

Action themes - 1



Wild flower and species rich grassland

Areas of existing close mown grass would be established as wild flower meadows adding diversity and colour to the estate. For wild flower meadows to be effective, it may be necessary to strip away the upper 10cm of topsoil - this would provide material for interesting sculptural land forms adding variety to the often flat topography.



Possible wetland / flood storage areas

Along the streams and brooks, places would be sought to excavate new wet land or flood storage areas. Two areas are identified on the masterplan as potential sites, with this idea also being used extensively in the design of Weoley Hill Parkway.



New woodland or tree planting

Outside the 5 key focal areas, two sites have been identified for new planting:

- a) Developing the area around the Innage Road tennis courts into native woodland.
- b) New planting to add interest and screening to the former athletics track on Rowheath playing fields, including avenue planting across to the pavilion.



Woodland maintenance

One of the greatest assets of the Estate are the Trust's woodlands. In existing woodlands the objective would be to thin out dense growth and to remove invasive scrub species in order to promote the development of woodland under storey herbs like bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*).

In areas of open tree planting where a herb or under storey is not present, the objective would be to develop under storey native plant communities.