

Why is this field so scruffy?..

It's a great habitat for wildlife and for people to explore

We're keeping paths open for humans and creating open glades in the vegetation – just like grazing animals would do.

Meadow



Grazing & Cutting

Natural
Regeneration



Birds love it for nesting

Scrub

Woodland

Scrub turns to woodland over time unless it is grazed (by animals) or cut (by humans)



Trees will grow as part of natural regeneration which saves us planting them



Young trees love being protected by thorns and brambles



What are we doing?
We are allowing patches of scrub to regenerate naturally.

How to create scrub

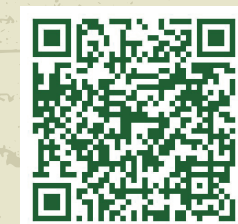
Scrub develops naturally when grazing or cutting pressure is reduced – it's so easy to create scrub. However it is undervalued because some see it as a 'neglected' habitat.

Wildlife and wind will add to diversity by bringing in seeds, so young trees will establish naturally if a source of seeds is nearby. This can be supplemented by planting if necessary.

Maximum habitat diversity is created by some patches opened up by disturbance, other areas developing into woodland.

This 'optimal disturbance' creates a mosaic of ever changing habitats, all being of value to a wide range of wildlife.

Find out more:



Take a walk through our scrubland

