



**SEA Report to STC
Services Committee
September 2026**

13th September 2026

Pillmere Meadows

Thanks to the Services Delivery for the 'Big Mow' in August, after which we raked up the arisings. Please continue to mow as needed, from now until late Winter, when I shall ask you to stop.

This has been a good year for the meadow and 39 species of wildflower were identified during 3 surveys in May and June. We now have two species of wild orchid, been orchid and Southern marsh orchid, which is something to be proud of.

The habitat could be improved by adding a short piece of hedging (e.g. 3 metres, just inside the rail by the pavement) and/or a small stand of say 3 trees for shade. Emphasis would be on choosing plants which require no/low maintenance, such as rowans. Initial consultations with the residents suggest they are not keen, and of course we won't plant without their agreement. But if they were to agree, would the Council permit this planting?

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