



Planting wildflower seeds in and around your adopted grave

Tony Cadman is a hugely experienced gardener by profession as well as a Friend of Bowdon Churchyard. Tony has been kind enough to give us the benefit of his invaluable knowledge of planting wildflowers:

- 1 Choose any mixed variety of seeds
- 2 Prepare the ground in advance
- 3 Remove any leaves, rake the ground to give a loose surface with soil visible.
- 4 If this isn't possible then sow the seeds and cover with a thin layer of soil/compost.
- 5 The seeds can be soaked overnight, prior to sowing, in warm tap water (this helps them to germinate) if you wish.
- 6 Seeds can be sown the first 2 weeks of April.
- 7 Scatter the seeds so they just cover the ground, don't put them in clumps.
- 8 When the seeds have been scattered either on to the raked ground or after covering the seeds with soil/compost, tamp the area with the rake or your feet making the ground solid.
- 9 Water them using a watering can. Then watch and wait for them show themselves, they could be showing by the end of April.

