

Spring 2021

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

A 1km square on your land has been selected randomly to be surveyed by a volunteer, who is taking part in the National Plant Monitoring Scheme. The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organized and funded by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, Plantlife, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Department of agriculture, environment and rural affairs - Northern Ireland. Hundreds of volunteers will carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats ([www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk)).

Our volunteer, \_\_\_\_\_, is seeking permission to access a small area of your land, for at least one visit during spring and summer. When visiting they will record common wild plants in up to five small plots within their 1km square. The plot locations that they select will be dependent on access and they will liaise with you to make sure that these locations are suitable, and the dates access will be granted. The intention is that they will repeat the survey each year, so it will be an ongoing commitment. The information collected is analysed with the rest of the survey's data to present national trends and will be freely available via the NBN Atlas <https://nbn.org.uk> Please can you confirm your agreement by telephoning our volunteer on \_\_\_\_\_. A note of any access granted will also be recorded on our plot management database for our surveyor records. These are held in confidence and following strict GDPR guidelines. These can be removed any time upon request. Each volunteer is covered by our Public Liability Insurance. We would be very grateful for your co-operation with this and hope that you will agree to allow access to your land. This is an extremely important national scheme to help monitor the health of our environment.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the survey then please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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