

Rodden Meadow

The riverside meadow at the heart of the town

Within easy reach of the town centre – and a route to and from residential areas and the train station - Rodden Meadow is a strategically important space in Frome.

Somewhere to stay a while – with opportunities for informal recreation, conservation and play. A riverside space and a cherished natural environment – important for people and wildlife.

And an essential part of Frome’s green infrastructure – welcoming walkers and cyclists. ‘Sit and watch the world go by’ (and forget you’re so close to the bustle of the town centre).

What you’ll find here already

- Mown footpaths cutting a dash through (longer) meadow-cut grasses and wildflowers
- Willow structures for fun and play
- Walking - and the chance for peace, quiet and some wildlife watching. Hello, Mr Kingfisher
- Natural berms along the riverbanks; and stepped access to the river itself
- Grassland habitat – managed for people and wildlife
- Bird and bat boxes
- Places to sit: under the Rodden Oak; and on hand-carved benches (with helpful

Next steps

- Wild about Trees: drawing up a planting plan for new trees to go in this autumn
- Wild about Frome: A more diverse and species-rich meadow
- More views of the Frome. Selective thinning, coppicing and felling to open up the riverbank
- Natural play as you enter the meadow from Willow Vale
- More places to sit down and enjoy the space; with benches in sunny spots and under shade
- Working with the Friends of the River Frome on their new strategy for the river
- Exploring ideas for a wildlife pond with Froglife



Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Grassland/
Amenity grassland
Play & recreation value: Medium
Value for sport: Low
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)

Getting Involved

We work with the Friends of the River Frome and Froglife to look after Rodden Meadow

Approved at Council Matters: July 2020
Review schedule: Every year
Next scheduled review: Summer 2021