

# **How to plant your native wildflower seeds.**

Planting wildflowers is important to help increase biodiversity encourage pollinating insects and helps make your local area look beautiful. In the UK we have lost 97 per cent of our meadows since the Second World War, so planting wildflower seed can help to make up for these lost habitats and provide food and shelter for a huge range of species, The more wildflowers you plant in your local area the richer in biodiversity your local area will be.

It is advised to plant your wildflower seed from mid- March to mid -May and Mid - September to the end of October.

## **Instructions for a fabulous wildflower patch**

- 1) Collect your seeds from the town hall. The seeds you are being given are local and native to the UK this ensures that we are not introducing any alien species.
- 2) Make sure the area that you have decided to plant the seed is clear from existing vegetation, the seed likes to be sprinkled on bare soil, this helps them germinate as they are not competing with already dense soil.
- 3) Fork over the soil and then walk on it pressing it down forming an even base for the seed.
- 4) Sprinkle the seed evenly on your patch, you can add sand to the seed mix if you like to see where you have sown it but this is only really necessary for large patches.
- 5) Sprinkle a very fine layer of soil on top of the seed and protect it from birds.
- 6) If there is no rain forecast for the next few days, you will need to water very lightly.
- 7) Sit back relax and watch the beautiful flowers bloom and the insects return.