

HILL TOP FARM
Landscape Plan

There are two areas of Community gardens.

The Village Green Wild Flower Meadow:

This will be planted with species to increase the ecological value of the site. This will include a species of rich 'flowering lawn' created by the use of a high specification grass mix (Emorsgate EL1) with species that respond to short mowing and attract butterflies.
The planting in three corner areas of small native trees using the species, Bird Cherry (Prunus padus) and Mountain Ash (Sorbus aucuparia) and Silver Birch (Betula pendula) will provide vertical structure, roosting and feeding points for birds.

In using garden features of biodiversity value, it is important to deliver these through sustainable method such as the use of non-peat based composts and soil conditioners and no use of residual herbicides or pesticides. This all amounts to sustainable landscape creation with easy management. A key community consideration.

The Village Patch

On the eastern boundary of the project, an area is to be set aside to provide further community enhancement. The provision of a separate area for storing paper, glass, aluminium and garden waste for recycling reduces the need for each home to have individual storage areas for these items. The area is hidden from the road by a 1.5m fence surrounded by trees and bushes.The area is paved to allow smooth movement of containers to the road.

To the rear of the recycling area, a series of 6 raised beds will be created for growing vegetables. By using raised beds, the area will be easier to maintain and control irrigation. The separation of the beds into 6 areas gives complete wheelchair access.

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