

NATURE AREA

BURGESS PARK



The existing Nature Area will be retained and enhanced, with new habitats created to increase biodiversity. In addition, the removal and re-landscaping of New Church Road will allow the Nature Area to expand northwards into the adjacent grassland as far as the proposed footpath / cycleway.

A rich mosaic of habitats will transition from a more formal character within the Park to a more natural character at the Park boundary, and include the following typologies:

- * Flowering species-rich lawn, mown at regular intervals to allow informal access
- * Taller grassland and wildflower meadow, including isolated flowering and fruiting shrubs to provide visual interest as well as valuable food sources and cover for local wildlife.

- * Shallow, seasonally damp grassland, particularly valuable for amphibians and invertebrates and making use of existing low-lying topography (in lieu of the formerly proposed pond).
- * Woodland edge habitat featuring a mixture of shrubs, flowering herbs and grasses will provide a smooth transition between areas of more open grassland and existing trees.
- * Woodland, supplementing and thickening existing trees and shrubs along the Park boundary with new planting to create a denser woodland buffer.

A winding gravel path will provide a formal route through the Nature Area, but people will be encouraged to explore informally.



Nature Area - Hibernacula



Nature Area - Tall Grasses & Clearings



Nature Area - Insect Hotels

