

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.

<p>Name of surveyor</p> <p>Gillian Belben</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>June 15 2020</p>
<p>Place and length of verge</p> <p>From Loverstone Lane junction at Sheat Corner through sunken lane to top of hill. Approx 150m</p>	
<p>Verge type and orientation. <i>Is it steep/flat/shaded/NSEW/hedged behind/fenced/beside wood/beside arable or pasture</i></p> <p>Starts at junction with shallow banked verge, unshaded and regularly cut for safety so more grass here and fewer species. Most recent cut has exposed bare earth in places. Moves under tree canopy and more woodland species found. Very little grass on steep sided verges held together with moss, tree roots and ivy. Much sandy soil dumps from badger setts Both E and W facing</p> <p>Unfortunately the lane was cut on June 1st, with damage to part of the steep banks when the blades cut too deep through ivy, ferns were damaged, foxgloves in flower chopped. Much of the sunken lane with its tree canopy did not need to be cut at this time, growth did not impede visibility. This reduced list of plants that could be identified or were in flower is the result.</p>	
<p>Plants have finished flowering</p> <p>Primrose –O bluebell –O Dog violet – R Stitchwort - O</p>	
<p>Plants in flower</p> <p>Dandelion – O Ground Ivy – O Red campion – O Herb Robert – O Ribwort plantain – O Red and white clover – R (round junction)</p> <p>Cleavers – O Hogweed – O Hawkbit – O Meadow vetchling – O Foxglove - R</p>	
<p>Plants with foliage or are about to flower</p> <p>Male fern – F Harts tongue fern – F Dock – O Ivy – F Bramble – O Nettle – F Spear thistle – O Elder – O The following all rare or occasional under sun at junction – Horsetail, Woolly thistle, Silverweed, Hedge bindweed</p>	