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It is a little known fact that Worcestershire is the lowland county in England with the highest proportion of its land area still under flower-rich meadows and pastures.

Despite high national losses of this semi-natural, traditionally farmed habitat, due to agricultural improvement and intensification since the Second World War, figures in the county habitat action plan show that Worcestershire retains around 20% of the country's total of herb-rich meadows on neutral soils - clays and clay-loams.

Our nature reserves include some of the best examples in the UK of traditionally managed lowland hay-meadows. These include [The Knapp and Papermill](#) and the [Penorchard complex](#) which, at 14 hectares, ranks among the larger continuous tracts of unimproved meadow in the County.

Grassland restoration & management

Old traditional grasslands and ridge & furrow meadows are still under considerable threat from agricultural improvement by use of chemical fertilisers and over-intensive grazing as well as through unfortunate side effects of intensive horse keeping.

We are working closely with partners, including Natural England, and individual landowners to influence land-management through agri-environmental schemes and local initiatives such as our Bow Brook Living Landscape Project.

Our blogs

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Creating your own meadow

Trust members Sue and Mike Jenkins have been creating their own wildlife haven with a little help from the Trust's Eades Meadow National Nature Reserve:



Further information

For more information you might like to download the following guides or visit the [Flora Locale](#) website.

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Grasslands - A Landowner's Guide.pdf	6.29 MB
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