

Proposed Lion Green Ground Maintenance Specification – Wildflower Encouragement trial areas only (see map)

**Grass cutting**

**Year 1 (as soon as possible in 2021 up to October 2021)**

Monthly grass cutting of:

- a) Proposed orchard area
- b) 3m wide strip adjacent to stream
- c) Grassed area between the area utilised by the Lion's Den and access road to Marks and Spencer's

Collect cuttings (arising) and deposit on area \* marked on map.

**Year 2 (2022)**

Cut and collect arising in **late May/early June and September ONLY. (TWICE)**

**Notes:**

*The aim of the Year 1 intensive monthly 'cut and collect' regime is to remove the nutrients from the ground as wildflowers prefer 'poor soil' to be able to emerge and thrive.*

*The proposed areas can be monitored (species list) monthly before the first 2021 cut and then again before the first 2022 cut, to record what is there before, what is there after, and what emerges in the test areas where the proposed maintenance regime is employed. This can be done by Gareth Matthes, a qualified ecologist who has volunteered to help, plus other knowledgeable community volunteers.*