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Welcome

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Take it easy
and let the
grass grow

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Why Care?

- Dramatic decline in hay meadows
- Pressures
- Native wildflowers
- Pollinators
- Ecosystem services





Verges & amenity



- Grassland refuge
- Biodiversity highway
- Very visible

Community & volunteer engagement

- Surveys
- Events
- Sightings
- Photography
- Blogging
- Volunteer
- Roles for all skills & interests



Training for volunteers & land managers





Selection Criteria
20 Road Verges
18 Council Parks
Over 60 IAS



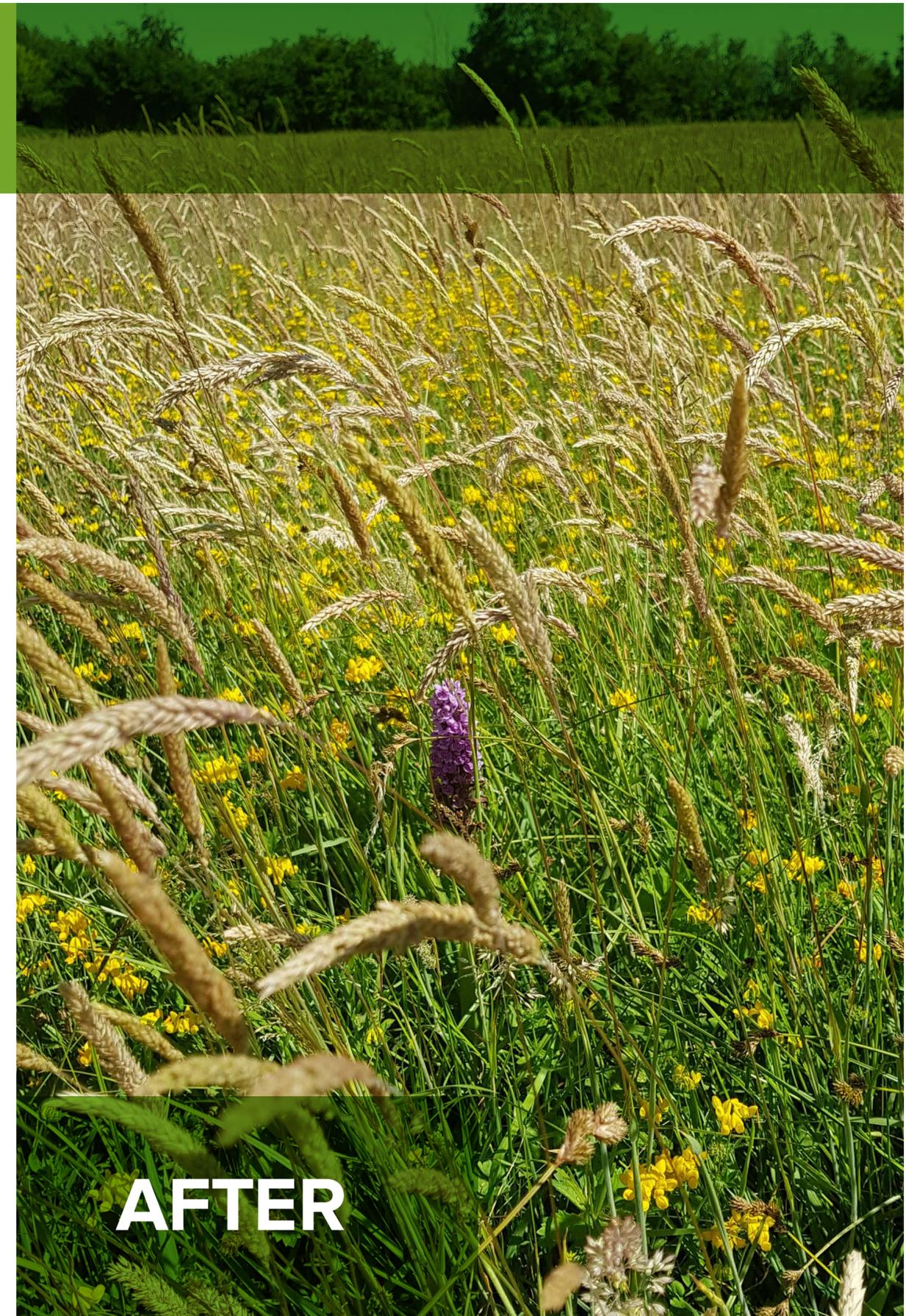
*Small change
of management,
big benefits*

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Joey Dunlop centre



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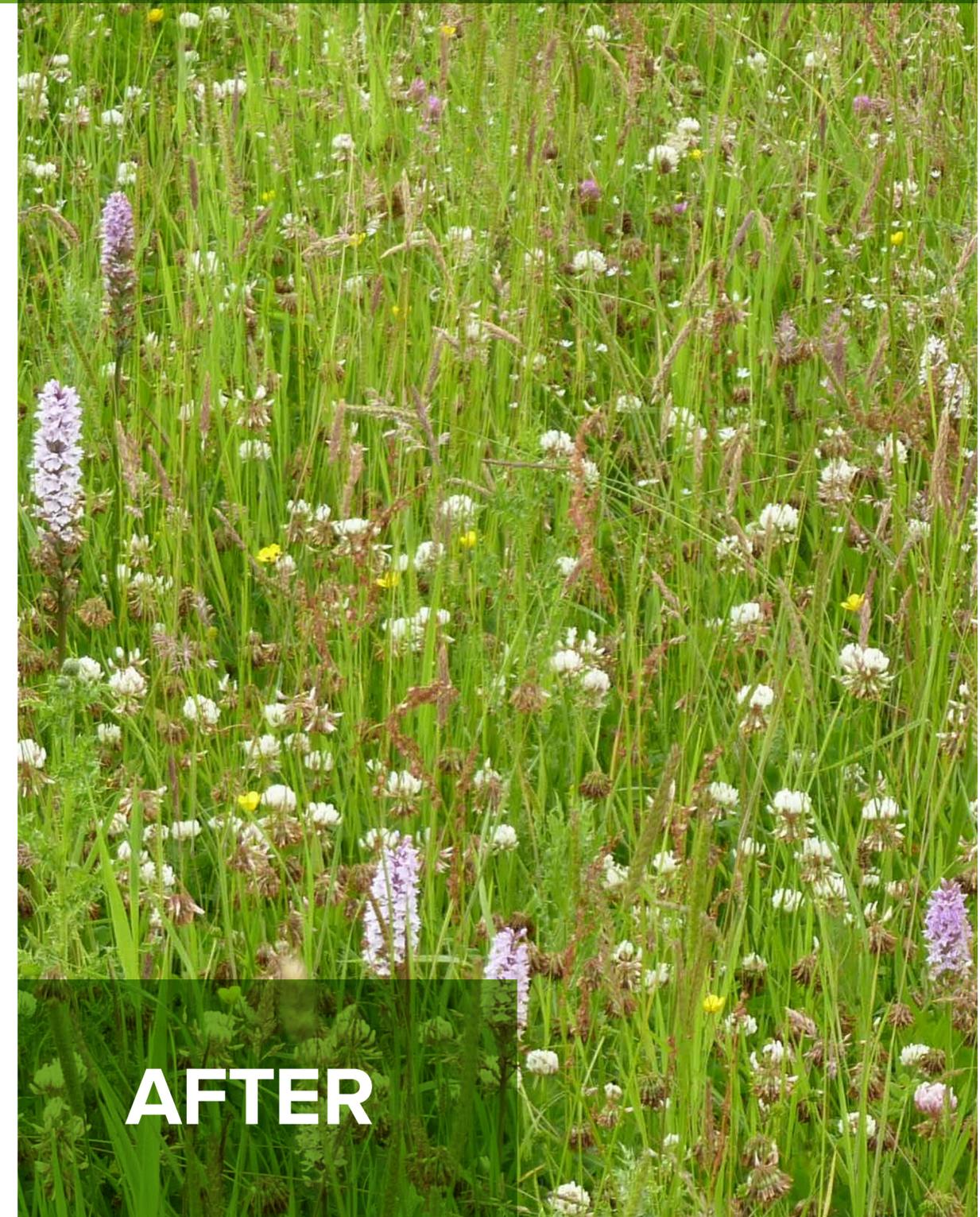


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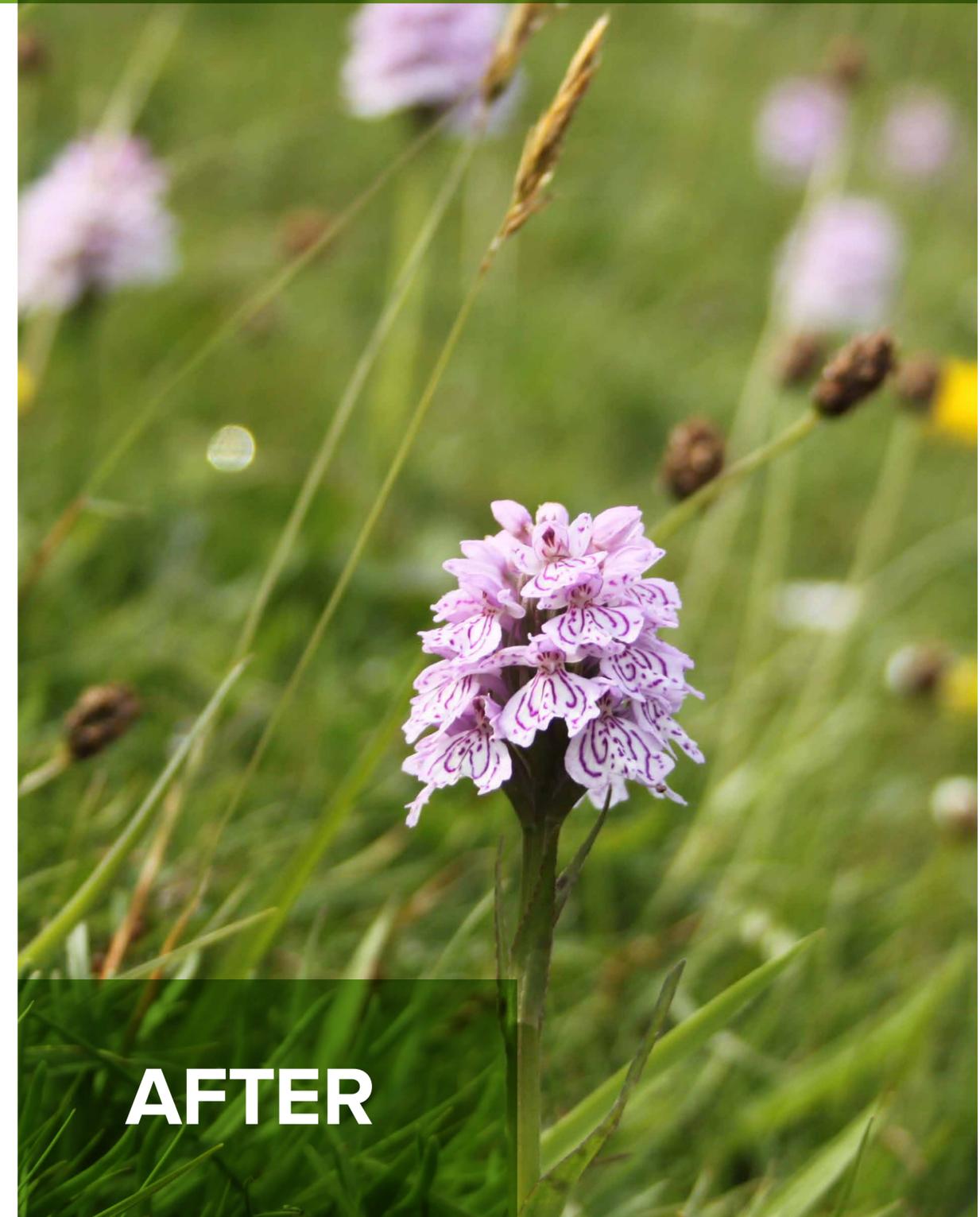


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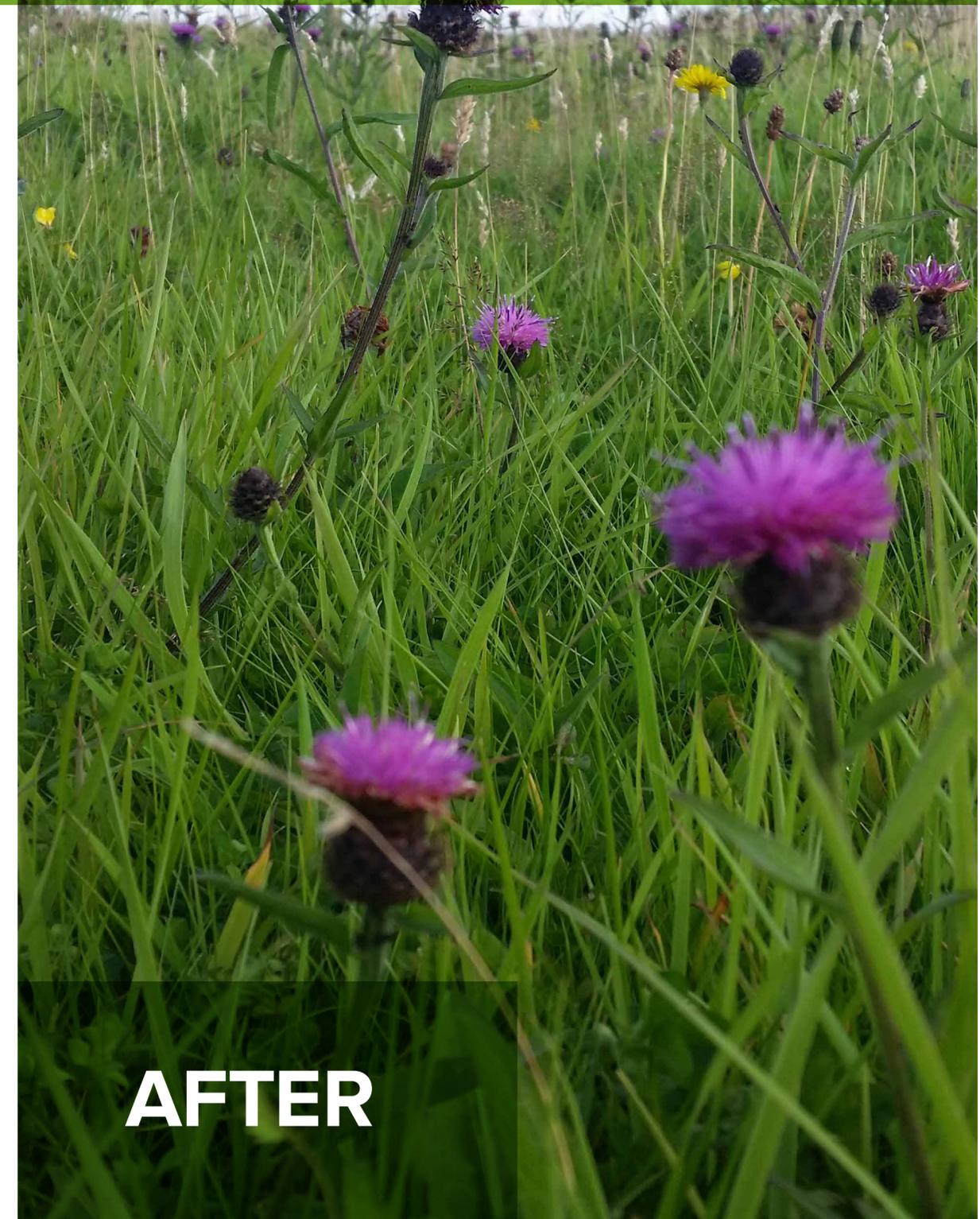


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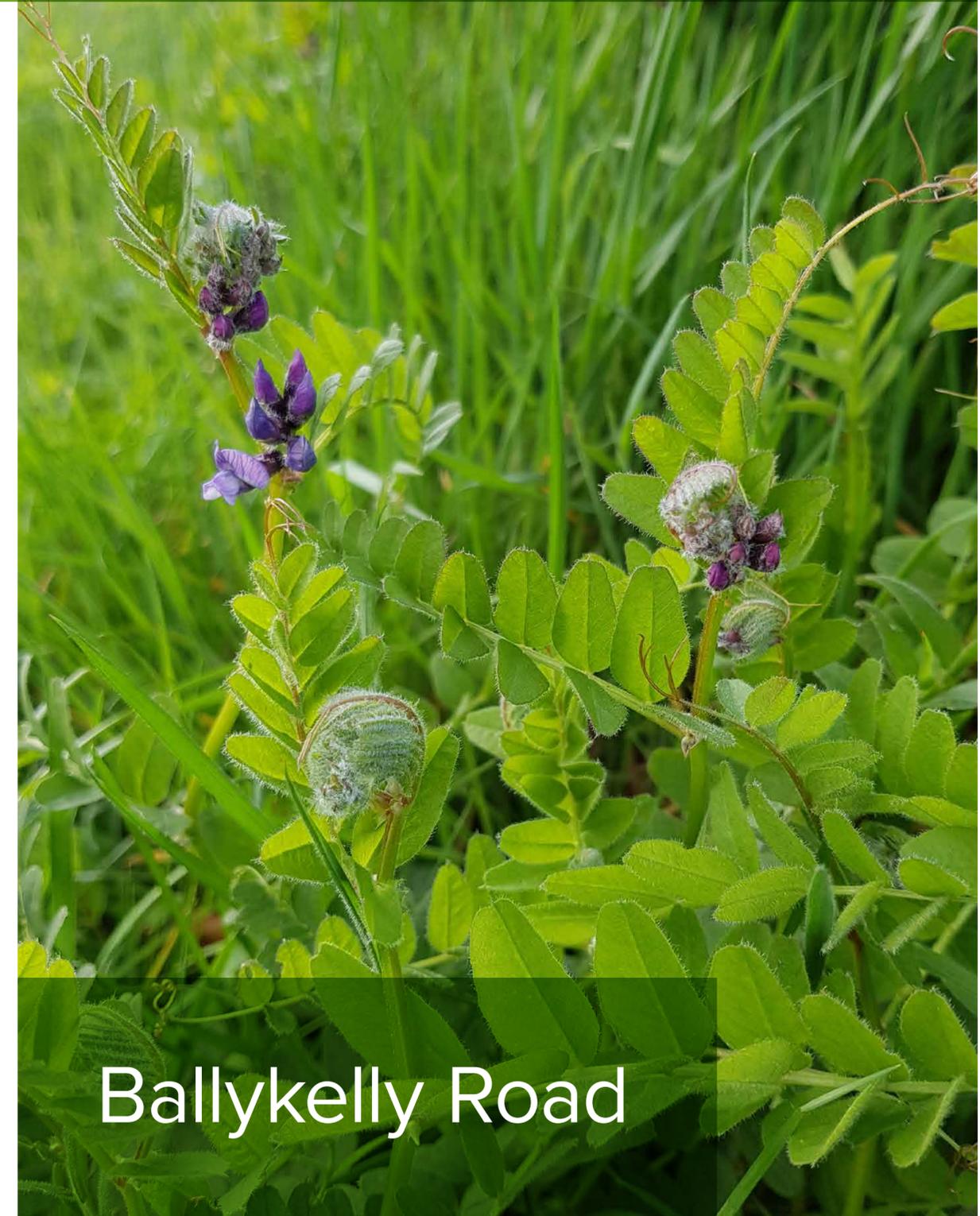
Portaneevy



Limavady Area



Greysteel Glen



Ballykelly Road

Limavady Area



Shanreagh Park



Backburn Park

Bishops Road



Quilly Road



DON'T MOW (YET)

DON'T MOW This grassland is being managed by the Don't Mow, Let It Grow team - delivering a new approach in public grassland management to help improve biodiversity.

Please clean up after your dog.

Please do not litter.

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DON'T MOW let it grow Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council heritage lottery fund

In partnership with TransportNI and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

Kinbane





Engaging wider
public bodies

Cost benefit
analysis

A close-up photograph of several light purple cherry blossoms. The petals are delicate and have a subtle pinkish-purple hue with darker purple veins. The centers of the flowers are bright yellow, showing the stamens. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

Website

dontmowletitgrow.com

Facebook

1500+ likes

Public Perception Survey



Participation:

Year one:

190

Year two:

263

- 97% (98%) important to manage areas for wildlife
- 80% (87%) preferred long grass
- 95% important to increase public understanding
- 80% (93%) quality of green space impacts their decision on whether or not, and how often to visit an area



Management Toolkit
to share all project outcomes

**Positive
Change**
for People
and Biodiversity





The end or just the beginning?



Gary Quinn

Network Maintenance Manager

Dept for Infrastructure

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A view from DfI Roads

Why did we get involved?

- Duty to the Citizen
- Future generations
- CCG AONB
- Budget constraints
- Options
- Lessons to learn

Delivery issues?

- Appropriate sites
- Safety
- Timing of cutting
- Staff awareness & training

A view from Dfl Roads

Our experience?

- Very positive
- Local & HQ Engineers' supportive
- Good feedback from road users
- Some issues with rogue cutting
- Challenge established practice and educate

The future?

- Dfl Roads a willing participant
- Welcome future collaborations with Council or similar funded initiatives

Invasive species

- Proactive in trying to eradicate Japanese Knotweed
- Site locations
- Use of an experienced contractor

Melina Quinn

Biodiversity Conservation Science

Northern Ireland Environment Agency

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Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

Our main objective is to support

*a living, working, active
landscape, valued by everyone*



Our aim:

*Working together
to create an
island where
pollinators can
survive and thrive*

Simon King

OBE

Film Maker and Presenter

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Thank you

Please keep in touch:

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