

Rodden Meadow

The riverside meadow at the heart of the town

Within easy reach of the town centre at one end – and a route from residential areas and the train station at the other - Rodden Meadow is a strategically important natural environment in Frome.

A destination in its own right, with opportunities for informal recreation and creative play, but also a popular & much loved link to residential areas and other parts of the town.

What you'll find here

Mown footpaths cutting a dash through (longer) meadow-cut grasses and wildflowers

Willow structures for fun and play

Riverside walking – and the chance for peace, quiet and a spot of wildlife watching

Natural berms along the riverbanks; and stepped access to the river itself

Grassland habitat

Events, including Mayhem in the Meadow

Next steps

A wildflower-rich meadow

Seed areas of the meadow for greater wildflower diversity bringing both colour & biodiversity

Increase the use of traditional management and maintenance methods, like scything

Arboretum-type labels to help enthusiasts identify trees of interest; and hand-carved 'leaf labels' to identify trees for littler folks and people with a more casual interest

A willow arch to welcome you to the meadow echoing the willow arch proposed for Millennium Green

More views of the River Frome and views between Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green

Thinning, coppicing and felling to open up the riverbank and the vistas. New timber and recycled plastic seating so people can take in the views and enjoy the river

Managed access to the river for people and for dogs, including a dipping platform

Planting trees, hedging plants & wildflowers to complement the landscape and the riverbanks

Improved signage on site including way-finding signs & interpretation boards- expected summer 2018

Wildlife surveys – to monitor the effects and success of the changing areas

Opportunities for people to come along to find out more about the wildlife on their doorstep

'Explore More'

Finalise the 'Explore More' sheet for Rodden Meadow, encouraging children and families to spend time exploring Frome's natural environment

Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Grassland/Amenity grassland

Play & recreation value: Medium

Value for sport: Medium

Landscape value: High

Habitat value: Medium to high

Amenity value: High

Management Summary

We manage Rodden Meadow for its landscape; its amenity value; its habitats and biodiversity; and its opportunities for play and sport (including access to the river)

Next scheduled review: Autumn 2018