

Chillerton and Gatcombe parish verge survey 2020

This coding is optional and can be placed next to each plant identified

F - Plant is frequently found . O - Plant is occasionally found. R - Plant is rarely found.

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| Name of surveyor Sue Barber | Date 6 th May 2020 / Updated 11 th May |
| Place and length of verge From Ramsdown Farmhouse driveway, both sides of lane running West, to G15 Footpath Shepherd's Trail. Approx 250m [not accurately measured] | |
| Verge type and orientation. Is it steep/flat/shaded/NSEW/hedged behind/fenced/beside wood/beside arable or pasture South / South-west facing – gets the sun from early morning through to mid afternoon. This is a half- banked verge, topped with a mixed hedgerow with a fence behind – there are 2 beech trees towards the footpath end, plus one short branch of blackthorn. There is a length of mixed hedging, beech, hawthorn & bramble in front of the fence, the rest is mostly grasses and wildflowers. Lies beside arable pastureland. North – north-west facing and north-east facing - gets the late afternoon and evening sun. The flatter grassy areas get the full sun all day. This starts as a low, flat, grassy verge, of approx 3m , going into a mixed hedgerow of hawthorn, brambles and ivy for approx 200m – before it flattens out again into a grassy verge of approx 60m, the verge curves around to the right, giving it a north-easterly facing element, before it straightens and meets the trees towards the footpath end, including blackthorn and hawthorn. This verge lies beside arable pastureland for its entire length. | |
| Plants have finished flowering S/SW facing Blackthorn – just one branch right by the footpath – every Mar/Apr. Celandine - Apr Daffodils – every Feb/Mar/Apr Snowdrops – every Jan/ Feb | |
| Plants in flower | |
| S/SW facing Bluebells – 3 patches, all close together – Apr/May Cow Parsley – F Creeping speedwell – one patch Dandelion – F Hawthorn Herb Robert – F Red campion – F Sow Thistle Sticky weed/cleavers – F Stitchwort White deadnettle - F | N/NW facing Blackthorn Buttercup- O Cow parsley - F Dandelion - F Hawthorn Herb Robert - O Thistle Stitchwort - F Cleavers White deadnettle |
| Plants with foliage or are about to flower | |
| S/SW facing Bramble Common Nettle Dock Elder – a few small saplings. Ferns/ common bracken? Grasses – various Hogweed Ivy | N/NW facing Bramble Common nettle Dock Bracken Grasses-various Ivy Mare's tails Plantain |