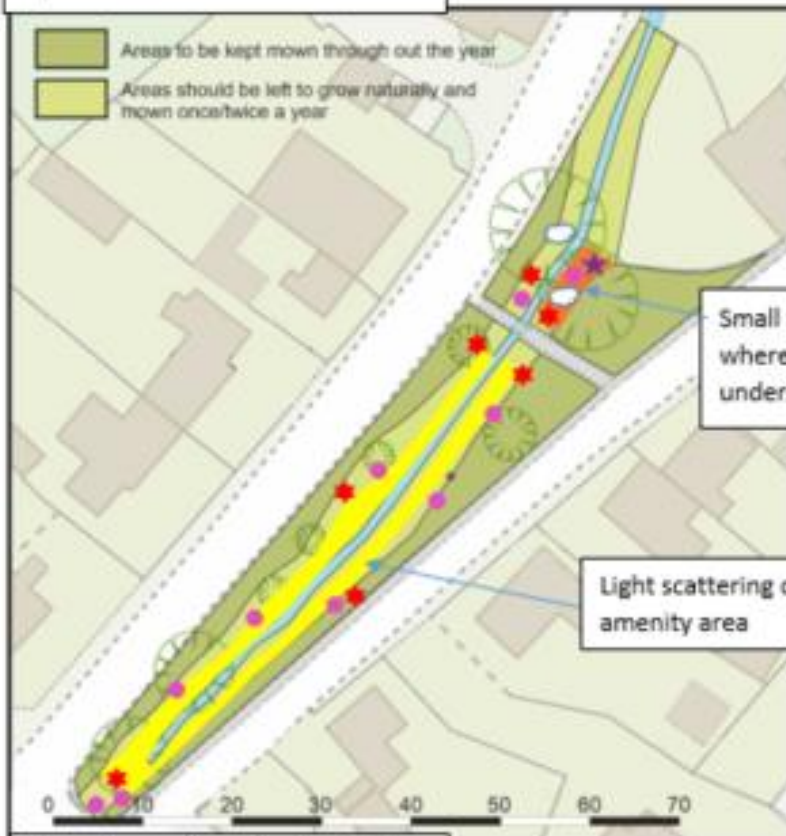
Kind Regards,

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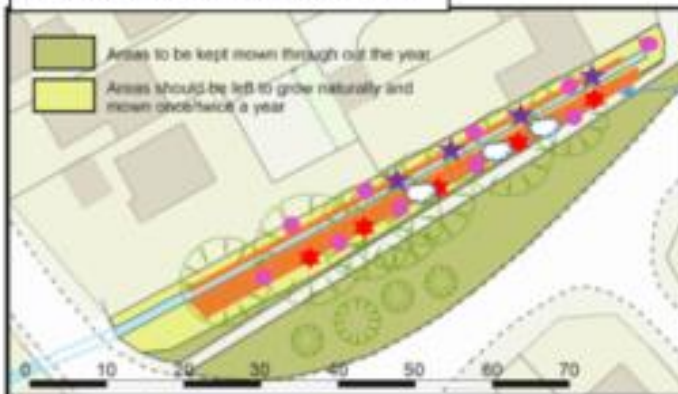
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**Upstream of Road Culvert ~100m**


Small patch under large tree where it is more like woodland understorey vegetation

Light scattering of seed to enhance amenity area

**Downstream of road culvert ~80m**


Under weeping willows and on opposite bank where it is more shaded

Legend	
	Woodland Meadow Mix
	Cornfield Annuals Mix
★	Foxgloves
★	Daffodils
○	Wild Garlic
●	Other bulbs – summer snowflake, snakeshead fritillary, wild tulip, pignut