



National Plant Monitoring Scheme

2026 Season

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would be very grateful if you could help us. A 1km square that includes some of your land has been randomly selected to be surveyed as part of the National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), a survey which measures how wildflowers and their habitats are doing in our changing countryside. The NPMS is organised and funded by the UK 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 (DAERA).

The fieldwork for this UK wide scheme is carried out by registered volunteers. It would be extremely helpful if you could give permission for our volunteer, _____, to access your land, for the purpose of this survey. You can contact them by _____.

This involves a 'recce' site visit and two survey visits during the spring/summer each year. When visiting they will record wild plant species in 5 small plots within the 1km square. When selecting their plot locations, they will check with you regarding access, including agreeing dates and any other key points (e.g. safety, biosecurity, livestock etc). The intention is that they will repeat the survey each year, so it is ongoing annual visits. Each volunteer is covered by our Public Liability Insurance.

The data from these surveys will help build an understanding of how the countryside is changing and be used by the NPMS to inform national species trends and biodiversity conservation. Data will be used for research, education and public information, and made available for re-use under the terms of the Open Government Licence (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/>) except in exceptional cases where the data are sensitive.

We would be very grateful for your co-operation and hope that you will agree to allow access to your land. Please can you confirm your agreement by contacting the volunteer above or the support team at the National Plant Monitoring Scheme on support@npms.org.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

A brief note on privacy - we are collecting your name and contact details (where provided) so we can request access in future years. We may also keep a record of any additional information provided, such as access restrictions. The NPMS takes privacy issues seriously - please see our privacy notice (available at <https://www.npms.org.uk/privacy-policy>) for information on how your personal data will be held appropriately and securely.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do visit the NPMS website www.npms.org.uk or get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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