

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT ON THE A35 VERGES AT KILMINGTON

Five years ago, I set out to get ragwort controlled properly on the A35 at Charmouth because it was spreading to my grazing pasture and to my neighbour's hay meadows. By 2017, I was monitoring ragwort infestations on trunk road verges all over the South West! It was getting out of control in Somerset, particularly.

Finally, I've reached a point where I can now expect ragwort control to happen on the A35 in these parts. Better still, I can expect that the rich floral diversity present on the Charmouth by-pass will now be enhanced by a complete change in the approach taken to maintain the verges there, and these changes will apply elsewhere too.

If you are interested to know more about the proposals that Highways England are considering that would bring and protect wild flowers on the roadside verges at Kilmington you can see the full proposal at Charmouth Library, or if you send me an email, I'll send you a copy. If you are supportive please take the time to send me an email to that effect, as it will add weight to our proposal.

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